

# Draft Sportsground Strategy and Action Plan (SSAP)



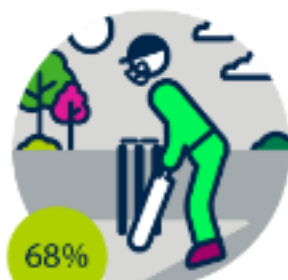
The draft Sportsground Strategy and Action Plan (SSAP) was developed to outline actions Council will take in the planning, provision, and long-term management of sportsgrounds.

Successful implementation of the draft SSAP will realise Council investment in quality sport and recreation services and facilities to support our growing community to live active and healthy lives.

The opportunity to provide feedback on the draft SSAP was open to the community, sporting stakeholders and industry partners from Wednesday 1 September to Wednesday 13 October 2021.

## Here's what you told us

**Sportsgrounds are highly valued for both sport and recreation:**



of respondents use sportsgrounds at least once a week



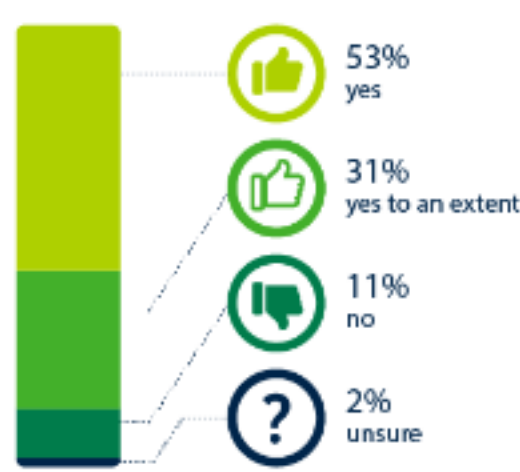
The top three uses of sportsgrounds were for formal sport, exercise/ fitness and walking



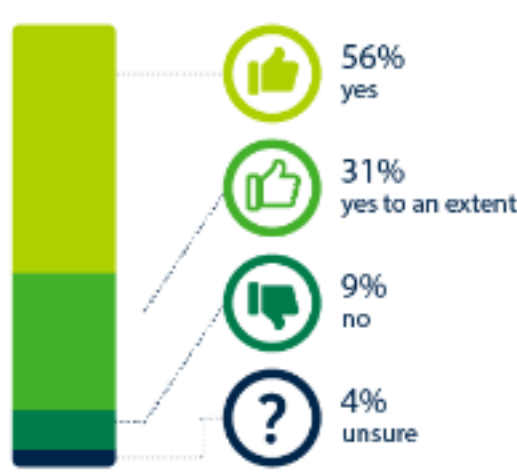
of respondents were affiliated to a sporting club

## Actions

**We asked if you supported the proposed recommendations:**



**We asked overall, if you supported the draft SSAP:**



## What else did you tell us?

**The most common themes were:**

Individuals:



Provision of parking



Distribution of sportsground facilities



Availability of facilities for a variety of activities



Under utilisation of some sportsgrounds and the need for an upgrade of others

Sporting stakeholders commented on:

- Strategy implementation in achieving outcomes
- Delivering best practice, accessible and fit for purpose facilities
- Historic inequitable resourcing of sportsgrounds
- Collaboration between stakeholders for whole of community benefit
- Concern about recommendations for Barton Park

Challenges anticipated by respondents:

- Keeping pace with population growth
- Some stakeholders supported the delivery of synthetic facilities and those that didn't had concerns regarding environmental and heat impacts
- The need to consider sportsgrounds together with other open space plans and strategies and not in isolation

## Who participated?



119,179

people were presented with the opportunity to provide feedback through social media, electronic newsletters and Council's websites



2,568

engagements



2,375

views of the project page



62

formal contributions were received



62

sporting clubs and associations, peak bodies, government organisations and agencies were approached



18

participants attended the webinar



6

stakeholder interviews were held

## Next steps



MAR 2022

Report to Council on submissions and seek approval of the draft SSAP with modifications resulting from the consultation



MAY 2022

Finalisation and implementation of the SSAP



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