



Rethinking the future of parks and green spaces

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Introduction

BCP Council is working towards a Green Infrastructure Strategy. We're looking at the way we use and design our green infrastructure in the future and this will all come together under a Green Infrastructure Strategy.

Green infrastructure is the term used to describe a range of green spaces and natural assets both with and without public access, in urban areas and the wider countryside. These can include parks, playing fields, other areas of open space, woodland, beaches, allotments, private gardens, sustainable drainage features, green roofs and walls, street trees, and "blue infrastructure" such as rivers, streams, ponds and canals.

To help in the development of the strategy, a survey was carried out to find out what it is that residents value most about green space and what changes they would like to see in the future.

The survey was made available on the council's 'Have Your Say' engagement platform alongside an ideas board. The survey was open for a month, from 18 May to 18 June 2021 and received 803 responses. The ideas board remains open and at the end of July had received 152 ideas, 73 comments and 493 likes.

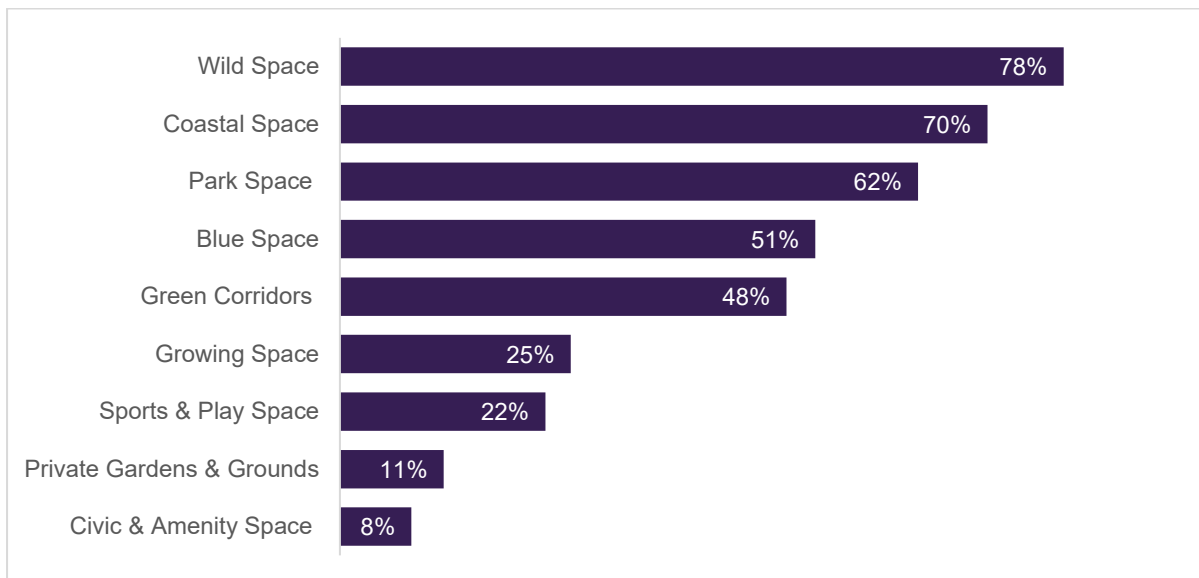
What types of green space do you value most?

Respondents were presented with a list of different types of green spaces and were asked to choose up to four that they value the most. The list (with descriptions) was:

- Park Space - urban public parks and gardens, providing landscaped green spaces for informal recreation
- Wild Space - natural and semi-natural green spaces and wildlife corridors
- Coastal Space - coastal areas including beaches, bays and harbours
- Blue Space - rivers, lakes and ponds
- Sports & Play Space - green spaces providing outdoor facilities for formal sports and play
- Growing Space - allotments and other green spaces for growing local food in urban areas
- Civic & Amenity Space - urban public spaces such as public squares, grounds of public buildings, cemeteries
- Private Gardens & Grounds - green spaces with no public access, such as domestic gardens or private sports clubs
- Green Corridors – corridors connecting places where people live, work, learn and play to nature and green space throughout Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole, and beyond

Wild space, coastal space and park space were the three most popular choices.

Figure 1: What types of green space do you value most?



Base: 803 respondents

Wild space was the most popular choice across all age groups. For those aged under 25, blue space was in equal first place, while for those aged 55-64 coastal space was in equal first place.

Civic and Amenity space was the least popular choice for most age groups. For those aged under 25 and those who preferred not to state their age private gardens and grounds were the least popular choice.

Wild space was the most popular choice for both females and males, as well as for those who prefer not to state their gender. The order of preference is much the same for both females and males. Females are more likely than males to value growing space and sports and play space while males are more likely to value park space and civic and amenity space (though the latter is still their least valued option)

Park space was the most popular choice for people with a disability or health problem that limits their activities a lot (77%) and wild space was their second most common choice (71%). This group was much less likely to choose blue space, coastal space and sports and play space than other groups, but slightly more likely to value growing space and civic / amenity space. There was little difference between those whose activities are limited a little and those with no limiting health conditions.

Respondents who describe themselves as heterosexual are almost twice as likely to value sports and play space than those of other sexualities (25% and 13% respectively) and were also more likely to value coastal spaces (72% and 54% respectively).

A greater proportion of people with no religion preferred wild space (83%) compared to those of Christian belief or other religions. While coastal space (67%) and park space (56%) were still the second and third most valued spaces for those with no

religion, their preference for these spaces was less strong than Christians and people of other religions.

For those of Christian faith, the preference for the top three most valued spaces were similar; coastal space (74%), wild space (73%) and park space (71%) were preferred by a large majority and the preference for park space in particular is much higher than overall.

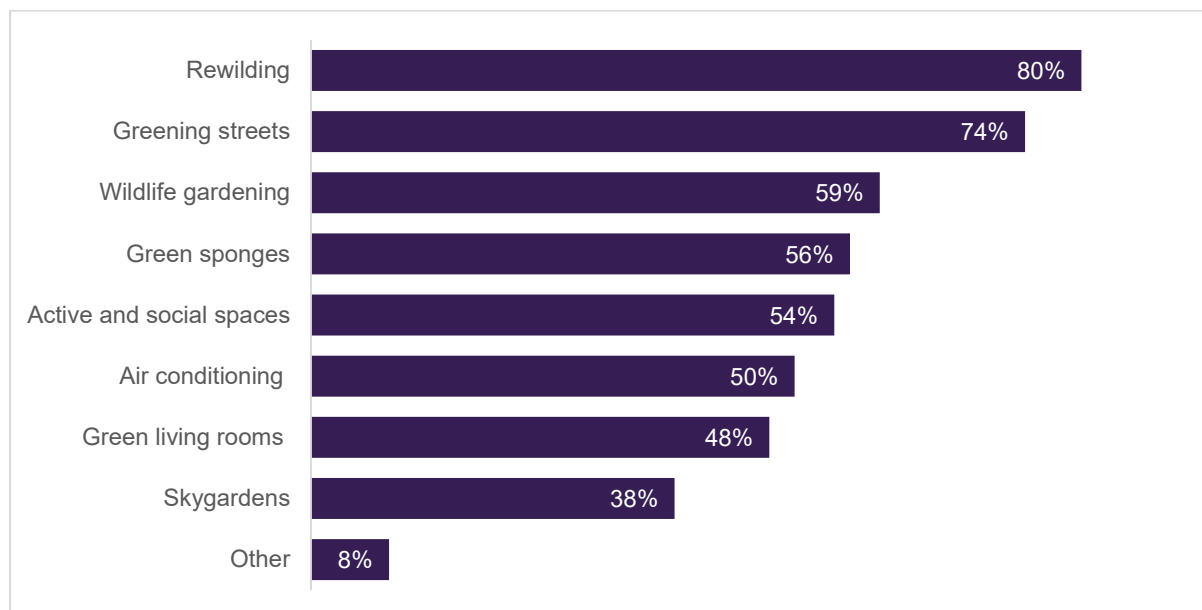
There were no substantial differences by ethnic group.

Benefits of green spaces

Respondents were next asked to select from a list which benefits of green spaces they would like to see more of. Respondents were able to choose as many as they liked. The list, including descriptions was:

- Active and social spaces (Natural Health Centres) – providing spaces for being active and healthy (e.g. yoga, gym classes), spaces to be social and meet friends and to grow healthy food
- Green living rooms – vibrant spaces for outdoor performances/classrooms and community cafés
- Green sponges – using greenspace to absorb water and prevent flooding
- Air conditioning – using greenspace for keeping the conurbation cool and the air clean
- Rewilding – transforming nature-poor spaces by allowing or creating wildflower-rich meadows, wetlands or planting trees
- Wildlife gardening – encouraging home owners, landlords and developers to create wildlife-friendly gardens, and creating exemplars in public spaces
- Greening streets – making our streets greener, safer and more user-friendly for people and wildlife
- Skygardens – creating publicly accessible green roofs/roof gardens in densely developed areas

Figure 2: What benefits of green spaces would you like to see more of?



Base: 803 respondents

There were two benefits of green spaces that stand out as being the most popular choices; rewilding was the most common choice (80%) with greening streets in second place (74%).

Rewilding was the top choice across all equalities groups, with the exception of those aged 35-44 for whom greening streets was the top choice (79%) with rewilding in second place (76%).

The least popular choice overall was Skygardens (38%). Again, this was the case across most equalities groups with a few exceptions. Younger people were more likely to choose Skygardens, with 70% of those aged under 25 and 51% of those aged 25-34 saying that they wanted to see more of these.

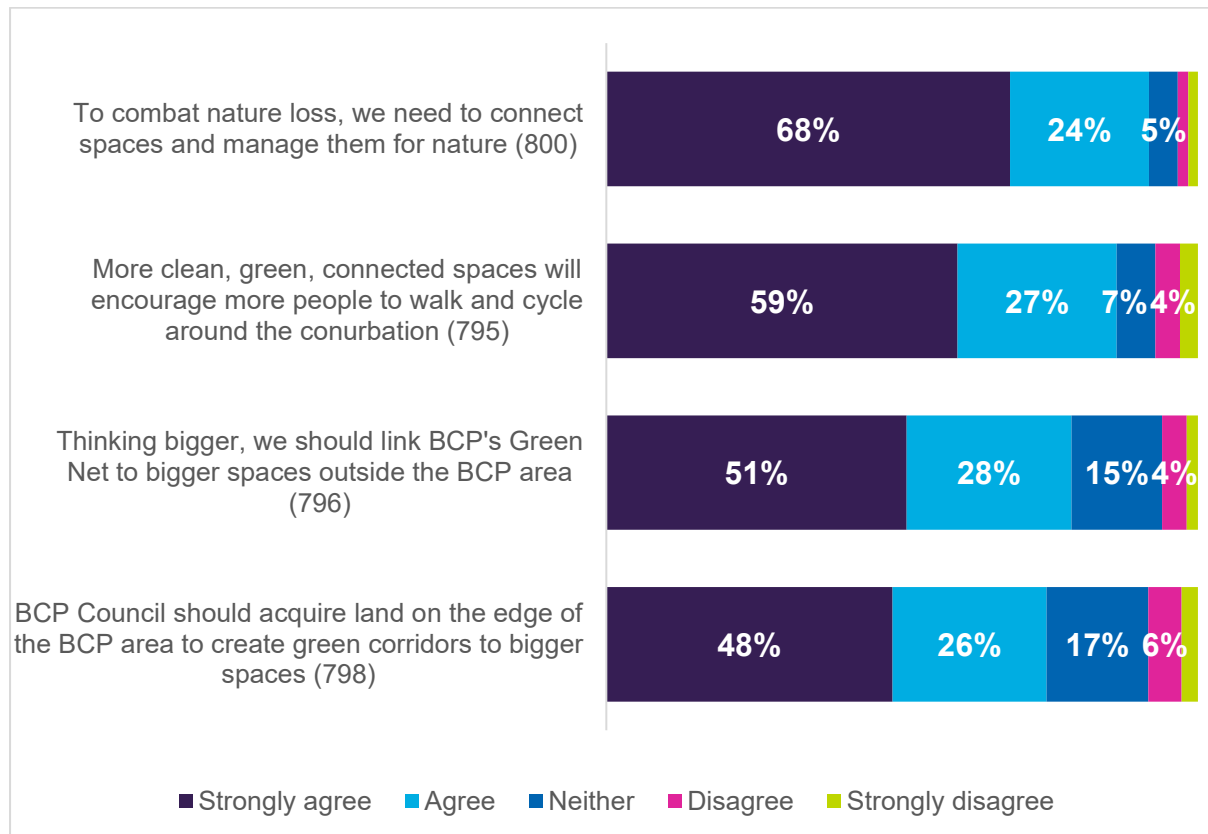
For people who are limited a little by a disability or health condition green living rooms was the least common choice (34%) though Skygardens were no more popular with this group than others (35%).

Skygardens were also more popular with LGBTQ respondents, with 67% saying that they would like to see more of them. For this group, active and social spaces was the least popular choice (50%) though this is not significantly different to the overall response for this type of space (54%).

Aspirations

Respondents were next asked to what extent they agree or disagree with statements about our aspirations for a network of green spaces (the Green Net) in the BCP area. There was a good level of agreement with all of the statements and all had less than 10% disagreement.

Figure 3: To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following:



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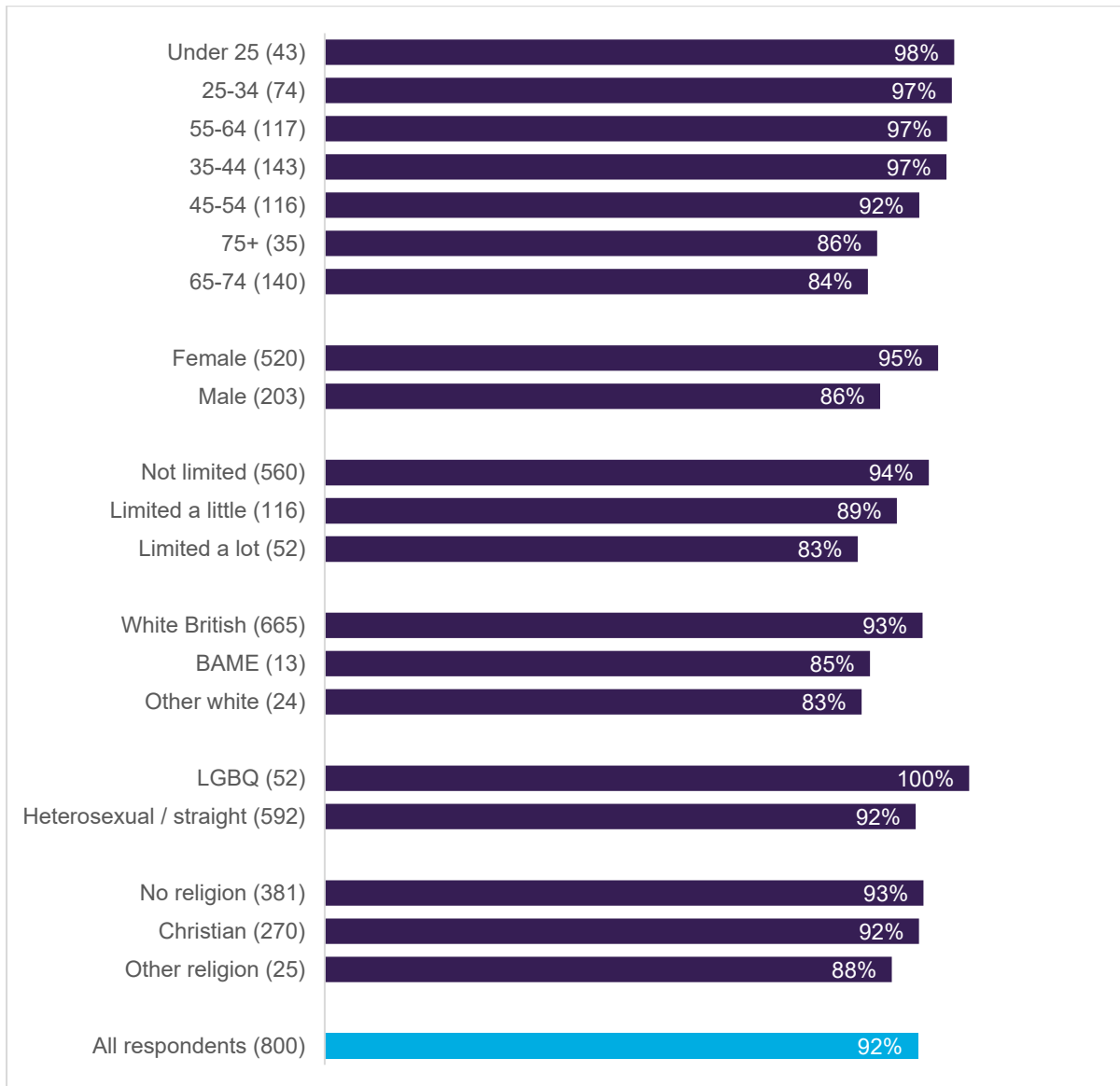
Respondents were more likely to agree with the first two statements about connecting spaces for nature and for greener travel. Although agreement was still high with the second two statements about connecting to bigger spaces outside of BCP, more respondents gave a neutral response so overall agreement was lower.

Connecting spaces for nature

More than 9 in 10 (92%) respondents agreed that to combat nature loss, we need to connect spaces and manage them for nature. One in twenty respondents (5%) gave a neutral response and 4% disagreed.

Older respondents (those aged over 65) are less likely to agree and more likely to disagree or be undecided. Younger age groups (under 45) are most likely to agree overall while those aged 45-54 are more likely to agree strongly though overall agreement from this group is average.

Figure 4: To combat nature loss, we need to connect spaces and manage them for nature (% agree)



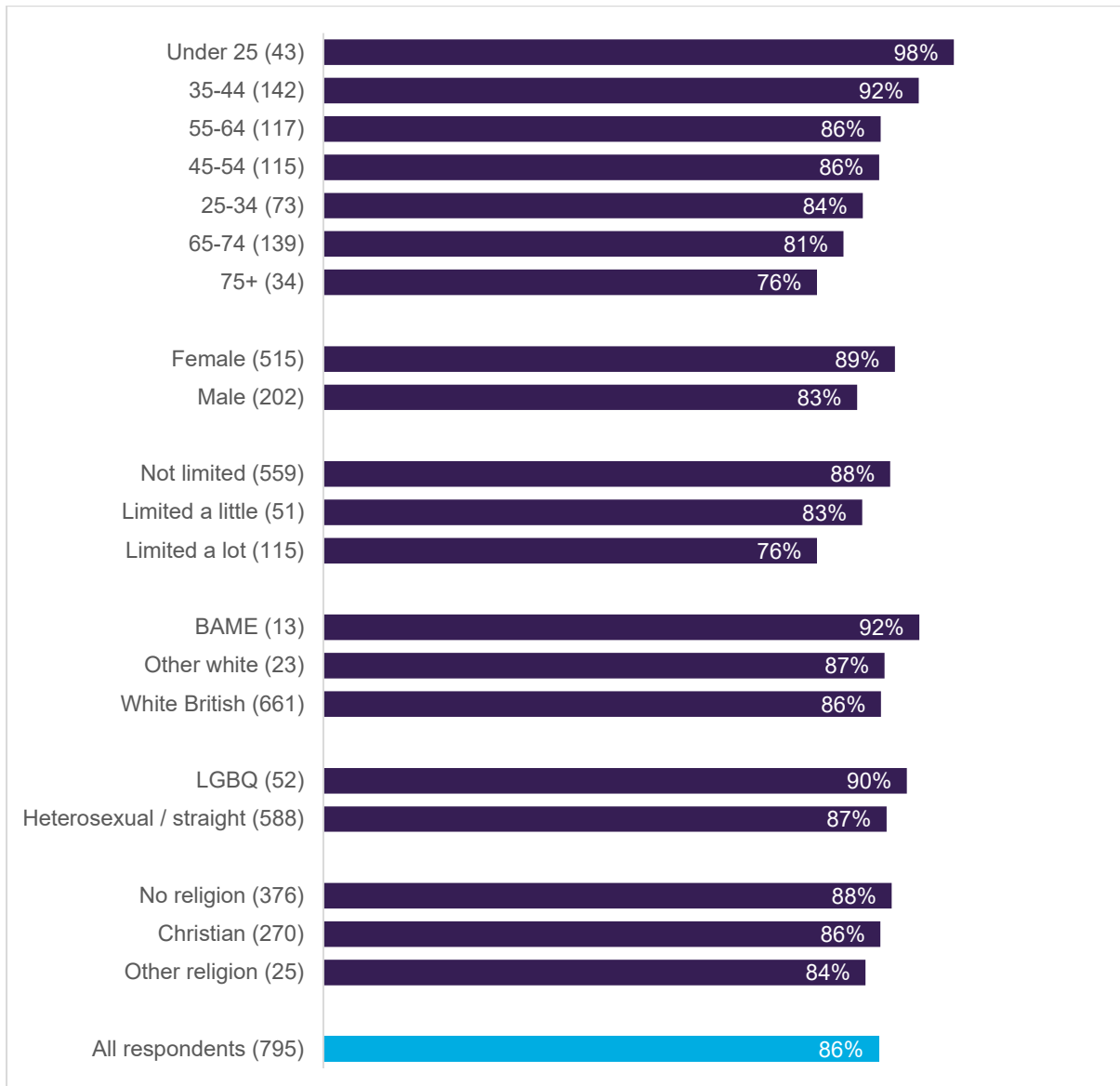
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Male respondents, those limited a lot by disability, respondents from BAME or other white ethnic backgrounds and other religions are less likely to agree with this statement.

Connecting spaces for green travel

Overall, 86% of respondents agreed that more clean, green, connected spaces will encourage more people to walk and cycle around the conurbation. Seven percent gave a neutral view and a further 7% disagreed.

Figure 5: More clean, green, connected spaces will encourage more people to walk and cycle around the conurbation (% agree)



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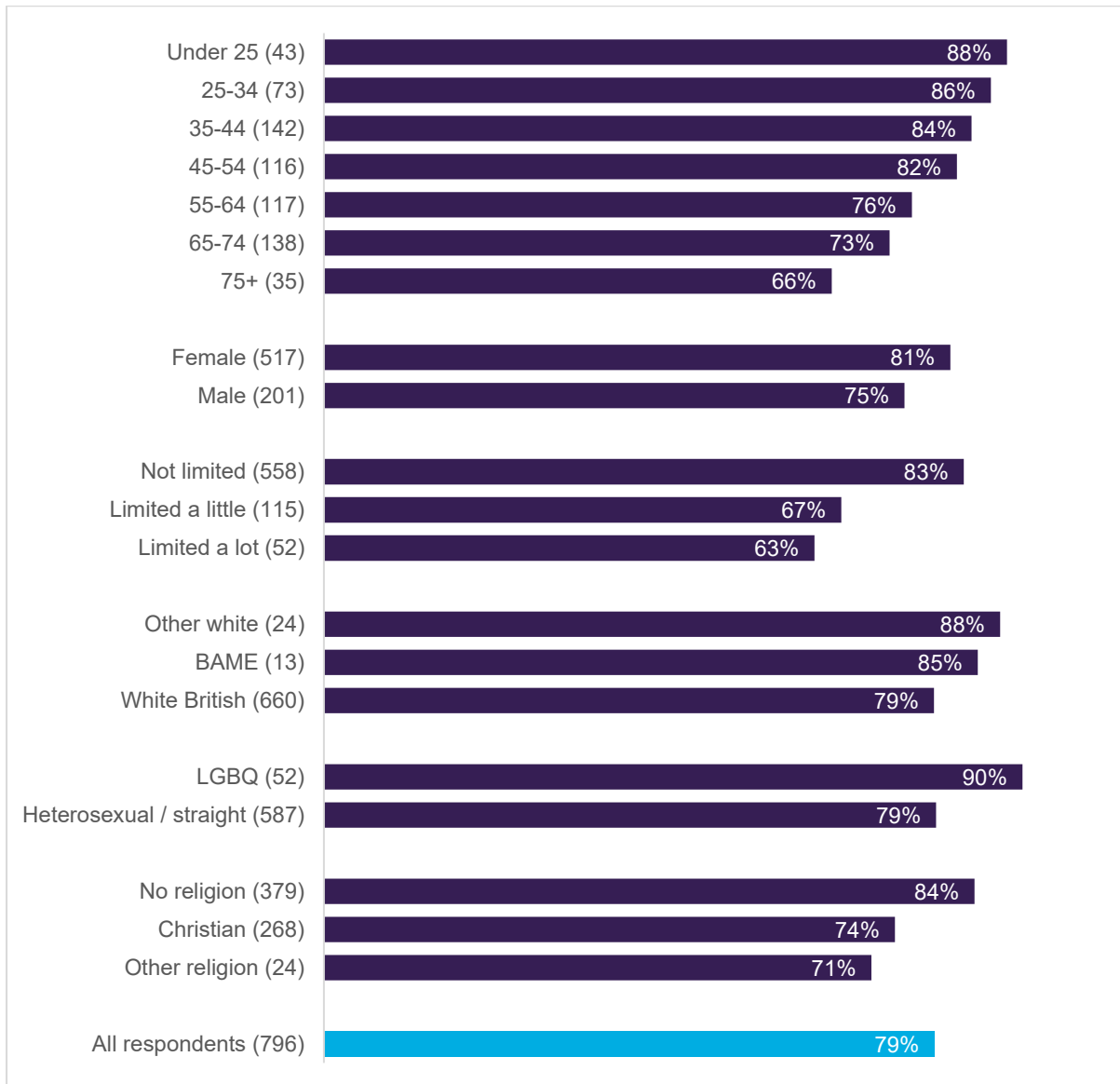
Those aged under 25 and those aged 35-44 were more likely to agree with this statement while those aged over 65 were less likely to agree. Respondents aged 65-74 were more likely to disagree while those age 75+ were more likely to have a neutral view.

Respondents who are limited a lot by disability are less likely to agree; this group were twice as likely to disagree (14%) compared to the overall level of disagreement.

Linking to bigger spaces outside the BCP Area

Four out of five respondents (79%) agreed that, thinking bigger, we should link BCP's Green Net to bigger spaces outside the BCP area. Fifteen percent of respondents gave a neutral response and 6% disagreed.

Figure 6: Thinking bigger, we should link BCP's Green Net to bigger spaces outside the BCP area (% agree)



Bases as labelled

The level of agreement decreases with age from 88% of those aged under 25 to 66% of those aged 75+. Only those aged 75+ were significantly more likely to disagree with 20% of the oldest age group opposed to this ambition.

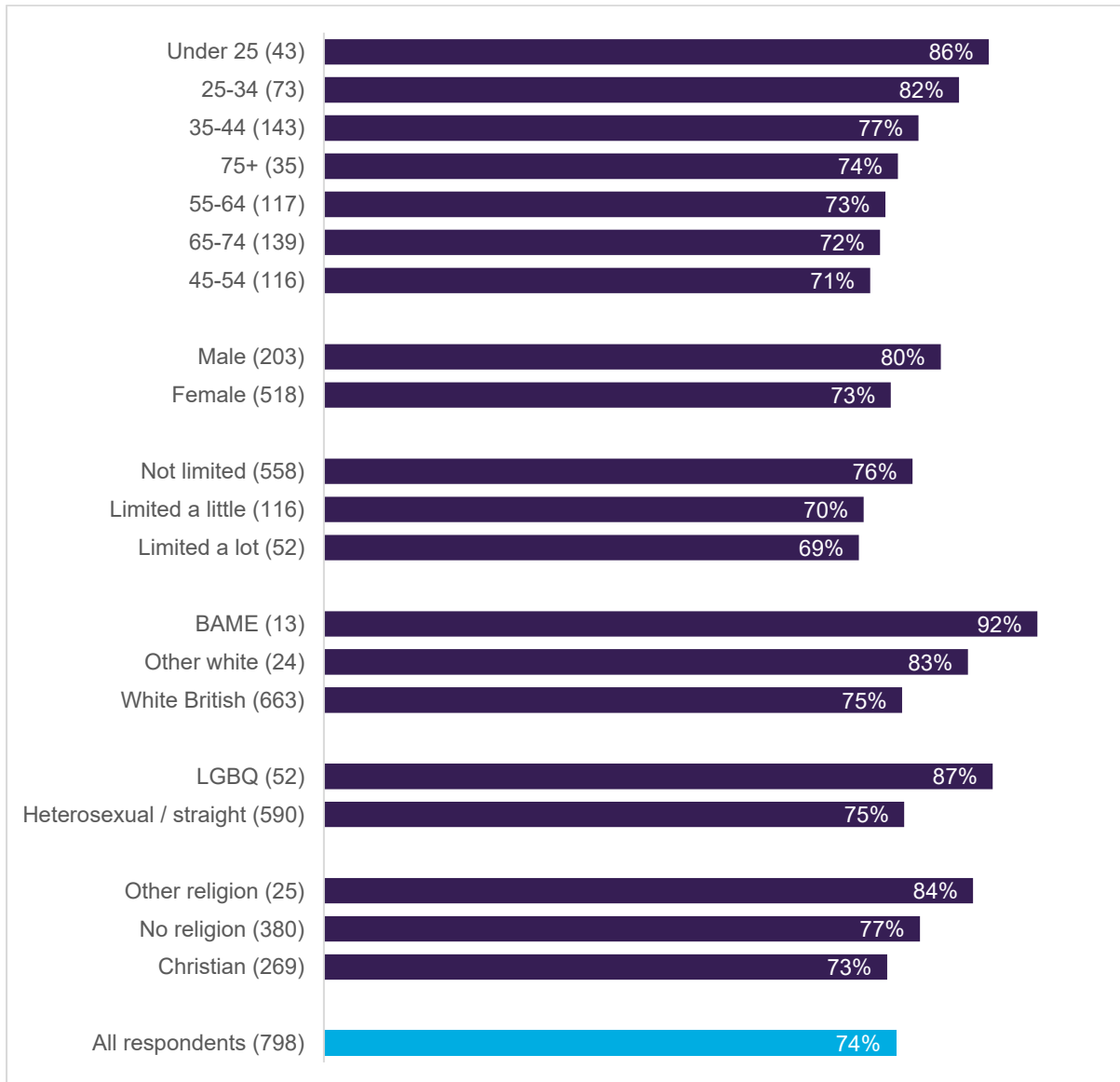
Male respondents are less likely to agree than females. Respondents limited by disability to any extent were less likely to agree than those who are not limited. Around a quarter of those limited by disability gave neutral responses and around one in ten disagreed.

Respondents from a BAME (85%) or other white (88%) ethnic background were more likely than white British respondents to agree and those with no religion (84%) were more likely to agree than Christians (74%) or other religions (71%). Respondents who are lesbian, gay, bisexual or other sexuality are more likely (90%) to agree than heterosexual respondents (79%).

Acquiring land to create green corridors

Around three quarters of respondents (74%) agreed that BCP Council should acquire land on the edge of the BCP area to create green corridors to bigger spaces. Around one in ten disagreed (9%) and 17% gave a neutral response.

Figure 7: BCP Council should acquire land on the edge of the BCP area to create green corridors to bigger spaces



Bases as labelled

Respondents from younger age groups were considerably more supportive of this idea than other age groups; 86% of under 25s and 82% of those aged 25-34 agreed with this statement.

Male respondents (80%), respondents from BAME (92%) and other white ethnic backgrounds (83%), those of other religions (84%) and respondents who are lesbian, gay, bisexual or other sexuality (87%) are also considerably more supportive of this idea.

Respondents who are limited by disability either a little (70%) or a lot (69%) were less supportive than those with no such limitations (76%)

What would you change?

Respondents were finally asked if they could change one open space in the BCP area, which would it be and what would they change? With so many spaces within the BCP area, some formal parks and some less formal pockets of green space, it is impossible to list all of those mentioned and it is recommended that all of the comments listed in Appendix A are read in full. However, some spaces stood out as having more responses than others.

The most commonly mentioned space was Poole Park (55 times) and more than half of these mentioned traffic and vehicles (32 times). The remaining responses were varied and included play equipment, rewilding, flooding, parking, the miniature train and the lake.

“Poole park. Please stop through traffic at all times. I was knocked off my bike last week due to an impatient driver.”

“Stop cars driving through Poole Park (as done previously in Meyrick Park and Kings Park). Why would you allow drivers to use our lovely park simply to avoid the main road?! Genuinely bewildered by this situation.”

“Poole Park: remove through traffic and create protected cycle routes to it. Bring back the train. Group activities for adults and teenagers like yoga.”

“Poole Park should be traffic free. Allowing cars to use it as short cut is completely contrary to any sort of green agenda. I can't see how BCP can create a green infrastructure plan without including this.”

“I would stop through traffic in Poole Park. I would redesign the park to move the car parks to the entrances with access for blue badge holders only. The new road surface and lower speed bumps have increased the speed of traffic and it is now not a pleasant place to walk and definitely not safe to cycle in the road with children which makes it difficult to get to with children. Poole Park could be a beautiful green space but it currently feels like a high traffic area. I'd put in a cycle lane to get people safely through the park and re-surface the current shared use path by the railway line (moving the broken sports equipment). I'd add a water/splash area for children, a mini cycle bumps area for children and plant more trees by the Seldown entrance. Perhaps add a maze. But mostly, I'd stop through traffic which totally ruins it for people.”

Kings Park was the next most commonly mentioned (26 times). Many of the responses mention rewilding, wildflowers, wildlife etc. Others would like to see more / better play equipment, exercise equipment, better lighting and more formal planting.

“Kings park, it’s such a great space but could be utilised so much more by adding a pond, attracting wildlife, landscaped garden to sit in, exercise equipment.”

“Kings Park - the playground near Kings Park Nursery /Avonwood School. I would love the area next to the playground to have some adventurous play area of a more natural look.”

“Littledown park and Kings Park are bland and lacking beauty. They need rewilding alongside flowers, woodland pathways and updated playgrounds. Make them a stunning feature of the town.”

Queens Park is next with 17 mentions; all but three of these want to close the park to golfers and open it up for everyone to enjoy. The remaining three comments all seek better public access and facilities alongside golf or do not specifically mention removing golf.

“Queens Park golf course - cease using it for golf and instead let it revert to a more natural state. A large proportion of the planted, non-native pines should be removed to allow the original heathland habitats to re-establish. There is plenty of space to create non-accessible wildlife sanctuary areas and to have grazing animals whilst, at the same time creating a network of walking routes and spaces for informal recreation.”

“I would close the golf course in Queen's Park and open the Park up, with wild spaces, paths and link it to King's Park.”

“Get rid of golf in Queens Park. It was much better used by more people during lockdown when there was no golf and people felt safe to use it without flying golf balls.”

“Queens Park golf course has been decimated over the years, illegal felling of many trees, scouring of wild areas, destruction of the pond/boating lake, removal of fish and habitat for newts, sticklebacks etc.. I realise it is mainly for golf, but the two seemed to work alongside when I first came to Bournemouth. It would be great to see this back.”

Harbourside (Baiter and Whitecliff) also had 17 mentions. There was not a clear theme to the responses. Some mentioned the paths through the park, particularly in relation to separating cyclists and pedestrians. Some mentioned the need for more planting, particularly to encourage wildlife while others mentioned facilities, events and activities to attract visitors.

“Community cafe at Whitecliff/Baiter providing a community hub for activities - sports, arts, outdoor cinema, bike hire. With wildlife areas and history signage linked to play. It should be a hive of activities, it's very bland at the moment.”

“Baiter/Whitecliff Park could be so much better. There is one path along the edge which crowds everyone walking/cycling into one area. There are football pitches, but then a lot of the area is just open grass and could be used for plants, wildlife, other sporting activities etc. The area has amazing views over the harbour and has so much potential for having a permanent restaurant or café areas at either end of the parks with outside seating instead of poor quality mobile food vans.”

“Baiter/Whitecliff - provide better permanent catering facilities, improve cycle lanes & footpaths, better lighting (solar), develop the pond/lake at Baiter to attract more wildlife, increase car parking and make more affordable.”

The Stour Valley was mentioned 14 times, sometimes in relation to the existing park and some relating to other areas along the Stour that could be connected up. Most of the comments (10) asked for improved public access through the Stour Valley while the other four sought reduced access to provide greater protection for wildlife.

“...park or walking path all the way from Christchurch harbour along the river i.e. public access from the BMX track to iford bridge to under the a338 and all the way to Wimborne”

“I would widen the wild space on either side of the Stour Valley by removing all golf courses that are adjacent to it, stop RDAA from stopping public access to large sections and make the entire BCP section of the Stour Valley a public accessible nature reserve.”

“Stour Valley - I would restrict access to one side of the river only at any one time, so that one river bank is always able to be wildlife-friendly.”

Finally Cranleigh Park was mentioned 13 times – all of these wanted to see improvements to the play equipment which is considered to be tired and not safe for younger children.

“I live close to Cranleigh playpark. This is the local park for Stourfield Infants and Juniors schools which are 4 form entry and the footfall in the park is very large. I would love to see this area rejuvenated to encourage children, families and the community to be active and social together. Improvements would have a positive effect on children's physical activity levels and encourage them to look after an area that they are proud of.”

“Cranleigh park requires a lot of improvement please. There is often glass and dog mess. It is used by hundreds of children after school and it isn't a friendly park for all ages. The park needs better equipment for children to climb and places to do role play like a wooden boat for example. This park is very behind compared to other parks like Seafield Park. 100's of children would get so much use and joy out of a better park at this location. It's great for them to let off steam after school with their friends. Thank you.”

By far the most common theme running across all areas is the desire for more natural areas. There were 34 comments that mentioned wildlife, 32 mentioned wildflowers, 25 mentioned rewilding, 12 mentioned nature and 8 mentioned wild areas. These comments related to all kinds of spaces, from roadsides to formal parks and often were mentioned alongside other improvements.

“We need more wild spaces urgently, this is utterly critical for our health and future. So I'd say much more wildflowers in parks and as much as possible to encourage insects and wildlife”

“Horseshoe Common. Make it a wildflower area and plant more trees. Make it safer for the public, especially at night.”

“Christchurch recreation ground. It's all grass and a few planters. Let's get wildflowers growing and more trees planted”

“All verges by roads should be more wild with wild flowers and grass growing long.”

“Poole Park or Whitecliff park- they are both so big they could easily have far more trees & wild flower areas & still leave plenty of grassy areas for picnics & playing.”

“Wasteland opposite Portman Hotel on Ashley road, Boscombe. Turn into grass, nature area with benches, nature trails.”

“The space where the Poole power station was. I would re wild it and grow an edible forest.”

“Rewild the park and ride car park at Creekmoor”

Not everyone is in favour of rewilding everywhere, citing the need for areas for informal games and picnics plus the difficulty dog owners have in cleaning up after their dogs in long grass.

“The recreational areas in Merley. These were lovely open spaces where the grass was cut regularly. People able to walk their dogs without the worry of tics, somewhere for us to kick a ball with our young grandchildren. The residents in our close would have an afternoon get together on the green some weekends. But now the grass is uncut and unkempt and in effect out of bounds to the

residents! By all means leave some verges and grass areas uncut but use some discretion, don't take away our open spaces.”

“A small group of us & our dogs got together yesterday early evening at Dorchester Gardens, Oakdale, Poole (it is an urban park for public amenity and recreation use & not a nature reserve!) as it was Alfie (the Boxer) 2nd birthday... Unfortunately it is now increasingly difficult to throw a ball or find and pick it or your dog's poo or use the urban park! as an urban park! as the grass in the URBAN PARK! (Look up the definition it is not a nature reserve!) is now higher than some of the dogs! It's not useable for kids or others for amenity and increasingly not safe due to all the debris, trip hazards, mess & holes hidden by the grass etc.”

Other common themes include dogs, play areas, seating, cafés, traffic (though this mostly relates to Poole Park), paths and maintenance.

Comments can be read in full in the Appendix.

Appendix A: Open responses

All grass verges. Planting wildflowers or leaving them to grow would be an easy natural way to boost pollinators and looks pretty
Remove the car park at Bournemouth Undercliff and stop cars from driving on to the seafront
Traffic should be removed from Poole Park encouraging more wildlife to & people of all ages to enjoy the peace & quiet & safety that a local park should provide.
Haskells Rec. I would change it to a more user friendly space by having areas for a community garden, have local schools, preschools, childminders etc use it for outdoor learning. This could happen at a lot of local green areas. The best thing the council could do is ensure that the area is well policed and maintained. All the wooden play structures put in at haskells rotted and then got vandalised.
Branksome Recreation Ground - improve the paths to stop the flooding year round.
I would make Poole Park more wildlife friendly, stop pesticides , increase meadows and native tree planting. I would also make all verges wildlife friendly verges and hedges
I would protect Highmoor Farm and the surrounding heathland at all costs. Although not open to the public the farm is an oasis for wildlife and a welcome refuge amongst the concrete university campus.
Lower gardens - I would create a parcour / skate park for teenagers to use, or put it somewhere near the town centre of Poole or Bournemouth (baiter / goods yard, meyrick park, winter gardens)
Kings Park- add more natural spaces, wilder areas, outdoor venues for local community business
Druitt Gardens, better management and more wildflower planting. Proper copping of trees to let the ground flower more
Stop allowing house building in people's gardens
Fampoux gardens, Firbank road, a nice little bit of green space, seems so boring, needs flowers and made into somewhere to enjoy sitting
The underpass near Poole needs to be brightened up!!!

Queens Park. Please rewild it. Make it a proper park without risking get hit by a golfball. There are plenty of places to play golf within BCP (just look at google maps) It lost its original layout with the Wessex Way so no need to keep it for historical reasons. Not enough people play to justify taking up so much public space that is so intensively managed, very old fashioned!

Shelley Park seems to be unloved and not used as effectively as it could be. On the outskirts of Boscombe but headed down to the beach. It would be nice to have some Art event or local community event in the park. Could be linked to the surgery and the theatre at Shelley Manor.

Stop car traffic through Poole park

I'm worried about the number of ageing trees in Bournemouth Gardens and I would like to know more about how these are managed and losses are planned and mitigated.

Local children park of Lingdale road as it's been neglected and bring it into more eco friendly place for local to play but also learn about nature and interactive

I live in Branksome Park which is full of traffic and the associated noise. Everywhere here the car is king. Pedestrians need to be king and lots of traffic calming measures are needed to make walking and cycling a much more enjoyable experience. Although there are a great many trees in Branksome Park there is very little open green spaces for people to socialise in.

I think all green spaces are important and need to be valued and cared for. I take the example of the Dingle Chine, close to where I live. It's a small urban woodland in BH4 which is surrounded by flats. Despite it being a home to wildlife, it feels as if it has no value to the local community. It is used as a dump for household waste and is frequented by drug users. Whilst litter-picking I have been continually told by local people to be careful and that they are too afraid to walk through the woodland. We recently hauled approximately thirty bags of rubbish from the undergrowth and there is plenty more still there.

I would like to see this as an a recreational green-space: trees cared for, wildflowers planted, a small children's play area, central area used for activities, rubbish cleared, signs reminding people that this is a home to wildlife and an area where children play, so please keep it clean. Mai Haines has agreed to a cctv camera to cover a parking bay where people are able to fly tip and drugs have been sold. The woodland needs to be reclaimed and the community involved to bring it to life and make people care about it.

Leave it to nature, don't want it spoiled

I think you could do a lot more whitcliff and Poole Park. More activities for wellbeing. Move the cycle path away from the waters edge.so people and dogs walkers can enjoy walking without bikes going so fast and getting moody if a dog or child is in there way. They go way to fast. Having gates at the stairs, to make it safer. Proformces in Poole Park which are council run. Not companies who charge for entrance, and they aren't eleven very good.

The beach walks need more cliff lifts and access for people with lung problems who find it difficult to climb the zigzags

Stour valley proposal...leave it alone please

Footpath alongside Poole bay to have separate foot and cycle paths designated

remove cars and especially through traffic from Poole Park

I would put large planters, including saddle planters on the guard rails, on the central Bournemouth flyover, with plants that would trail down the outside to the Pier Approach area.

Heathland (e.g Upton, Canford Heath) - if reserves, dogs should be required to be kept on leads all year round

MOORE AVENUE PARK. (West Howe)

The Moore Avenue Park Community Group have been trying to create a Wildflower / Wildlife Garden on an area within Moore Avenue Park but finding it hard to get help from the BCP parks staff and also needing more volunteers to help on this product.

Poole Park should be traffic free. Allowing cars to use it as short cut is completely contrary to any sort of green agenda. I can't see how BCP can create a green infrastructure plan without including this.

Haskell's recreation ground (as it's closest to my house). Plant saplings of native trees and some fruit trees as well. Increase the wildflower meadow.
Poole Park - add a community garden, let an area go wild

Allow responsible dog owners to walk their dogs off lead along the paths of Stanpit Marsh which land I believe was gifted to "The people of Christchurch for their enjoyment". It was not bequeathed to the Countryside Alliance, Nature Conservancy, RSPB or any other so-called nature protectors.

Prioritise cycle routes to both blue and green spaces and have car free areas.

Stour river walk enlarge area for walking by removing fencing of enclosed areas near Redhill and Cherry Tree nursery.

Plant more trees around council-owned housing estates, eg along East Street, Poole. Encourage greater variety of habitat and planting including shrubs and hedges.

Kingland Road, Poole. Pedestrianise between the Lighthouse and Dolphin Centre. Incorporate cafes, grass and seating, play equipment for children, outdoor performance area.

More rewilding at Kings Park

Poole Park, Baiter, Whitecliff Park area.. rewild it as it's become a concrete , barren wasteland

Remove through routes for cars in Poole Park.

Baiter Park install an outdoor swimming pool/lido

River Stour - make it accessible for watersports along the whole river not just Iford and Wimborne

I would stop through traffic in Poole Park which was recently allowed in order to create a bypass for the main road through this public recreational park which is an affront to the community and users of the park

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Not a big one, but an open space nevertheless - Boscombe Crescent - the last so-called makeover was rubbish. It needs to be much more plant diverse and visually attractive yet still OK for dogs whose owners can't be bothered to take them anywhere else and take note that people want the shortest route from Aylesbury Road to Iceland.....so put the paths where we want them.

Re-wild either Meyrick, Queens Park golf course plus Highmoor Farm.

I would enlarge the area for the Canford Sang to make it bigger and encompass more of the river

Seafield Gardens - BH6 - is unfortunately ruined by the inordinate number of dogs in the park - some of which are not under control - nor are they kept on leads. It should be mandatory for smaller park to put up clear signs saying that dogs should be on leads ...There have been several incidents lately of innocent walkers being attacked by dogs...

Unfortunately there are unscrupulous dog owners who are irresponsible - and who spoil things for others...

Hence further restrictions required...Large signs saying Keep Dogs under Control and Keep Dogs on Leads...

In addition to dog free sections of beach some green space should be dedicated dog free areas. Strouden Park would be one place where the exclusion of dogs could become a safe space for those afraid of or allergic to dogs and/or those simply fed up with open spaces spoilt by dog excrement

Pedestrian/cycle and green space on central Ashley road

Harbourside Park - The area under the tree line adjacent to the Skate Park is little used as it is boggy but would make an excellent lake along with the wildlife that would bring. The dew pond on Baiter by the Poole Park Lake Sluice channel could be dug deeper and that would encourage wildlife. Trees and butterfly/bird attracting shrubs could be planted all along Baiter - Whitecliff especially alongside the railway line. New trees should be planted to take over when the Old Oak trees in Whitecliff Woods fall with planting alongside the newly created foot path from the Whitecliff Pavilion to the Children's Play Park. The very popular recreational walkway alongside the Parkstone Bay could be lit by solar lighting to encourage evening use. The Harbourside Park area is extremely popular with walkers of all ages but has in the past been totally neglected with little work carried out to enhance the area for users and most of all wildlife.

The roof of the Dolphin Centre has bees, but a rooftop garden for cultivation and enjoyment would bring in commercial foot traffic as well as improve the environmental space.

Fishermans Walk needs to be better managed with the pond to be looked after plus the trees need to be lopped, to let more light in. The bracken needs to be tamed

In places like rivers where there is a lot of wildlife, I would have more areas where dogs are required to be on leads as to not scare the wildlife.

Close keyhole Bridge in Poole Park to traffic. This would enable safer access to pedestrians and cyclists and help prevent the park being used as a cut through.

I would shut Poole Park to through traffic apart from accessing the carparks. I would also maintain the all round traffic free zone on Poole Quay and in the Old Town. I would create more dog free green spaces as they're pretty limited.

Winton Rec - more groups and activities like yoga, toddler groups, performances etc.
I would stop the micro managing of the heathland - cutting down trees and the gimmick of grazing cattle on areas where people walk.
Stop cars taking short cuts through parks. Eg there should be NO through route across Poole park.
<p>Poole Park Stop vehicles driving through the park, only allow vehicles to drive to the park. The roads in the park should not be used as part of the the road network. It seems unfortunate that such a beautiful park is spoilt by vehicles (sometimes speeding) and added pollution from exhaust fumes.</p> <p>Keyhole Bridge Reinstate the closure to vehicles thus ensuring safe access for cyclists, pedestrians wheelchair and mobility scooter users.</p>
Winton rec, put more dog waste bins on park or wardens fining dog owners that allow dogs to use the green space as a toilet, this field is full of dog poo. My 5 year old and friends have all trod in it.
Meyrick Park. Needs a lot of attention and better access for vehicles.
Poole Park. Stop traffic being able to use Poole park as a rat run, a park should not have a constant stream of traffic passing through. Plant more trees in the park. Add cycle paths to and through the park. Improve footpaths in the park, especially around the lake. Add a large fountain to the lake to aerate the lake and for a focal point in what is a rather sterile looking lake. Add more artificial islands to the lake for birds to shelter/nest on.
Can't think of a specific open space but if there are any opportunities to rewild then I think these should be taken
Shore Road to Sandbanks reduce commercial outlets to enable a safe sea swimming area with no jet skis or kite surfers. BAN all disposable bbq's across the whole county.
Not sure off the top of my head
Upton Country Park. Remove the invasive Myriophyllum aquaticum (parrot's feather) from Grove Lake and convert more of the grassland to wildflower meadows.
Stop through traffic in Poole park, close keyhole bridge to cars again. It was so much better when there weren't cars commuting through the park...
Bring the railway back to Poole Park

The old pier approach crazy golf - I would change it to an Art Deco lido with green verges for sunbathing.

No through traffic in Parks. Keep them safe for walkers, cyclists, wildfowl and animals

Winton Recreation Ground. I would add more benches, lighting, a skate park with ramps for the older children and a wider range of food available at the cafe.

The small field at the back of the main field at Verity Park. I could be an area for wildflowers

Meyrick Park by adding picnic or seating areas, make use of the bowling green cafe, improve the pathways and perhaps a natural play area for children and a dog agility area. To connect the walking paths with a better trail way and better lighting.

Kings park, id like it to be a no car area, the only road should be the one that goes to the stadium carpark, roads near parks to be regrassed or roads made into paths similar to those round poole park.

Sea front build a cycle lane so that we cyclists can continue using in the summer months. Or allow cycling along cliff top walks

Using already existing green space and managing it to create wild spaces, a lot of hedgerows and lawns are being mowed they need to be grown creating meadows. Shelly parks bushes were all hacked back this year and now all the lovely bushes bees loved will not grow again. Work with ecologists to create spaces and plant native species

Poole Park - it is really lovely but it is intensively managed - I would love to see more natural processes to encourage more nature, which is already being managed fantastically in the lake and ponds. I don't understand allowing cars back into the full park and think this makes it less attractive. The cafe facilities are good (if a little low quality) but there is a great opportunity to utilise the park more - e.g. farmers/makers/food markets, outdoor events, sports (parkrun etc.). I think allowing a weekly/monthly market would add real buzz and encourage people to walk and cycle to the park

I would prioritise wildlife in the diminishing wild spaces, then children's education & welfare. Dog walkers would be at the bottom of the list

Southbourne Crossroads Carpark, instead of luxury flat development use it for an environmental awareness area, low level indoor or covered areas for educational, leisure and social use mixed with wild gardens to complete beach front visitor attractions. Retaining some parking for this venture and local shops. Use it to naturally link the seafront to the local business as Fisherman's Walk does to Southbourne Grove

Stop through traffic in Poole Park. Shut Keyhole Bridge to motor vehicles. It is a park, not a rat run or cut through. It should not be used as a way of easing congestion on other roads. Make parking for blue badges only and everyone else park in the huge swimming pool car park.

Grass verges at sides of roads - stop mowing them. They're vital corridors for bugs, birds and small mammals. If they're set back from the road, they can definitely be left longer. If they're a viewing hazard as along roadside, then reduced mowing. They're done much too frequently in some places.

take any sports pitches which aren't used that much and turn them back to wild spaces for wildlife -flora and fauna- to revive.

Poole park. It is mown so harshly that in the summer it turns to dust and floods in the winter. I'd like the plants to be allowed to grow & establish themselves (incl the grass) to prevent this soil erosion & allow wildlife to flourish.

I would like to see all public green spaces become more wildlife friendly and any new developments to have to include 'green' benefits to the local area.

Poole bay and beaches are becoming a non wildlife zone. Something to support and encourage marine wildlife would be great including an education programme and availability of marine friendly products e.g sunscreen, cleaning products (beach huts). Is there a way beach hut tenants and beach businesses can support/promote wildlife? Green roofs? They take up so much land there must be something creative we can do?

All green spaces need to be wilder and less antiseptic. Less grass cutting, more dog free spaces and better walking public transport and biking access (not car parks)

Queens Park by getting rid of the golf course and using it as a SANG.

Stanpit recreation ground and the new area by the leisure centre really needs more benches on the side of the footpath. It is very difficult for those with mobility problems to get to the benches via the grass. It would also be helpful very helpful to have toilets in this area. Far more use would be made of this area for those with mobility problems.

promenade - limit scooters, skates etc to early and late hours

Talbot Heath, restore more heathland habitat, better signage to encourage dog walkers to respect the wildlife more.

Slades Farm is currently being left for the grass to grow long. This is a community space that is well used for sports matches, training, recreation and picnics. Allowing grass to grow long is going to compromise the use of the park space - sports teams will go elsewhere as it becomes difficult to train or play matches, people aren't going to want to picnic there so will go elsewhere (meaning less money spent), and people will allow dogs to foul without cleaning up after their pets.

It would be nice if new blocks of flats were made to have a small landscaped area outside at the entrance. I'm sure this would improve the view for the local area as well as being beneficial for residents

whitecliff/baiter add trees & shrubs & wildflowers. Keep some grass for sports but add diversity of plants to encourage wildlife.

I would make Bournemouth Gardens safer as so many unsavoury people on the benches and some areas I won't walk in if on my own. They also congregate around the toilets so people won't use them. It is a shame as such a lovely area and feeling safe is so important.

I would see that SSSI areas are respected by limiting human activity to observation

Upton Park, separate cyclists from walkers with a separate track

Turner's Nursery Poole - reduce public access within the fenced area to be dog free, and provide a wildlife haven.

I think they are mostly fine as they are.
One thing which is needed is clear signage to alert cyclists to paths which they cannot use. The 'NO CYCLING' signs are barely visible, so they are using footpaths with impunity. On routes where cyclists share with pedestrians, they need to be much more careful and warn pedestrians when they are coming up behind them.

less mown grass, more wildflower planting

I would plant more trees and wildflowers in King's Park

Southbourne crossroads - turn the Southbourne crossroads car park into an extension of the existing community garden. This garden currently provides a fantastic habitat for wildlife but is very restricted in its size. Increase the size of it and give more of the local community the chance to enjoy it.

Stop building near rivers and flood planes.

Not changing one specific open space, but ensuring that 'green infrastructure' is not seen as 'just green spaces'. Planning decisions need to ensure that within built up areas there are protected pockets of wildlife, and residents are encouraged to provide wildlife-friendly gardens rather than sterile fences and patios. Ban use all 'astroturf' lawns. Educate kids in schools about the politics around soil and pesticides. Keep Bournemouth as the 'forest city by the sea' and stop the whole conurbation being 'paved over'.

Make spaces which are enabled for pedestrians save from scooters and bicycles. Those who use bicycles and scooter must recognise that pedestrians have priority. For example bicycles and scooters along the seafront are a risk to safety.

Redhill Park - stop it being used as an "events " space. These destroy the landscape, unsettle wildlife, increase litter and damage and upset local residents

I would tidy up the area around East Cliff lift that has become a council dumping ground and looks appalling for a world class resort. I would remove all items and store them in hidden area near Cambridge Rd roundabout. Remove fencing. Eventually restore Cliff and lift. Also tidy up area near BIC where RNLI used to be. Park cars next to BIC wall, not blocking the view. Reopen BIC bar terrace which is a superb unused cafe facility. Cream teas with a pier view!

Baiter park: make less open grass and have more nature areas.

Put lights along Baiter Park

Reclaim the Blakehill viewpoint area from the Teenagers who are converting it into a bmx cycle track without due regard to any risk to themselves or others. Also adults use the area to cycle which is designated 'no cycling'. It was predominantly used by locals for walking and dog exercise. Would love to see it revert to this use.

I would like to see existing natural woodland such a Chewton common and surrounding wildlife corridors managed to encourage wildlife such as bat boxes and owl boxes installed, trail creation for humans limited to allow wildlife to be undisturbed.

STROUDEN PARK.

Install footpaths to deter the public from trampling through the undergrowth and destroying habitat. Install more waste bins to deter fly tipping and general rubbish around the park.

Try to encourage home owners to keep their gardens for wildlife.

stop cramming new housing right up to working class areas and leave natural green areas for wildlife and people

IT is a more general request - dog owners can be severely restricted by beach bans and heath bans. This makes the available spaces very much busier for all using them, creating some difficulties for all users. My example would be Talbot Heath and Turbary Common, when restricted, means more dog walkers use Slades Farm. It can be really challenging to walk my dog off lead when there are people using the public spaces for recreation - he ends up messing up exercise classes and picnics etc. It is no longer safe to use Talbot Village as someone is laying poison traps and a friend's dog, died a painful death. I would like to see more thought applied to different user groups so that the needs of all users are enhanced, not only the birds'.

Slades Farm - cut back on mowing grass allowing for wild meadow areas. Reduce sports use of the green space.

I would definitely continue with the community farm plan. We have visited many city farms and our children have loved them, seeing many different farm animals in one location. The animals seem to enjoy having visitors too. There are too many children who have no concept of what a farm is like and all the animals that are connected with farms. It would be an amazing benefit to local families and schools.

Provide communal growing of veg in some of the parks

The old power station site in Hamworthy, already an over developed area locals and visitors alike would benefit if this was a park/ open space/ events area.

Ensbury Park- nature trail

Green spaces should be better maintained, over the last years the maintenance has gone down hill. Bad maintenance means they are not fit for purpose. If they are not fit for purpose they can not be used. If you look at the development at Hunger Hill lots of new shrub beds, But BCP do not maintain the shrubs they do have.

I wish parks in the BCP area would offer plant based courses. There are no adult education courses or courses for kids on how to plant seeds and grow flowers, veg or plants. These are not skills that we all have, and trial and error is ok, but I would like to improve my own garden, and learning how would be great.

All roadsides to be planted with wild flowers. Whenever I see them it makes me smile and know we are helping wildlife. More trees outside schools to absorb the pollution from the heavy traffic eg make East Way treelined with safe cycle lanes.

Community cafe at Whitecliff/Baiter providing a community hub for activities - sports, arts, outdoor cinema, bike hire. With wildlife areas and history signage linked to play. It should be a hive of activities, it's very bland at the moment.

I would love to see more Mediterranean style outdoor cafes. Close more roads for this to happen. I still don't feel confident enough to cycle on the main roads around Bournemouth, it's just too busy with cars who are not paying attention.

Just more green spaces in general to help keep wildlife safe and preserve them as much as possible. Limit roads near popular animal habitats to 20mph and ensure that animals can be kept away from roads (especially near dual carriageways) Keep animals safe and teach the community how to look after the environment. More bins and recycling/ upcycling opportunities. Save our planet by any means necessary

consider if buiding new homes next to the river at merley can be reduced , this space as over used during lockdown and demonstrates the need to keep it open , do we need to build here and at canford areana areas ??

Winton Rec needs more accessibility. Not enough benches and no resting spots for those who want to walk round with health/mobility issues. Only 1 disabled space at the moment.

Canford Heath - ensure all dogs are kept on leads to avoid disturbance to ground nesting birds. There are very few signs and these are ignored by the majority of dog walkers.

Not allowing through traffic in parks.

Bournemouth Lower Gardens (& Poole Park too)...
Set aside at least one of the lawns as a wildflower meadow

The grassed area adjacent to the Wessex way flyover in Queens Road. Have a wildflower garden to attract Bees and Butterflies.

More natural spaces like wild flower seedig

Lewesdon park. Plant more oak trees to replace the ones which will die earlier than necessary because of lack of maintenance. Oak trees support the most wildlife of any tree and can be long lived. Old trees are far more beneficial and grow quicker than newly planted trees.

Poole Park is on our doorstep , we use it to enjoy the space and yo have a pleasant walk into town . With the reopening of society it has become horrible, especially after 4pm, packed with tail to tail cars , speeding when they can , to avoid congestion on the main toad . Can we please get our park back ?

Bourne Valley NR. Better manage access. le discourage motorbikes and drones

Just please leave a good mix of formal and informal, with plenty of flat play areas for ball games. Wild flower meadows turn to weed patches very quickly, and stop people playing football and walking dogs. The latter are what the majority of people use green space for that- which isn't necessarily beautiful, but is really really important.

Very difficult to answer as I love all the green spaces around me, and have limited knowledge of others, having only lived here for two years one of which has limited our exploring of the area
The Triangle needs trees and greenery
The towns "High Streets" such as Upper Parkstone or Winton are poor in terms of greenery and dominated by slow moving traffic.
Turn part of Horseshoe common into an open air theatre
Throop, have less cars and bikes
Let nature take control of all BCP Open spaces and stop manicuring them. Encourage dog walkers to take dog pop home in their bags instead of dumping it in our streets, lanes, hedges and spaces.
don't know
Improve path through Branksome Chine some places always wet at present
I would maintain all the tree lined streets and replace trees when they died.. And plant trees in Lansdown.
Baiter park light it for night time promenade use
In general I would stop mowing grass in most green spaces and allow them to rewild, unless the space is used for sport.
St George's playing field Oakdale - an ideal space for a community garden. Could also plant fruit trees in addition to the ornamental trees already institu.
Connect Sandbanks with the rest of the seafront to make it continuous
The grass area outside of the college in North road could easily be sown with wildflower seeds. It would look fantastic, provide a habitat for insects and not cost any to keep cutting it.
stop through traffic in Poole Park
Generally more joined up cycling and walking routes through green corridors across the conurbation
All open space should be made nature friendly to enrich the environment. Wealthy property owners should be encouraged to plant trees on their land which will benefit all. Dave Well Properties come to mind.

Anywhere that would give priority for children over dogs, the whole conurbation is dog dominated

Poole Park/Whitecliff access. I would close Keyhole Bridge permanently to traffic, allowing for greater and safer use by cyclists and pedestrians.

Reduce the size of the Boating Lagoon in Poole Park for more "Play" space, e.g., Fenced Basketball Area, Fenced 7-a-side-football area, and also in preparation for reducing/eliminating the flushing of seawater in the event of Rising Sea Levels through Global Warming.

I would stop cars driving through Poole Park. No problem with people driving to the park if they need to, but using it as a through-route to avoid the civic centre is not acceptable!

The community garden at Southbourne Cross is under threat, as developers want to build over it. BCP must stop this

Baiter/Whitecliff Park could be so much better. There is one path along the edge which crowds everyone walking/cycling into one area. There are football pitches, but then a lot of the area is just open grass and could be used for plants, wildlife, other sporting activities etc.

The area has amazing views over the harbour and has so much potential for having a permanent restaurant or café areas at either end of the parks with outside seating instead of poor quality mobile food vans. For example, look at how South Deep has been so successful by building a small permanent café/restaurant with indoor and outdoor seating providing good quality food and amazing views over the harbour, while being in keeping with the area. It is surprising that the Baiter Harbour Side One Car park hasn't been partially used to build a nice restaurant, it currently seems like such a missed opportunity to provide a high quality attraction to the area that would provide income for the council.

Finally, we should have more benches and picnic areas so that people can actually stop and enjoy our beautiful town.

Re: Talbot Heath Heathland support area (proposed)- APP/21/00098/F | Change of use of agricultural land to provide a 12 hectare Heathland Support Area, in accordance with Policy PP21 of the adopted Poole Local Plan. | Highmoor Farm, Talbot Village, Poole, BH3 7HE

I would suggest that BCp Council adopt/manage this valuable Pastoral environment exactly as it is to maintain the grazing areas for livestock that "manage" the Councils heaths and for locals who need pasture for their horses. This use is invaluable as a resource exactly as it is and should be maintained/enhanced for everyones benefit as well as the animals - in doing this the remit of the HSA will be achieved. Access for dog walking could be permitted /controlled during critical nesting season times to divert dogs away from the sensitive areas.

Saxon Square in Christchurch could do with a revamp and more greenery

Saffron Way open space, Highcliffe, Dorset Rewilding.
Improve the Stour Valley Way route through BCP so it connects as at moment is disjointed.
Whitecliff - make it a more attractive multi-functional space
I would like the Council to stop building stupid cycleways next to roads and spend time to explore the possibility of finding continuous 'OFF ROAD' routes which will provide PROPER green, open, clean and enjoyable spaces. The current plans are causing massive losses to local businesses and the subsequent build up of traffic is disastrous, ironic even! Unless the Council changes this waste of money and concentrate on providing off road routes that not only make trips shorter, but most importantly cleaner and safer for those able to use them.
Swanmore Gardens. Tennis + other multi-sports areas such as tai chai, petanque
Woods adjoining south side of railway line in Highcliffe. Create better and mud free pathways for all seasons.
I would act to stop the desecration of the Rookery, off Iford Lane, with motorbiking. I would help it to be a lovely and peaceful haven for the local community and for wildlife. I would try to involve teenagers in enjoying and encouraging our green spaces to be wildlife friendly and litter free.
It would be lovely to create a wildlife pond in some of our parks, eg Red Hill park or common or Slade's Farm. They would encourage more flora and fauna and provide a relaxing environment for locals and walkers if there seating round about.
Not sure
Divert traffic away from Lindsay Road and surrounding area. Use islands and traffic calming measures
Highcliffe rec add outside gym equipment and table tennis good for all ages
All the connecting spaces in the centre of Bournemouth - from the train station to the beach and Pier approach and the paths up to West Cliff and East Cliff are ugly concrete wastelands that should be made attractive safe and green by controlling traffic and investing in planting and landscaping, or rewilding.... but they have to be maintained
If possible, more separation of cycles and scooters on promenades from walkers. During past year, without land trains on promenades it is now possible to breathe fresh air rather than disgusting fumes.

I think the high street in Poole should have more Flower Planters/trees running all the way down the middle. Put seats around the trees to free up more space for people to walk.

Hatchpond - I would create a path that goes all the way round so that you can do a circular walk round the reserve.

Waterman's Park and other parks should avoid creating 'grass deserts' and instead look to have a wide range of different areas - trees, semi-wild / wild planting areas, grass areas, water features and so on. More involvement from the local community and volunteers should be encouraged to help create and look after these spaces.

Branksome recreation ground. currently it suffers badly from flooding, and whilst the large green open expanse is lovely, it is mainly football and cricket orientated. These remain really important and should not be detracted from, however along with the proposed improvements to the foot path for cycling that are already waiting to be started, there should be a couple of developments. (1) a small cycle park / skate park for young people to enjoy - whilst there is one near St Aldhelms school, this would provide a more local amenity. this could fit in the corner near junction of playfields drive and alder road. or over near the existing play equipment. (2) A wildlife pond or stream to help alleviate the flooding and a source for wildlife. actually i believe that part of the Bourne stream is in a culvert under the northern side of the recreation ground. (3) more wild planting around the edges of the grounds, not just wildflower beds on the margins and on the embankments fitted to prevent incursions, but considered planting amongst the trees and on the surrounding banks. Make use of the formal terracing near the steps at the north west corner, near junction playfields drive / connaught crescent. These could be more formal perennial flower beds. the ground near by suffers from flooding, with relief this could be a nice picnic area. Picnics are popular during the summer months on the whole area. It is also the largest green lung in the most densely populated area of Poole so needs promoting.

Muscliff Park. Play area needs updating as so old. Needs cafe or something similar to encourage people to use the space on their doorstep

Queens Park golf course has been decimated over the years, illegal felling of many trees, scouring of wild areas, destruction of the pond/ boating lake, removal of fish and habitat for newts, sticklebacks etc.. I realise it is mainly for golf, but the two seemed to work alongside when I first came to Bournemouth. It would be great to see this back.

Evening Hill-get rid off the cycle Lane
Make urban parks alcohol free
Build outdoor classrooms at Upton County Park with local history and nature lessons.

Talbot Heath I would protect it from any further development from the university the woods at talbot village also as these are the last few remaining woods of an ancient woodland at risk of destruction due to housing demands and profit to the trust

Cyclist separated away from the main walking path along Baiter.to keep pedestrians by the water .
More for teenagers. I'd love to see a skate park at Branksome recreation ground please
Rewild the park and ride car park at Creekmor..
Add more seats to all open spaces or at least keep them well maintained. Upton Country Park seats around the house are bad
Kings Park: restore heathy grassland to create corridors for wildlife.
We need more wild spaces urgently, this is utterly critical for our health and future. So I'd say much more wildflowers in parks and as much as possible to encourage insects and wildlife
Kings Park to make it more attract more wild life
Make footpaths in SANGs (e.g. Canford Park) and wild spaces more accessible for wheelchair / mobility scooter users. SANGs seem to be designed for dog walkers. Specifically remove stiles, finish paths with smooth sand on top of gravel (e.g. at Upton country park), make all gates Radar key controlled (and maintained so locks don't seize up). Ensure accessibility is considered for all new paths.
Westcliff Park I would make it a family/people friendly area with a no alcohol/drug/anti social behaviour policy which should be enforced. I would also have a BBQ/Picnic area which would be available to everyone. The toilets to be locked at night and CCTV to be installed to prevent any problems.
sang country park is on an excellent cycle path from my home however there is no way to take a bike inside the park, I ride an electric bike and it would not be safe for me to leave my bike outside in the carpark, I would like to be allowed to walk my bike inside as I love to take a picnic and sit by the river, at the moment I take the car but this is not environmentally friendly and I dont get the exercise I get if I take my bike. !!!
I would create more safe and family friendly playgrounds and parks. With picnic places and fountains.
Wild flowers learoyd Rd
Bournemouth Square/Gervis Place town centre area - very sterile and terrible air pollution ! Use green walls and combination street furniture/planters eg benches within planters or signposts as living structures . Use native hedging as a way to separate areas and/or edge roads.

Meyrick park is a great link to the town centre and it doesn't feel loved. It could be a very special place, with good amenities, with some care and attention.
Jesmond Wood, Jesmond Avenue, Highcliffe. Buy it back from private ownership and make it a wildlife haven for the whole community to be proud of.
Kings Park. I'd make it safer for walkers and cyclists. More dog poo bins to encourage owners to pick up after themselves. Better lighting on the route from Ashley road towards the hospital to make it safe to use in the dark.
Iford playing field should be more natural with more vegetation and wildlife
Winton recreation ground Return it to use as a sports ground and make it useful to people other than dog-owners.
Beaches- Dogs on leads only, clearly designated cycle/scooter paths i.e. efforts to improve safety and experience of walkers
Queens park. Removal of golf greens, plus benches, a decent cafe to make all the citizens of this town welcome
n/a
More emphasis on cemeteries as vital open spaces
Longham Lakes - improve awareness and, correspondingly, multiply opportunities for good and safe access by the public.
Holes bay- we have been working to clean it but the litter and plastic pollution present in the natural landscape is shocking. I would add a beach cleaning bin there, and help the local volunteers who give up their time to sort it out. I would also leave the natural landscapes and not concrete them over for building flats. We live in such a lovely area and it will ruin it. Also please introduce more recycling bins (particularly in Ashley cross green!)
Get rid of golf in Queens Park. It was much better used by more people during lockdown when there was no golf and people felt safe to use it without flying golf balls.
moordown recreation ground. There is too much tarmac. Keep the football/basketball area but make the rest of the park greener and more natural. help the bowling club to do up at least one set of tennis courts to hire cheaply to locals.
More cycling opportunities around Christchurch

Safer and better cycling / walking access to Poole Park - getting access via municipal roundabout side and from Longfleet Road feels unsafe.

Lovely open parks and spaces in bcp. Would like to see more enclosed dog exercise areas. 1 at Slades farm, 1 at SANG in canford, 1 at upton Country Park. More would be great.

Queens Park, from which golf should be removed and the park returned to a fully accessible public park, as was always intended. During lockdown, the extent of the public use of the park without the danger from golf was plain to see: hundreds of people made use of the spaces to play as families, walk and play with their dogs, play games, have picnics or just sit in groups to chat. BCP is over-provided with golf courses. At QP, there are so many opportunities to develop and expand the cafe and outdoor play areas, but also expanding into the woodlands for nature trails or tree-top walks, which could make use of the wide views from its elevated position. There are small surviving areas of heathland, which have all but been destroyed in the BCP area, and opportunities exist here to restore heathland areas for public enjoyment and learning.

Wilkinson drive Cheshire drive don't spoil it by building flats and houses. It's valuable and well used green space

Lower gardens - reduce the commercial activities

It would be nice for Kings Park to have some more wild spaces, like natural meadows. I am aware there can be ASB around the area, so perhaps something that can be protected/difficult to damage.

The rivers - park or walking path all the way from Christchurch harbour along the river i.e. public access from the BMX track to iford bridge to under the a338 and all the way to wimbourne

Townsend Park. Regenerate the park, play park and skate park. More bins and dog bins. Wildflower planting.

The Overcliff east of Bournemouth pier: allocate a cycling track/lane in good view of the sea. Probably allow cycling there only out of peak season (same restriction as between the piers).

Poole Park - I would plant a significant number of trees specifically cherry blossom to increase the biodiversity of the area but enable people to still make use of the space. The cherry blossom would create a blanket of colour in the spring and be a real attraction to the local area bringing in revenue from tourism.

Iford playing fields, needs closing off to dogs (plenty of space round the river walks) to stop them fouling the areas that should be available for sports.

Not changing but making it easier to find the green spaces eg an app with walk ideas

Christchurch recreation ground. It's all grass and a few planters. Let's get wildflowers growing and more trees planted

All verges by roads should be more wild with wild flowers and grass growing long. More forest school places with sessions for children and their families.

Westbourne- it's very urban and would be fit from trees lining the high street

I would like to see facilities in Hamworthy Park renewed when broken. Toilets updated and kept in decent condition. They are so small I would have thought our larger residents would not be able to access them. The men's toilet has been out of order for a while with incorrect number on the door to ask about it!

Horseshoe Common. Make it a wildflower area and plant more trees. Make it safer for the public, especially at night.

Turlin Moor recreation ground should be saved for the community and NOT built on. It would be better to have a good play area and a community garden. It has been a lifesaver for locals during the pandemic. The area neighbours the Lytchett Bay nature reserve and SSSI as well as Blandford Road. Surely a natural space for the community is much better than a development in an area that regularly floods, experiences traffic issues and is connected to a beautiful, hidden, and valuable natural space.

Branksome rec needs a lot more trees

The area around parkstone heights, sea view and constitution hill is a waste of potential. Not sure of the viability as I'm not an urban planner, but the view there is incredible. There's already a lot of public green land, but most of it is inaccessible bramble or a big boggy field. Imagine a large park, admittedly with a main road through the middle, but with little pockets of play parks and picnic areas and stuff.

Iford bridge area, loads of potential for families and exercising but not used to full potential

Add more protection to existing Nature Reserves to prevent disturbance from people and dogs. Apply pressure on Natural England to change their approach to SANG usage being a free for all and them putting no value on the existing environment in those locations.

Meyrick park - the footpath round the golf course could do with the laurel and rhododendron clearing to make it more open and appealing to walk round. Those plants support very little diversity and could be replaced with something else! More obvious way markers as well

Improve the flooding of pavements and grass areas in poole Park when it rains.

Support Kinson common. Needs better upkeep and bring back the animals. Make the paths easier to negotiate and have a nap.

Kings park, upgraded play facilities by nursery and public toilets

It would be great to see a change of management of Boscombe and Southbourne Overcliff. It receives a lot of footfall, the vegetation in many places is worn to the soil now. It is a lovely place to walk but the steep undulations of the path make access difficult in some places. It would make a lovely leisure route to cycle if a path could be added, perhaps at the road side, which would reduce conflict on the prom. It would be great if a cycle path could be added, some clearly marked areas were repaved and landscaped to create an accessible clifftop path that could be used by wheelchairs, which can struggle with steep gradients, and if the vegetation could be protected to prevent further degradation. The mini golf area also very much needs renewal.

By using more technology that use of solar energy. Lighting for instance. All the spaces mention in the survey could use solar lighting which would help the council with the net zero comment but save thousands not only in energy costs but civil engineering and electrical installation and the dreaded red tape and permits that surrounds projects.
Check out my webpage www.lightandtouch.co.uk and click on the solar lighting link.

I would make Poole Park safer to walk through. Bicycles, runners and cars are not great for everyone's relaxation and enjoyment of watching the geese or walking the dog.
Also, I would ensure no herbicides or pesticides were used in the BCP area because they are poisonous to us, to our wildlife, our pets and the sea, rivers....
Everything.

More park rangers in Bournemouth Gardens to help reduce anti social behaviour and to increase community engagement with caring for our open spaces.

In Birmingham we used to use bowls huts as inclusive play spsces. The hedged, flat area meant children in wheelchairs and children with Autism (some have a tendency to run away) could play safely in an enclosed, wheel-friendly natural area. The indoor spaces, often with accessible toilets allowed children with limited circulation could keep warm and have medicines administeted in private so thry could spend the whole day playing outdoors. I am sure there are some under used bowls huts in BCP crying out for more activity. Big Blue Play is raising the profile of play in BCP. Play is NOT sport. Play should be given it's own agenda within parks and green spaces.

I've heard rumours of making Queen's Park golf course a country park instead and love this idea. There's too many golf spaces anyway! Would also love to see a space like the empty Marks and Spencer's in town become an indoor garden. We need more to do in wet weather anyway.

I would change Canford Sang more places to seat and watch the wildlife. Make sure dogs on leads and people pick up their mess

Poole park. Please stop through traffic at all times. I was knocked off my bike last week due to an impatient driver.

More wildflowers everywhere!

The space where the Poole power station was. I would re wild it and grow an edible forest.

Golf courses should be closed Sunday afternoons and made available for families to use

Muscliff park; I would re instate some football pitches for the families living in the area.

Stop using Poole Park as a rat run

Branksome Woods South which could be beautiful & attractive if brambles, etc cleared, stream cleared of debris, rare shrubs & trees cared for

Close Keyhole Bridge, Poole, to traffic.

Verges. Let them be wild. And make safe corridors for wildlife between patches of wildness

Sandbanks. I think some of that area needs to go back to how it was. It's being taken over by cars, roads, hotels and massive houses. Worst thing the council did was allow all that land to be built on without some of it being left for protected nature reserve. Poole harbour. It's been left to deteriorate. I don't think fishing should be allowed within the harbour unless it's line fishing.

Poole park
As it closer
Buy
Add sensory mindfulness
Add football
Music dance
Sand pits
Bubbles stop
Add small farm
Again
Add Peter Rabbit
Add the grufflo
And Pepe pig George
And hundred arch woods

More loop walks will things for children to look for, fairy doors, flowers, even little wooden bees to promote the importance of bees

Have more dedicated dog walking areas to protect heathland during ground nesting season

Take better care of Bure Homage Lane woods.

Poole town centre -introduce green planting
Keyhole bridge in Poole Park remove motorised vehicle access to make safer access to the green space around it

Wick Fields and Tuckton. Let more of the grassed areas revert to wildflower meadows or create them. It was tried in Tucton several years ago but was cut down by the council when people with hay fever complained. PLEASE make some wildflower meadows in Wick Fields. Let it grow wild and save BCP money by not having to cut the grass. Wildlife will thrive there.

Branksome rec: sort out some drainage so the paths stay dry

Increase lightning through Bournemouth gardens right from the top

Queens Park, take it back to nature with no or limited golf

Setley Park put a little cabin/kiosk there for a little coffee stop/cafe. lots of walkers cut through there down to Throop and dog walkers.

Often the green spaces do not continue on for example Talbot heath by harvester, we have to go through the estate and the road to continue on over the road to the other side by the pond (Bourne valley?)

Space around farwell road. The nature reserve behind the houses could be used. The play areas cleaned up and more wild flowers everywhere please

I'd keep the large green areas in the conurbation. One example is turning moor recreation ground & the plans to build houses on half of it! It is ridiculous, there are a couple of very large brown field sites which should be built on first. The ground regularly floods & provides three football pitches. It is the only outside space for sports for the residents of turlin moor estate & north Hamworthy. These large open green spaces should be kept for residents & wildlife. The power station site & general quay redevelopment should take place first before a park is taken away

Gardens on Spencer road, make it more family/community friendly to put off local street drug users and homeless people from living/using drugs and defacating in bushes! Increase street lights in area!

Park/playground by Uppleby road could do more with landscaping and natural (wood, rocks, grasses corridors) playarea. There are lots of trees and green space, but it looks rather empty

King park, it's such a great space but could be utilised so much more by adding a pond, attracting wildlife, landscaped garden to sit in, exercise equipment.

Save the community garden on the clifftop by southbourne crossroads!

Stop traffic using keyhole bridge to make safer walking route into and out of park.

I would change Queens Park golf course into a green space for all to use, there are other golf courses nearby for golfers. When the golf course was closed to golfers over lock down the space was used and enjoyed by lots of residents and makes an excellent area for exercise, recreation and social gatherings.

Hamworthy Park - more wildlife areas

The Boscombe pedestrian area could have small trees planted within that actual space. Also the new road layout, from century way towards Boscombe crescent, is very confusing and in my opinion (and other people I've spoken to) feel that it's unsafe.

There's not a lot I would change. The only thing I would like to see if children's play parks cleaned up....some that I attend on the West Howe estate/Kinson are disgusting and need tidying up/repainting and cleaning.

The space in between Wilkinson Drive and Cheshire Drive should not be developed on but rather be used for wild flowers etc. This is a nice open space in between 2 blocks of flats where children enjoy playing during good weather and is used as a walk through for dog walkers, so it would be nice to this area used for wild life and wild flowers. We do get a lot of foxes, bats, various birds, ducks, deer etc which is lovely to see and would be shame for that to be disrupted.

I'd identify and 'wild' brownfield sites

Both the Noisy Lobster at Avon beach and The Cliffhanger at Highcliffe are grabbing more and more public space and telling people to move from the promenade or grass area as they are using it. I appreciate some picnic benches are ok, but their entitled attitude must stop.

Just a general comment for open spaces, where possible can consideration be given to making gravel paths of something easier for wheelchairs and rollators as it is difficult to push them where the gravel is deep - just keep getting stuck in them! Also, Is it possible to put up a notice on the car park at the Canford SANG as I believe there is disabled access to get down to the river path but not managed to get there yet!
Many thanks!

Wasteland opposite Portman Hotel on Ashley road, Boscombe. Turn into grass, nature area with benches, nature trails.

Blake Hill Viewpoint. Enforce the existing no cycling restriction. Take action to remove the cycle tracks and jumps that have been constructed and protect the area against future misuse

Alexandra Park. Turn the old bowling green and clubhouse into a community garden and center for cooking what's grown and running classes for the community and local schools.

Make them more welcoming and safe for all users, including cyclists - after all every cycle is another car off the road and another pair of eyes to keep users safe and prevent anti-social behaviour.

You need to keep the bowling greens- such a vital socialising space for older people.

Kings Park. A few more tarmac paths, a bit more interesting planting to provide interest for people and nature. At the moment, it's playing fields, brambles, gorse, a few trees. How about wild flowers, bulbs, berry rich shrubs...?

Tuckers Field. Revitalise natural play equipment and create nature learning space

Stop BCP building on the open space between Cheshire and Wilkinson Drive. Taking away the only play area and building 12 more dwellings which will possibly mean 27 more children in the area with no green space to play on!

lower gardens more native plants and wildflowers instead of grass, better management of river to encourage wildlife

Branksome Recreation Ground - sort out the drainage so the whole path around it is accessible for all, including pushchairs and wheelchairs

I would not change the space but feel we need to ensure people are more respectful, particularly of the beach, don't leave litter, cycle along prom fast, have tents pitched up on the beach so that it can be enjoyed by all

Stour Valley - I would restrict access to one side of the river only at any one time, so that one river bank is always able to be wildlife-friendly. All green spaces within the conurbation should require dogs to be on leads, unless in a dog-training area.
Highmoor Farm - stop it being built on. Stop building on any green space.

I live near the playground and green area near bradpole road, it feels very tired and unloved

It would be great for the community of the area to have an refurbished park and ways help the wildlife grow

Make sure all that all along rivers and quays there are squares with trees for community and holidaymakers to relax and have a litter-free drink.

I would like to have selected all the options in Q 1 - they all matter to different types of people. My one change would be to stop giving such a high priority to dog walkers. More enforced restrictions on dogs off lead are needed. When you have small children dogs become a risk and a nuisance.

Baiter/Whitecliff - provide better permanent catering facilities, improve cycle lanes & footpaths, better lighting (solar), develop the pond/lake at Baiter to attract more wildlife, increase car parking and make more affordable.

Adding more useable outdoor spaces anywhere seems like a great idea to me!

Kings park has a lot of antisocial behaviour and people have been threatened or robbed which as a single female puts me off going. It's OK spending money on all these projects but if people don't feel safe going it won't be used. More toilets would be good too. Bring back park wardens.

There is a grass area behind the houses opposite me Jephcote/Poole Lane (behind houses) not used just mowed put trees on it

Barrack Road Rec, Christchurch. Iford Rec Underutilised space that is currently used as a giant dog toilet. Lots of opportunity as access to the river, skatepark and walks.

I would protect the ones we do have from development.

Bourne Valley Greenway, provides a good walkway from Poole Crematorium to Bournemouth, via Canford Heath. However, the trail markers are not always clear or there at all. An information sheet and/or board showing some history and public transport links would be useful.

Start by making Poole Park only accessible for those on foot or bicycles, not cars. However there should be access at one end to the car park by the The Kitchen Cafe for those with blue badge disabled parking permits. BCP make too many allowances and actively encourage car usage at the moment which leads to unsafe roads for cycling and walking which are greener modes of transport.

Stour Valley Nature reserve has become too commercialised, lots of rubbish in summer, dogs attacking wildlife, loud yoga on site. Lost nature focus

I would stop doing yoga and fitness classes in nature reserves such as stour valley nature reserve as it disturbs wildlife. Outdoor yoga and boot camps etc is fine but it should be done in recreational parks such as muscliff park or redhill.

Stop vehicles driving through the little bridge in Poole park

Maybe more events in Poole park and improvements of green parks in Poole, like Oakdale park

Waterman's park. I would link it so you could walk through to the wooded cut through near the bypass and walk into mudford wood

Baiter Park into a sculpture park

Provide more dog bins within open spaces and in residential areas

I'd personally stop building huge developments on beautiful Greenland. It's ruining Dorset

Slades Farm: soften the site around the edges creating more wild space for nature.

Change land at Highcliffe road, Honeysuckle Way , Saffron Drive into a community orchard.

Baiter Park - A section for dog walkers and a similar set up to Hamworthy Park with a free waster space for children to play in.

Stop cars driving through Poole Park (as done previously in Meyrick Park and Kings Park). Why would you allow drivers to use our lovely park simply to avoid the main road?! Genuinely bewildered by this situation.

Making it more disable friendly , stop herding people to one area

more access for pedestrians and if bikes/scooters allowed much stronger enforcement of speed restrictions

In general more access for people with mobiliy issues, better toilet facilities for that group, quiet spaces for those with sensory issues.

There is a lovely big park on the verity side of canford heath. It could easily have an enclosed dog park. Safe enclosed parks for off lead dogs would be a good idea for All!

Baiter park. Most people use the paths so could use more of the empty space for wildlife.
Also the Branksome chine end of the woodland path that runs from penn hill. The woods are lovely but the river area is a bit barren at the Branksome end. It could be much more of a wildlife area.

I would change Redhill park or fiord playing fields to either offer more as a park for example installing a rounders pitch/drawing lines on the grass to create playing fields or ideally, develop it into into a meadow/rewinding it for the wildlife. Just a space of cropped grass is less beneficial for both people and wildlife.

More wild verges, wildflower areas, connecting gaps in footpath/bridleways, link up with other land owners to work together, learn from other areas, use in BCP comms, engage the school's and local communities, involve social prescribing, volunteering opportunities.

Kings Park - the playground near Kings Park Nursery /Avonwood School.
I would love the area next to the playground to have some adventurous play area of a more natural look.

we need to have a discussion around golf generally - what %age does this amount to? what is the person/ha rate of use? what is the intensity of maintenance, including chemical and water use?, is there any jsutification for golf courses on puiblic land, especially where access and other uses are restricted - these often occupy space that would be better used as green corridors to connect other wild spaces and can't be developed because they are in floodplains or sit on contaminated land. Golf is recreation for the few.

More and better things for children in kings park. Not just playgrounds, things like a pond that provide habitat for nature.

Shelley Park, Boscombe: improving area for wildlife including greater variety of native woodland plants, wildflower meadow and pond.

Have a large dog agility area at Whitecliff/Baiter

We need to urgently create areas that aren't necessarily neat but they are contained in a way that is attractive. Nature does not do neat, but it can be done in a way that softens and is attractive to the eye. One of the most important changes that needs to happen is changing the way we mow road verges. Over and above the obvious need for safety and sightlines, if we can reduce the number of times it is cropped and if it could be cut higher, this would enable the verges to be used as a wildlife corridor for insects, and therefore birds.

We need to change the way public land is used for golf courses. I live near Meyrick Park golf course and during the first lockdown walked there every day - I have a personal passion for nature so I noticed how much wildlife was present when the golf course wasn't being used by golfers. Seeing the area go to long grass was wonderful and as I'm a botanist, this gave me chance to record the plant species I found there.

Link up hengistbury head via, wick, along the stour via new bridges to the airport, creating a cycle path and green corridor all the way across. Would be a bit like the cycle route between Padstow and Bobmin.
Then do similar up to Ringwood and other places. Creates a corridor for nature and allows for clean access

Remove the fences around Millhams Mead, they were put up only last year and the remaining paths are mud and waterlogged in wet weather. A big problem to all who use it regularly and the top grass meadow with its interesting wild flowers and insect life is now out of bounds to all. This is unacceptable

Refurbish Baiter skate park as it is in a state of disrepair.

put barriers up to stop caravans accessing public parks. specifically Poole Park but all should be done. barriers similar to the ones at Pelhams would work.

Poole Park or Whitecliff park- they are both so big they could easily have far more trees & wild flower areas & still leave plenty of grassy areas for picnics & playing.

Areas that are unnecessary and change it to green areas or should have more plants in the urban area

Poole Park add bandstand to bring people together

Mrs hanging baskets in towns to attract bees

Branksome recreation ground - it is the main green space for the highly populated area of Parkstone but it is completely dominated by football. There is no places of interest within it although it is much treasured by the local community. I would like to see a community orchard for example or somehow re-jig the cafe in the centre so that it can open up into the greenspace rather than the car park. The paths are straight and would benefit from maybe meandering through the space, with trees - instead, everything is just around the football pitches.

I would encourage more tree growth in available space. Places with mature trees could be boosted with extra trees.

I am unsure of the locations of all the open spaces within the BCP area. It would be helpful to provide a map and other imagery to help to understand the different locations and their needs and potential.

Keep Scott's hill lane play park

Monkey island at the East Cliff - Erect some simple stock proof fencing around the grassed area beyond the gravel car park to form an area suitable for off lead dog exercise this could be done very cheaply and left semi wild, during the summer months the Boscombe and East Cliff areas would really benefit from somewhere to safely exercise dogs off lead as the can't go on the beach, it might help stop so many people exercising them in Boscombe Chine gardens

I would have a pond at kings Park, as well as a fenced dog park!

Stop cycling within Bournemouth Square area. It is a dangerous area to walk now that cycling is allowed.

Poole Park, no cyclists and no dogs.

Knyveton Gardens. Make use of the unused bowling green. It would make a great playground for older children. Or if you don't like that idea how about a croquet lawn.

Myrick park. Turn the golf course into space for everyone

Redhill Park. More amenities such as replacement of the Bowling Green. Also, the grading of the grass area to make it more level for games etc

Smoothing asphalt in parks eg, meyrick park to allow non-motor transport that's not just bikes, smoothing asphalt makes things like electric longboards and scooters much more viable

Please keep the grass on fields cut regularly for example Jumpers playing fields by river.

Stop the development of the land behind Lymington Road Highcliffe land formerly owned by Doret CC then given to Christchurch Council then sold for next to nothing to developers who now wish to rip out all the trees and build.

Poole park to become more toddler friendly. At the moment it's only older kid friendly.

The parks in upper parkstone are tired and need work.

The park at Sandbanks beach is dangerous. Lots of large rocks.

Areas like Poole park are great spaces but need some areas for designated rewilding. Wild flowers must be planted in all available space to help our very nature depleted areas

More hedgerows

The Harbourside parks, Poole Park and the whole of Whitecliff Recreation ground should be for pedestrians only

Paved Cycle routes and bridges in stour valley to make travel by bike easier

Just wish there were more wheelchair accessible paths and spaces that can be accessed all year round and decent toilet facilities.

Before deeming a place as accessible do a walk through with various types of wheelchair users.

stour valley way make it dog free to prevent disturbing wildlife and problem with dog mess, prevent parties gathering there littering, mess, noise etc. it has a superb diverse array of birds but is not at all protected. make more of the open grounds there not just dog toileting areas.

I would widen the wild space on either side of the Stour Valley by removing all golf courses that are adjacent to it, stop RDAA from stopping public access to large sections and make the entire BCP section of the Stour Valley a public accessible nature reserve.

Walking along the River at Muscliff. Sections of path are regularly flooded and become so muddy that they are impassable during the winter months. Don't mind the flooding but could the paths be improved to prevent the swampy quagmires? With particular reference to areas around the Cherry Tree Nursery section of the river heading towards the Kingfisher Barn.

Baiter/whitecliff. More facilities there to encourage more visitors to use the space

Queens Park - create an area where walkers can enjoy the park without having to worry about stay golf balls

Castle Lane / East Way playing fields so that all can access not just local schools. To have toilet facilities as following the recent lockdown this area was used 7 days a week and over many daylight hours. Allow the copse to remain as it is; wild life badgers; foxes; birds etc all live in harmony alongside the public lets continue to allow this open space and woodland for all to benefit from.

The Wallisdown playing fields next to Talbot Primary School feel quite barren, they are not a very welcoming space and it feels they are underused apart from when the Uni are using them. The design could be developed to make them more welcoming to people who are less likely to use open field space, I feel very much on display if I walk across them and I know there are ways of designing open space to encourage women and girls to actively use these spaces, for example.

It would be nice to add more points of interest; maybe a sensory garden walkway around the edge, and more secluded areas around the edges for people to sit and spend time. The child's play area could definitely be developed - maybe blurring the boundary between a formal playpark and engaging with more natural play. I think Winton Rec provides a good example where the bowling green was reclaimed. There also needs to be better disabled access providing more meaningful engagement with the green space - not just sitting on a bench at the edge.

I wouldn't necessarily change ones already in place apart from to allow greater protections of wildlife, but I would strongly wish to see existing WILD (no public access) spaces protected, so that wildlife can flourish without human impact. Humans can be very detrimental to nature in many ways. As witnessed in the nature reserves and SANGs which have to be temporarily closed at times to prevent human vs wildlife interactions. This is sad and to protect green spaces and wildlife, we need to leave it alone. People are not automatically entitled to these spaces. True conservationists understand that nature does not require interference. Please listen before we lose the few true natural spaces we have left. Many thanks.

Replace Holm oaks with native trees in many green spaces and corridors to improve habitat for wildlife

Add more to Bournemouth lower gardens to entertain people

Plant more trees in Kings Park

I would put more bins in green spaces. There's so much litter on Upton Heath and down holes bay

Remove and/or heavily restrict motor traffic. E.g. Poole Park stop rat running.

Iford playing fields. Kids play Park and cafe is needed!

On the far end of Slades Farm near the allotments to create a pond and wild style reserve

Beaches - use the space! Enable people to move freely and safely I.e. be able to ride a bike while people are walking and enjoying the space. Most importantly, use the space for hospitality. Would be great to enjoy different hospitality establishments instead of just being able to sit or walk.

The green areas around housing in the lower Poole town area should be cleared up and made more welcoming.

Can't make up my mind.

Moore Avenue Community Park. much more support for this Park, and the Wildlife garden volunteers have created

Not change but repair promenade and stop erosion at eastern end of Hamworthy Park [should be in hand but no news yet]

Implement grass and trees along roadways, turn roadways close to centre (i.e Richmond Hill) into shared spaces, etc

Reopen the paddling pool at Hamworthy park. Many public unsupervised outdoor pools across the country are now open, why are the ones not in BcP

Make more park spaces like lower and upper gardens.

I have two large dogs and the dog washes at sandbanks and moors valley are invaluable in my opinion!

The seafront promenade. Restrict the use of bicycles and scooters in favour of pedestrians.

Kings Park - At the moment dogs and dogs walkers have the run of the whole park. I would allocate part of the park to be dog free meaning families can have picnics without fear of stepping in dog poo or being harassed by dogs. I would also make sure all sports pitches are dog free zones so people are not exercising in dog poo. I would add more dog poo bins in too and increase fines for dog fouling. I would also like to see a larger green play area for children and a community cafe.

Create an enclosed dog park at Littledown. More picnic areas and planting.

Littledown park and Kings Park are bland and lacking beauty. They need rewilding alongside flowers, woodland pathways and updated playgrounds. Make them a stunning feature of the town. I would also like to see a return of Bournemouth in bloom with stunning roundabouts and displays along the Wessex Way to welcome all to beautiful Bournemouth.

Queens Park, remove the golfers and make it a lovely park.

Pine road park - a substantial space in an urban area with lots of potential. Space for children to play and an area for rewilding. With 3 primary schools close by (St Luke's, St Walburga's, Queen's Park Academy) there are lots of families that frequent the area. The new play equipment that has been installed recently had been a huge hit, however a real overhaul is needed - the likes seen at Poole Park would be ideal. Even the new mud kitchens like the ones at Winton rec would be a welcome addition. There is grass outside the park (perfect for a small wildflower meadow) and there are wooded areas surrounding that could be cultivated.

Poole Park - maintained for wildlife less mowing, more flowers for pollinators

Turbary common. Make all paths wheelchair friendly.

Poole park - stop all through traffic - more green toilet facilities.

Whitecliff/baiter - separate walkers & cycles.

Poole Quay - stop all through traffic.

Poole high street - green area with park & seating areas.

We need more 3G/4G pitches for grassroots football, Kings Park would be an ideal location due to its closeness to AFCB

Public grassland and flowerbeds amongst housing and by roadsides which are mown and trimmed by BCP: instead of mowing (or scalping into awful looking mown grassy areas) and clipping every shrub and small tree (no matter how inappropriate for certain shrubs etc.) into hedges at unsuitable times for any wildlife, manage properly as meadows and wildlife habitats, which will also be much more attractive to people.

Kings park - have a more natural play park with an outdoor cafe

Maypole Square in Poole Old Town is in desperate need of some love.

Remove some high rise flats. Those that are left need to be green and Biophilic. Plant trees along roadways instead of building cycle lanes. Allow cars more freedom to park close to green areas, and plant those areas with trees to mitigate.

I would add more trees, hedgerows, and wildflowers along our streets. This will help offset emissions from vehicles, absorb noise pollution, encourage wildlife, and make walking and cycling on our streets more pleasurable.

Mow grass areas more often as the pollen adversely affects my hayfever and asthma

Wild flower planting in Kings Park

Talbot heath / Branksome heath - make a walking/cycling corridor between Coy Pond - East Avenue - Boundary roundabout. Open up unused fields along this route for walking, wildlife, wildflowers, natural space.

The recreational areas in Merley.

These were lovely open spaces where the grass was cut regularly. People able to walk there dogs without the worry of tics, somewhere for us to kick a ball with our young grandchildren. The residents in our close would have an afternoon get together on the green some weekends.

But now the grass is uncut and unkempt and in effect out of bounds to the residents !

By all means leave some verges and grass areas uncut but use some discretion, don't take away our open spaces.

In Oakdale park I would stop allowing grass and weeds around the edges. It serves no useful purpose and dogs choose to foul in these areas and it is very difficult to clean up. This is a poorly thought out idea and has great risks for young children.

Developments such as Steamer Point should be banned

A small group of us & our dogs got together yesterday early evening at Dorchester Gardens, Oakdale, Poole Park (it is an urban park for public amenity and recreation use & not a nature reserve!) as it was Alfie (the Boxer) 2nd birthday.

Little known fact. The last I heard was Oakdale Ward has the least green public amenity (Urban Park) space in Poole.

Unfortunately it is now increasingly difficult to throw a ball or find and pick it or your dogs poo or use the urban park! as an urban park! as the grass in the URBAN PARK! (Look up the definition it is not a nature reserve!) is now higher than some of the dogs! Its not useable for kids or others for amenity and increasingly not safe due to all the debris, trip hazards, mess & holes hidden by the grass etc.

Come on BCP Council. A new Conservative Administration make a clear and better difference for all to see.

Have all the Urban Parks grass cut regularly & not a no mow May or whatever other cost cutting excuse there is. It is a vote winner if that helps!

The Urban Parks can then be used as have been historically been and as intended namely for public amenity & recreation before they become environmental hazard no go zones.

Better lighting at King's Park for safety over winter

Restrict use of artificial grass

Carpark & old IMAX site: Make it green.

I live close to Cranleigh playpark. This is the local park for Stourfield Infants and Juniors schools which are 4 form entry and the footfall in the park is very large. I would love to see this area rejuvenated to encourage children, families and the community to be active and social together. Improvements would have a positive effect on children's physical activity levels and encourage them to look after an area that they are proud of.

Poole Park: remove through traffic and create protected cycle routes to it. Bring back the train. Group activities for adults and teenagers like yoga.

Hengistbury Head and Mudeford Spit.
Further limit vehicular traffic in the area and not promote social gatherings which overwhelm the support infrastructure and natural environment currently available

Cranleigh road park, needs freshing up maybe a wildflower area

I am happy with green spaces as they are

Improvements to Cranleigh park- this is a quite busy park due to being near to a primary/junior school. Will benefit from extra climbing frames and playground activities

Playgrounds and Parks. Mow the grass! We can't pick up the dog poo, the grass is so long..

The ribbon of land/ditch/stream between Whitelegge Way & Wimborne Road. Widen the foot/jogging path/cycle/scooter lane, clear & deter litter & flytipped rubbish. Litter bins needed beside every bus stop along that stretch.

Sangs is not acceptable that you cannot get into it with a class three mobility scooter and please don't tell me you can you can't I've tried it disgraceful

The playground at Hewitt Road, Hamworthy. It should be mowed regularly so that the children can play on it and families can sit and have a picnic. At the moment it is a mess having been only half cut.

The area opposite Bournemouth university by the roundabout would make a nicer walk without the waste area that dips down and is unused. It could also link the walks from Slades Farm to the university as another route through the trees coming out on the roundabout.

Highmoor Farm - I would protect it from development for ever, allowing it to continue as a vital green space where wildlife can forage and residents can enjoy views of grazing cattle, horses and sheep

I would stop putting more and more cycle tracks and proposals for making dedicated cycle lanes at Whitecliff. Please leave it alone and stop messing around with it!

The cluttered and untidy Pier approach. Cluttered with after-though apology for planting ('palm tree' in a pot) umpteen unsightly wheeled bins end temporary attractions (a bouncy castle and a 'Red Arrows' ride') and a vast area of hard uninviting grey concrete paving. All very 'down market'. How about a green area (lawn or proper planting) with some seating in an area free from having to doge cyclists. Get rid of the clutter and cheap entertainment.

Cranleigh Park

To any outdoor space, I would add disability access and facilities. At the moment taking my son on a wheelchair to a park is very limited.

I would build an enormous sea fed lido like the one at Brixham, somewhere on our coast

Remove the golf from Queens Park to be able to use it more inclusively. Id have picnic benches and nature trails

I like it when dogs are kept separate like at Upton county park away from the general public.

Meyrick park should be tidied and drug paraphernalia removed and drug users and anti social behaviour and drinking should be cracked down on.

Cranleigh road park

White Cliff and baiter, is just a massive grass monoculture.

Nea meadows. Maintain ponds and surrounding areas including paths

I would close the golf course in Queen's Park and open the Park up, with wild spaces, paths and link it to King's Park.

The Square should be grassed over

In any open space there should be designated areas for dogs to run and anywhere else they should be on a lead.

All green spaces need better accessibility for disabled. Not converted paths but definitely more level access. Flat walkways to access parks and also more wild areas and also the beaches.

I would make the Cranleigh park in Southbourne more like the rookery.

The new parking arrangements at the town-end of Poole Park. The new bays have expensively removed many parking places, and force people to walk further to use the toilets.

Christchurch recreation ground - always felt the sports pitches here are underused. Should be landscape and made into a wild meadow for people to socialise and picnic. Some art would be beneficial too.
Boscombe Crescent - it just needs to be more visually appealing
Branksome Rec create ponds and wildlife habitat rather than try's my to tame the water already there
The play area near stourfield school is used by so many families but is overdue development. Other spaces, Seafield gardens and the beach playground by cafe riva, have been improved, but the playground next to the school has not. The slide and zip wire is inappropriate for young children and the floor mostly concrete.
The River Way side of the river where the golf course is should have better public access for dog walking and cycling as it was so popular and well used by locals in lockdown. Better green space connections between St Catherine's Hill and this area and well as other green spaces.
I wouldn't change any. I love them all. I'd just make more
Cranleigh Park. This large space is used by school children everyday but looks so unloved and the space itself is under utilised. Extra play equipment and general garden maintenance would be wonderful.
The park behind stourfield school and allotments. There is so much space at the back that could be used as a nature garden for local schools and families. Bring the community together
I would re designate the land North Of Merley back to GREEN BELT as it should never have been removed.
Cranleigh play park. This space is widely used by the local community and school children however the equipment is out dated and not suitable for all ages. There is also no equipment for disabled children and there are a number of them in the area.
Update the Cranleigh road play park with new/more equipment for children
Cranleigh park by lingdale road allotments needs to be improved so it is a safe haven for children and families. CCTV to deter drug use and vandalism, maybe some areas for growing food, natural areas to play
Lingdale Park near stourfield schools in Southbourne. It's a lovely large area however there needs to be more equipment there for all of the age groups thst use it regularly.
improve cycle paths through green spaces eg through Queen's park

Branksome recreation ground is a hub of community sport mainly youth football . A 3g pitch and the support of good drainage when flooding occurs in winter would help to support youth football immensely , young people need more sporting infrastructure within bcp

Cranleigh park requires a lot of improvement please. There is often glass and dog mess. It is used by hundreds of children after school and it isn't a friendly park for all ages. The park needs better equipment for children to climb and places to do role play like a wooden boat for example. This park is very behind compared to other parks like Seafield Park. 100's of children would get so much use and joy out of a better park at this location. It's great for them to let off steam after school with their friends. Thank you.

Continue and build on the improvements to Winton Rec

Cranleigh Park - the play park is very dated and needs more up to date play structures, such as more natural wooden climbing frames, a safer slide, more connection between the equipment, more equipment suitable for smaller children. There is an area of bushes/trees to the rear of the park which could be a nice natural play area but is often full of dangerous rubbish.

Create additional green space in the area between the two Poole Bridges; including trees and open areas for outdoor performance; community cafes and spaces to be social.

Employ wardens to encourage appreciation of nature and wildlife, discouraging vandalism and picking flowers or damaging trees. More educational work with children & young people.

Fisherman's walk. I'd make it feel safer at night by better lighting and maintenance of the shrubs around the edge.

More bins and benches at canford magna school

Queen's Park should become a dog friendly family zone with natural recreational facilities. At the moment there are lots of multi use areas such as Queen's Park and Meyrick park but nowhere dedicated for safe family time including dogs (little down is dog free).

Create separate cycling and walking areas in Poole Park and undertake publicity campaigns, similar to that aimed at motorists, to teach cyclists and electric scooter users about giving pedestrians space and not cycling on pavements throughout the three towns.

Introduce a "permit" for dog owners to access people spaces to indicate that they know how to control an animal around adults and children and that they have to clear up after it. Almost every time we go to the park we wash the wheels of our buggy because of the filth.

Not to build on recreation fields to keep open spaces as much as we can
Wild flowers in green space on Longfleet road.
Add a pond or water space to Pocket Park to benefit wildlife. There are some boggy areas which dry out every year so damaging the wildlife such as tadpoles etc
Hamworthy / Upton Park both areas are being denied to members of the public in relation to family games, picnics and otherwise family pleasure, however, a heaven has been created for dog walkers who can now go through the pretence of looking for but not finding the mess their dogs have just made due to the long grass
Re-wild at least 1 of the many council owned golf courses. Stop the development of Highmoor Farm.
Upton House should still be free to park. It was gifted to the people of Poole and therefore be free to visit.
Community garden and/or orchard utilising the unused bowling green space at Redhill park. This would an excellent area for children to also enjoy and learn about the growing process, rôle of insects etc. in an outdoor classroom environment.
Develop more connected cycle and pedestrian routes away from major roads.
whitecliff/baiter park
Poole park .I would turn the poorly run cafe/pottery back into an ice rink to promote the wellbeing of young people/families and senior citizens within a green setting.
As a member of incredible edible I would love to create a food growing area, for everyone to enjoy in my local park, (Springdale Road). I've recently seen that the local school has created a wildlife area.
Horseshoe common, making it safer for people as there are lots of people hanging around this space doing drugs and doesn't feel safe. Make the pond area nicer for people to sit by
I have spent many delightful hours over lockdown, shielding and beyond walking on Talbot Heath. It is a beautiful space supporting an enormous range of species and I would dearly love to see it protected from further inroads chipping away at this special resource.
Whitecliff park : separate the cyclists from the pedestrians by creating a separate cycle path or redefining the path.
Poole Town Centre - falkland square greening and opened up to The George with more greenspace

I would cut the grass on the riverside at Tuckton
Long road park and field. Plenty of open space for families to enjoy. The park needs a revamp and more equipment (currently underway) picnic benches would be an amazing idea and maybe even a splash Park in the large field next to the park!
Just please make all green spaces wheelchair friendly
Winter gardens. More plants with descriptions for inspiration
Kings Park is my local green space, so I'm choosing that! I'd love to see formal gardens make a reappearance. The nursery has wonderful staff and greenhouses, but where are the park's traditional gardens and borders? How do we teach the next generations how to grow fruit, veg, flowers and trees if there aren't examples? When and where are local markets, swaps and competitions? Wouldn't they be great community events! And can we have a cafe/coffee stop near the nursery (coincidentally close to all those local school runs)? I know there's the Pavilion, but it really needs an update to serve its aspirational community.
I would change Boscombe garden I would make some more space for cafe and people to use the park
The area around the new Hamworthy bridge make it into a fun park instead of building more and more houses we in Hamworthy are becoming overcrowded and congested the air quality of our area is getting really bad for our health and well-being.
Put a zebra crossing between fisherman's walk and Southbourne Grove. The road is dangerous for people to travel between but highly used by people. Also resurface fisherman's walk.
Kings Park.
Watermans Park and Somerford estate - add community growing spaces and fruit orchards
The small garden next to Winton Library. It would be lovely for the local community if this were fully open. But it would need to be cleared and made safe before that could happen.

Kings Park is my local park and I feel is often only referred to as the place where the nursery or Vitality stadium is. The car parks around the stadium are poorly managed, litter and dog waste in grit bins and surrounding area not cleared up ever, and general litter or household items are frequently dumped by inconsiderate individuals.

Some tree/undergrowth trimming or pruning leaves a lot to be desired although, noticeably, these areas have shown improvement over the last couple of years. Some cyclists and scooter riders (manual and electric) need to realise that the paths are shared and that they cannot always be heard when approaching pedestrians from behind.

However, I do love what is being done with allowing grasses, etc. to grow and the attempts to establish new planting. The tree clearance in some of the wooded areas has resulted in a lessening of litter dumping. All nice to see.

Perhaps park workers should be allowed/encouraged to be more proactive. I believe a lot of problems get worse when left and can almost disappear if dealt with promptly.

Highcliffe park. Is noisy. Not much seating for elderly residents. No flower beds now or pretty trees. Grass is getting so high its not usable for family picnics and play and certainly not suitable for dog walking exercise as the seeds are bad for dogs eyes and ears and get stuck in their coats. A terrible idea not to maintain local exercise areas including other local lakes.

Highcliffe gets forgotten on all counts. BCP council has certainly made a difference to degrading our area.

Boscombe Chine Gardens. I would sort out the wild pond area which is currently fenced off. And I would sort out and enlarge the 'community garden' area that is neglected. I would make a proper area to grow vegetables.

Cranleigh play park. It is in dire need of upgrading both in terms of safety and better equipment as well as better utilising the actual space there. So many children from the local school use it and it has been forgotten about when you look at the parks in Christchurch, Kings Parks, Mundeford etc

Wild space. Less maintenance to allow natural growth of indigenous species.

I don't have an open space to choose to change but the SSSI space that I would like BCP to protect from the fast-growing destruction from mountain cyclists is St Catherine's Hill in Christchurch. Spending money on creating a strategy for the future of green space whilst there is a greater cost to public safety and wildlife on existing spaces, may not be viewed by many as cost effective

Redhill Park - amazing space with lots for children to do and good cafe but some of the open space could be improved by planting. There are some wild flowers but it's a bit pathetic. I think it could be described as "nature-poor".

Make them safer - stop anti social behaviour and vandalism

Bourne Valley Park/Nature Reserve - it needs a proper path from Milborne Crescent down to the gravel path by the skate park, it needs the gravel path extending to form a loop around the field on the right hand side of the fishing lake, it needs more benches.

Iford meadows/playing field. It is rife with litter, congregation of drinkers, it used to be a tranquil place to walk dogs but now feels unsafe. Rethink dog restrictions on beaches, too few places to walk dogs on beach in summer, whilst I understand reasons we are running out of places to safely walk. Not mowing grass means this time of year allergy sufferers (people and dogs) are made worse in green areas, and as for grass seed, no consideration is given to injuries to dogs from seeds, but little coastline to visit to escape pollen. Either need to rethink wild areas or beach because now you are simply making it too hard to find safe walking. Not helped by explosion of untrained/unsocialised lockdown puppies. Dog walkers generally don't want to encounter children/picnics etc but you are pushing an increasing number of people in to smaller areas. We also tend to walk early or late in hot weather so increasing beach area doesn't really affect too many people. I accept dog mess etc but people who don't pick up also are likely to break no dog rule so you don't win. And people frankly leave worse mess behind- eg 3 used nappies on H Head last weekend.

Old bowling green Redhill. Create a fully accessible water play area to complement the paddling pool. This is a popular play area, the additional amenity would enhance play for all and trade for the cafe. In addition extend the parking in the slip road of the common to reduce congestion from parking on Redhill drive. Also only allow dogs on leads in the cafe seating area as there is ample dog exercise space on the remainder of the common.

Pelham's park- although a small place compared to some it feels very unloved and under-utilised by anyone other than dog walkers. Maybe a community garden or pretty wild flowers added to the section that has been left to grow. Benches that are not broken would be good! The children's play park needs updating with the dirty, often glass filled sand removed and play equipment for pre schoolers that isn't just a slide or swing. Our play parks are not as inclusive for all ages and abilities as other areas.

The site of the old Kinson swimming baths should be fully made into an extension of Kinson common maybe with an information point for the what's to be found where on the common and the history of it.

Stour Valley - get rid of the recent fencing which has resulted in a loss of access and amenity

Turlin Moor top field, not change as such but stop the building of houses on it.
I believe that all our green spaces need to have large areas of re-wilding
Any open/park spaces equipped with well maintained adult exercise equipment to encourage movement, if it was placed near children's parks we can all exercise and watch the children.
Chewton common - more management of the space to prevent growth of weeds and provide better access for visitors
Ensure the Stour Valley way remains unspoilt and accessible to walkers and cyclists from Holdenhurst all the way to West Parley
Cotlands Road Park by the train station, turning it into a nature area. Currently its an eye sore as visitors first enter Bournemouth from the train station and head towards the town/beach. Creating a nature area/park will create an additional space for people to spend outside and would also be beneficial for local wildlife. Including local charity group such as the Grounded Community Gardens / Slades Farm Community garden would be great too!
King's Park seems disjointed the two parts are cut off from one another. The Nursery there is hard to find.
Linking of green spaces potentially golf courses allowing a small portion to rewild or landscaped to stay hydrated.
The green behind Townsend Estate. The play park desperately needs updating.
More community growing spaces in some of the smaller community parks, not specific to one space.
More water features such as rocks in water. Rushing water is calming
cut back on the drive to attract tourists to our coastal areas, and make places like Hengistbury Head cheaper to park
Bournemouth Winter gardens - could be utilised more as an open space as opposed to just being left and run down. Maybe use it for community space or even something more for tourists or young people
I would stop cycling, e scooters etc along the promenade, they travel far too fast and it is no pleasure to walk along the sea front as you are frightened to move in case a bike hurdles passed and hits you, also a danger to dogs and young children.
Poole park find a way to stop cars cutting through the park.
Throop mill use its a a cafe, bike hire, exploration base, visitor centre.

Swings for autistic children my child can't go.on normal.swigs parks should be for everyone x pr a sensory Park separate for children with disabilities x

Currently better management of the beaches to stop overnight camping and associated human waste around beach huts
More frequent grass cutting on boscombe and Southbourne cliff tops. It's dirty and becoming a health concern

Don't know.

Reconnect the remaining elements of the old S&D trackway north-west from Broadstone to Sturminster Marshall to make a new trailway.

Boscombe precinct. Change to bedding and greenery in large proportion to the concrete.

Any derelict space should be rewilded

Plant more trees and flowers in Seafeld Gardens, Southbourne

Ban cars from Poole Park (apart from disabled)

Poole Park - restrict car access.

Turn the field by Baiter carpark that regularly floods into a protected, educational wetlands reserve

improve hamworthy beach

Hengistbury Head.....get rid of the awful plastic polluting train and let people just walk and cycle there.

Keep the druggies and beggars out of the green spaces we have already

Allow forest schools or forest classrooms to be set up in local parks and woods

The Square. (In town). Improve it. Greenery and a fountain perhaps. Move the café nearer to New Look (and change the ownership, nasty place). Break the space up to defer wheels and skateboards.

Open Space - Saffron Drive, Hoburne Farm Estate, Highcliffe
Leaving grass 'uncut' discourages access and recreational use. The leave 'uncut' strategy in Highcliffe of green space and margins to highways discourages 'pride' in the area and counter-productive when endeavouring to give a favourable impression to visitors.

Queens park - Reading nooks, bandstand, wooden carved gazebos, sheltered seating, more wooden benches, wildflower patches,

Keeping the green belt countryside as it is without developing it. Parks should be parks for recreation, countryside such as the Throop area should be left for nature, combating flooding, wildlife etc and not used for recreation.

pokesdown station precinct could be beautiful like Exeter central station

Muscliff Park - would like to see some kind of offleash area for dog training as so many want to train their dogs correctly but without the worry of them running off or for dogs who need exercise but are not dog/people friendly so need some space to enjoy a run.

Queens Park golf course - cease using it for golf and instead let it revert to a more natural state. A large proportion of the planted, non-native pines should be removed to allow the original heathland habitats to re-establish. There is plenty of space to create non-accessible wildlife sanctuary areas and to have grazing animals whilst, at the same time creating a network of walking routes and spaces for informal recreation.

Hatchards field play area needs a serious revamp it's used constantly and it's wrecked and not cared for properly more bins around would be useful and Some benches also would help

Better manage antisocial behaviour in all of our parks.

All sir urban areas should have grass cut regularly