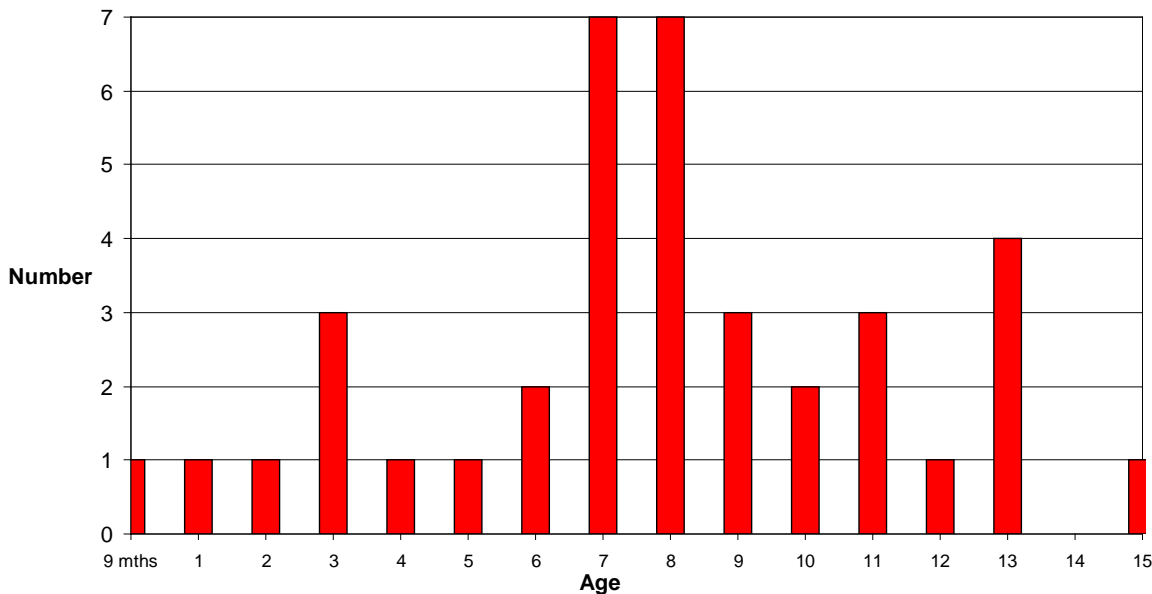


Feedback & Data Play Space Consultation Event (15.12.11)

The event was well attended by a wide cross section of the local community including parents with babies, pre-school children and children aged from 5 to 15, along with grandparents and other interested local residents.



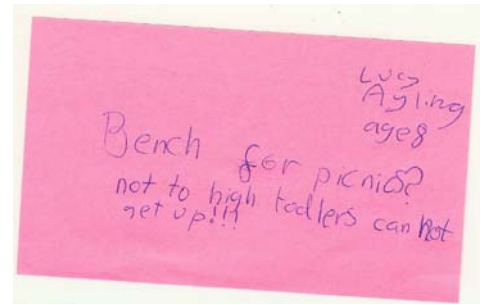
65 adults and children were represented on 31 questionnaires completed at the event. The age (where disclosed) of the adults who attended ranged from 31 to 73. The ages of the children either present or represented are shown in the graph below:



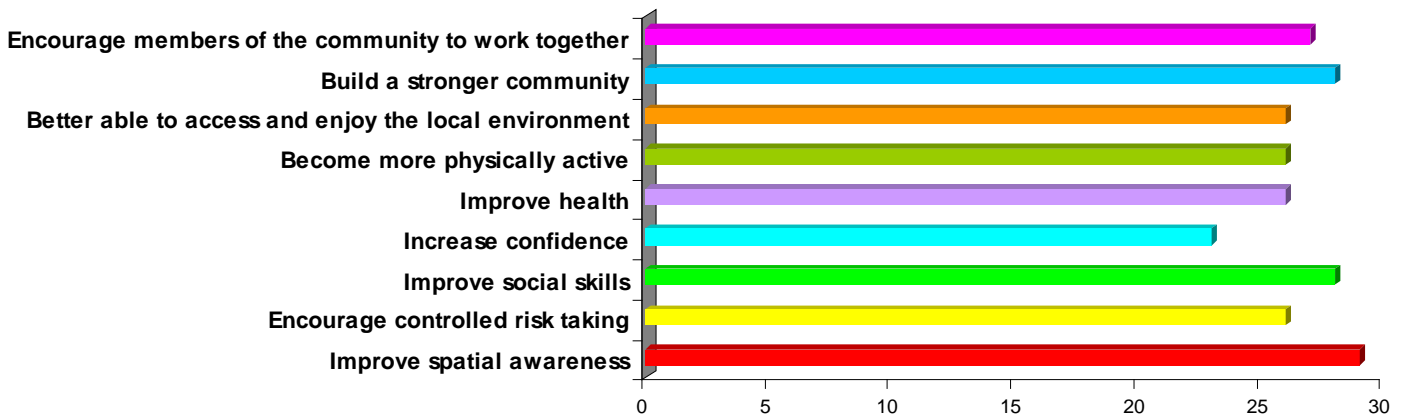
Comments from the questionnaires / comments board:

- " A playground is much needed in Happisburgh. If my children want to use one, I have to drive them to the next village."
- " I know that my grandchildren (4 of) would enjoy such a facility when they come to stay. Also would use suitable items myself!"
- "Keep clean of graffiti."
- "Think this will be good for our community."
- "Parks are great places for children, if picnic benches are available in fair weather we spend all day on a park."
- "It would be more active in the area and a lot less boring." (Age 13)

- "Wonderful."
- "I have holiday accommodation and know that this would be a very well received addition to village amenities for the guests staying with us."
- "Fabulous idea."
- "Good luck!"
- "Bench for picnics? Not to high toddlers cannot get up!!!" (Age 8)
- "I think the balancing blocks are too expensive, has someone shopped around for cheaper play equipment?"
- "Will it have a car park?"
- "Concerned that a shelter may be misused e.g. drinking / drugs."
- "Use local materials / natural wood / stone - (environmental / sustainable). Wildlife boards / seal watch. Adopt a beach scheme - Royal Marine Society. Walking and sculpture path to link to village - artwork / bespoke to unique place".
- "Fencing to keep dogs out."
- "Needs to be a safe area for children to play - cars / open space."



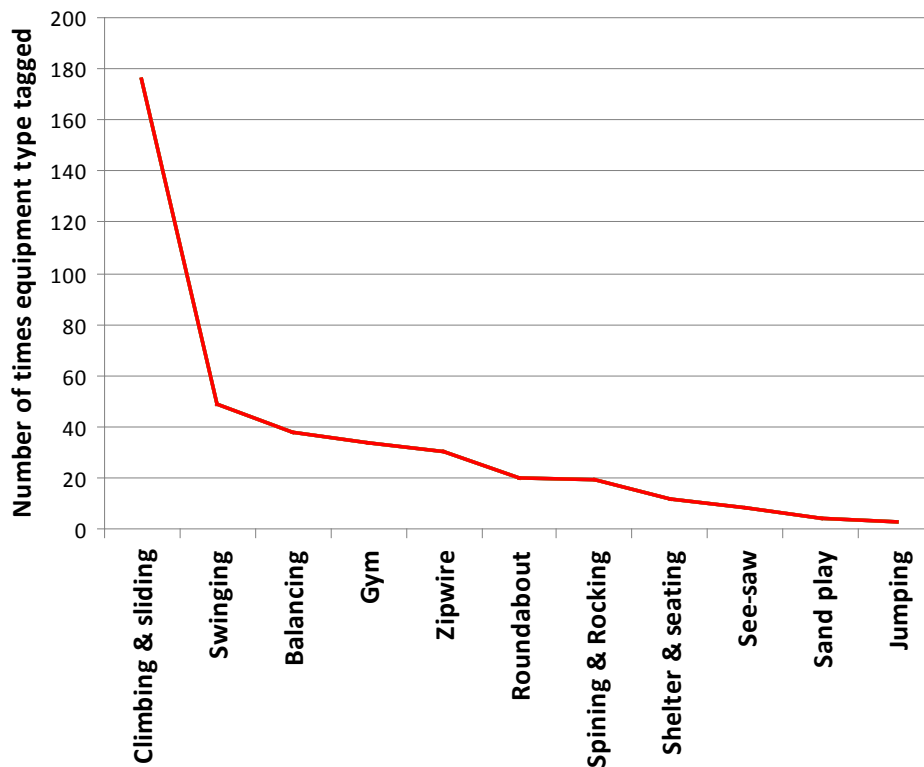
The questionnaire asked how the play space would benefit individuals, their family and the community. From the 31 questionnaires completed the chart below shows which benefits the respondents thought a new play space would provide:



There were photographs displaying equipment from seven local play areas (e.g. swings, zip-wires, climbing frames, gym equipment) and also plans from a play manufacturer for a wooden ship that provided several different physical activities within the one structure.

Those attending the event were asked to place a tag on the type of equipment they would like to see within a new play space. This proved extremely popular especially with the children who were able to easily demonstrate what their preferences were.

The equipment has been grouped by type with climbing and sliding clearly being the preference of those attending. The full results can be seen below:



The singular most popular piece of equipment was the climbing apparatus located at Stalham, which was tagged 34 times. This was followed by a ladder and slide arrangement (28), zip-wire (21) and a wooden multi-functional pirate ship arrangement (20). These items are shown individually in the photographs below but have been included within the grouped equipment in the graph above.



Stalham



Hemsby



Worstead



Edgefield

The project steering group are meeting later in January to consider all the information gained from the consultation event. A list of equipment and installation costs, based on the expressed preferences, will be priced and the full cost of the project established. It should be noted that the type of equipment chosen will take into account the exposed site location and health & safety considerations. The proposals will be submitted to the Parish Council, which if supported will enable the enormous task of seeking grants and fundraising to begin in earnest.

The group would like to thank North Norfolk District Council for loaning it display boards, which were used at the event; the Parish Councillor who attended and helped to dismantle the displays and clear away afterwards; members of the Playing Field Committee and the local community for supporting the event.