

Head Weir Road

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2. How often do you use the play area?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Daily	22.8%	21
More than once a week	40.2%	37
Weekly	19.6%	18
Monthly	10.9%	10
Less frequently	5.4%	5
Never	1.1%	1

3. How would you rate this play area?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Poor	5.4%	5
Fair	34.8%	32
Good	59.8%	55

4. How important is this play area to you and your family?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Not very important	1.1%	1
Unimportant	0.0%	0
Neither	2.2%	2
Important	29.2%	26
Very important	67.4%	60

5. Do you use other play areas within walking distance from your home?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	69.3%	61
No	30.7%	27
Unsure	0.0%	0

6. Are you aware of the other play areas that are near to this one?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	91.0%	81
No	4.5%	4
Unsure	4.5%	4

7. Do you agree that this play area should be closed which may allow us to improve other play facilities in your area?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
I agree	1.2%	1
I neither agree nor disagree	2.4%	2
I disagree	92.7%	76
I'm unsure	3.7%	3

8. If you have any additional comments about this play area please use the box below:

Answer Options	Response Count
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Number	Response Date	Response Text	Categories
1	Jul 25, 2015 9:12 PM	Only park with decent shade for a picnic in this area. Also very convenient for when visiting doctor, e.g. if child waits long time in doctor etc. or waiting for prescription.	
2	Jul 24, 2015 4:37 PM	to save money why don't you coordinate grass cutting, one crew comes to cut the grass in the park and another to cut other areas	
3	Jul 21, 2015 11:08 PM	This park is a nice sized space and has a lovely oak tree included, which my little boy loves. There is also a see-saw which is not often part of play parks now.	
4	Jul 19, 2015 11:43 AM	This park on headweir road is the biggest in the area and living opposite to it I know it gets used daily. Having young children myself it is a daily activity going to this park and many children come to it regularly. There isn't a day that I don't see anyone in there (weather dependant of course). Also the stroller group from the children's centre use it on their route for their toddlers to play. The beautiful tree in the park adds character to the area and the large grassy area is perfect for kicking a football and the children can run freely and safety. It would b a terrible shame to close this very popular park and I urge you to please keep it open.	
5	Jul 15, 2015 4:09 PM	This play area is the largest in this part of Cullompton, and is frequently used by my family and many others locally. If anything it would benefit from an upgrade in the equipment available on site!	
6	Jul 14, 2015 12:22 PM	The other play area in our area is not a safe walk for my child to get to and I would not feel happy allowing her to walk their alone to play. If this park is closed where are children supposed to play safely? Alternatives are the road or around the housing estate. Question 7 says if the park is closed, it MAY allow MDDC to improve other play facilities, nothing definite.	
7	Jul 12, 2015 9:07 PM	Head weir road park has the best facility in walking distance to us. We use it daily. Please don't close it. Its has two good baby swing, two normal swing, slide and see-saw.	
8	Jul 10, 2015 8:10 PM	This park is the only one in the area that caters for all ages. Most of the other ones are for toddlers. There are about three others in the area that never have anyone in them. Headweir road is always busy.	
9	Jul 10, 2015 9:52 AM	A lovely park...with a beautiful old character filled tree which makes this park particularly special to children and family	

10	Jul 9, 2015 9:02 PM	This is a great large park good for games aswell as the facilities as it has a large grass area. Why not close the pointless little parks that get no use not a large park that feeds the whole estate.
11	Jul 9, 2015 11:49 AM	This park is situated near my home ,which has allowed all my children to independently explore it I used this park regularly with my children when they were young and now they are older they can confidently and independently use on there own with their friends. These little play parks are valuable for building childrens confidence , self reliance and develops a great awareness of the world around them .
12	Jul 8, 2015 6:28 PM	The park in Headweir Road is used by a number of children from nearby and also from the social housing estate. It is the only park with a decent size slide which makes it an attractive option for the older children. As it is a decent sized site many people sit on the grass watching their children at play. There is a lovely oak tree which provides much welcome shade on sunny days and has a lovely blacksmith made seating area surrounding it.
13	Jul 8, 2015 6:27 PM	Closing Headweir Road's Oak Park would be a bad decision for important reasons. It would not send an encouraging message about the value of local community and of the outdoors being a very important place for the growth and development of healthy children. This park is regularly used by residents and families, even from beyond the Headweir Road estate. Having somewhere to go within walking distance is also very important. It is a safe place for children to play with their friends and also for families to enjoy being family together. It has been perfect for our family, having somewhere larger than our own garden to play and grow. We have used it regularly. The tree is also very beautiful and perfect for climbing, and trees good for climbing are hard to find in Cullompton! Investing in this park would actually be a way of investing in our local community, which needs more and more help to exist today. Please don't close this park.
14	Jul 8, 2015 3:15 PM	Our children used to use this play area and now our grandchildren use it when they visit. It has a magnificent oak tree on the site which enhances the ambience of our road. Children need an area like this which is safe for them to use and has space for them to run around in.
15	Jul 8, 2015 3:10 PM	Please see my comments in my original email ref MDIE-1886
16	Jul 8, 2015 9:57 AM	This park, is one of the few decent parks this end of the town and with a large new development completed in recent years it is needed. We for one use it so often and it has so much potential.
17	Jul 7, 2015 4:52 PM	The play areas at Oak Park Cullompton are small but fun for small children, my children enjoyed playing on them now my grandchildren enjoy them, please leave them alone for goodness sake, children cant play in the roads its too dangerous.

- 18** **Jul 6, 2015 2:52 PM** This serves a large development with many families and I feel that this large play area must be kept. There are so few safe places left for children to play. I dont know where my children can go to kick a ball around within walking distance. We should be encouraging our children to play outside not closing the play areas within a residential area!
- 19** **Jul 6, 2015 1:34 PM** I think it's an outrage how you are thinking about taking this park away from all the children who live in headweir road and beyond. Me and my siblings used to play in this park when we were little everyday and we have a lot of fond memories in there. Where do you expect children to play in the roads? If you take this park away not only are you taking away memories but your taking away a child's dream to be free and play in a safe park.
- 20** **Jul 6, 2015 1:25 PM** I expect your only going to put it to rubbish use and build houses on the patch... It's not like cullompton needs anymore.
- This area is the only green space with recreational facilities at the northern end of Headweir Road. There is no other safe, sociable, off road green space available particularly for young families who can walk there with toddlers and buggies, for half an hour in winter and summer alike. The oak tree offers a rare attempt to create a natural area of space and provides welcome shade, shelter and hiding places. Older children can 'hang out' there, off road, yet within view of adjacent properties providing an element of safety. There are a reasonable number of swings and the slide is adequate, and the see saw has provided much fun.
- The larger space/park alongside Merchant Way has inadequate play items, 1 swing, 1 baby swing, no slide or climbing equipment and has virtually no overlooking properties which makes it less safe for youngsters without parental supervision and leaves it open to vandalism and bullying.
- 21** **Jul 5, 2015 7:57 PM** Our daughter lives in Lancaster Close and Headweir Road is the closest larger play area, which is great for the kids of their ages, there are smaller ones closer but these are aimed at younger children.
- 22** **Jul 5, 2015 5:35 PM** To remove this Park it will be a great loss to all the community!! I have lived in court drive for 30 years and my children played in this park when they were young and now my grandchildren play in this park most days. It would be such a shame to close it.
- 23** **Jul 5, 2015 5:29 PM** the amount of kids that use this park is unreal. always busy it is and the others throughout the estate are a joke!!!!
- 24** **Jul 5, 2015 3:00 PM** This park has been a part of my life since I was a child. Now it is a huge part of my childrens lives.
- There is lot of 'green' space in this park, my children run around and make up games, they enjoy the slide and the seesaw. It's a short walk from our house and has facilities to keep both my 6 year old and my 2 year old happy. Losing this park would have a huge impact on my family. And in my opinion on the road in general which has always been popular with young families. Please don't take our 'big park' away.

25	Jul 5, 2015 8:16 AM	<p>This park has given my children and my grandchildren years of pleasure, we need our kids to have unlimited safe places to play outside , get fresh air in their lungs and let off energy, by closing these parks you are depriving children of their physical needs and driving them further into sitting around at home playing on eye pads , computers, phones etc, why are our children unhealthy, overweight, and unsocialised, answer because our precious parks are being closed!!!</p> <p>Surely it doesn't cost a fortune to maintain this small area, grass cutting, safety checks,updating .</p> <p>The council could have saved money in other areas , such as supplying every household with green bins, what's that all about. Don't close our parks think of the kids!!</p>
26	Jul 4, 2015 4:47 PM	<p>This is one of the better play parks in the area. Some of the smaller ones on the newer estates have very little in them and are aimed at toddlers. This park is more suited to toddlers & older children alike. If it is not possible to keep them all I think it would be better to close some of the smaller play parks & add more equipment to the bigger parks to suit a wider age range of children.</p>
27	Jul 4, 2015 3:10 PM	<p>I think this play area should remain open. I played here as a child and my children play here now. It's nice to have an area with swing etc but also space to run around. I think it would be a real shame for head weir road play area to close down.</p>
28	Jul 4, 2015 2:50 PM	<p>Head weir road is a lovely park with large open spaces for the children to run around in which is not available at any of the other local parks.</p>
29	Jul 4, 2015 1:38 PM	<p>I have used this park when I was growing up and now my children play here. It is the biggest and safest play area at this end of town. Shutting parks will mean more children become less active and all to save the council a few quid. What will happen if the council close this park? Will it be sold to make more houses? Will seriously be unhappy if park closes. There are smaller ones on the estate that could be closed!</p>
30	Jul 4, 2015 12:59 PM	<p>I lived in Cullompton until the age of 18 and used the park daily. I now live away from Cullompton but my parents still live in Splatford drive. When I visit with my children they now play on the park.</p>
31	Jul 4, 2015 12:57 PM	<p>I lived in Cullompton until I moved away from work but my parents live in Splatford drive. Whenever I visit I take my children ti the park. It is s valuable resource for people who live on the estate.</p>
32	Jul 4, 2015 12:53 PM	<p>Me and my fiancée grew up using this play area. We lived in it!! We are pregnant with our first child and we will be taking him to this park. What would you do on the ground if you do close it? Probably cramp a load of new houses on it. Which we don't need. It won't encourage children to go out and play anymore. They need stimulating and occupying. And closing this park is NOT a good idea!</p>

33	Jul 4, 2015 6:24 AM	This is a safe play area, if it closes children in the area won't be able to go to the park by themselves, which is helping to promote their independence.
34	Jul 2, 2015 7:36 PM	What will it become if not a play park? This is the best see-saw in Cullompton. It also has a good combination of swings and a good slide so you can go with lots of friends with children of different ages. There aren't many parks with four swings, I think the only other one is Knightswood which is right on the other side of town.
35	Jun 30, 2015 9:04 PM	This play area has some reasonable play equipment unlike some of the very small areas tucked in amongst housing eg the one at the end of Linden Close(?) which is very rarely used.
36	Jun 30, 2015 8:58 PM	People only let their children play in the closest play area to their house, I don't think any of the play parks should be closed, especially this one as its big enough for the children to have a good kick about without effecting other people on the swings/slide etc The park is very popular with toddlers right up to teenagers.
37	Jun 29, 2015 8:25 PM	Proper maintenance rather than closure of these smaller parks should be encouraged. It will ensure more families use them and ensyre more outdoor play for children
38	Jun 29, 2015 7:22 PM	Its a beautiful little park with an enormous and stunning tree that dominates it. If you closed this park what else could you possibly use the land for? The tree must be listed and its canopy covers most of the area so surely you couldn't build on it? And I assume you would still have to look after the area eg cut the grass so why close it? Its also the only park at this end of town with a reasonable slide. I live in Windsor Close and there are several "mini parks" inc off Plantagenet way, Windsor close and Hanover gardens. would it not make more sense to close hanover gardens and Plantagenet way as they are so small, rarely used and the land could be used for other purposes. This would leave Windsor close and headweir rd. Catering for larger and small children with a variety of equipment between them. If anything the parks of Cullompton need investment, not closing. The cca fields are a disgrace with an awful litter and vandalism problem. half the equipment is missing and really is not suitable or safe for small children
39	Jun 29, 2015 9:02 AM	This play area is a large fenced area which is secure and safe to allow young children to play in without the worry of them running into the road. The large grass area gives plenty of room for people to sit and relax in as well as the children to run around in. This is the best play area in the area, and although there are others none offer the space that this one does, some of the others are just small areas with climbing frames for young children, and therefore unsuitable for older children and adults to relax in.
40	Jun 29, 2015 8:50 AM	I grew up using this play area. It provides a big open space for children of all ages. You take it away, you push children back inside.
41	Jun 28, 2015 8:31 PM	This is a well established park with a beautiful oak Tree and it is very well used, it is the only park locally with a full size slide

42	Jun 28, 2015 7:46 PM	The park has been here for years and it's always being used. The bench around the protected tree is fab. To close it would do nothing to improve the area at all. People from.all surrounding areas use the park.
43	Jun 28, 2015 7:09 PM	Leave our play parks alone we need to encourage our kids to get out and play, there must also be a preservation order on that beautiful tree.
44	Jun 28, 2015 5:38 PM	Other smaller parks are not worth keeping open but head weir road is, I will be completely dissolutioned with the council if this is closed! Please keep it open
45	Jun 27, 2015 8:30 PM	I am disappointed to here that you are considering closing any play park as once these are gone there is no going back. With rising child obesity surely we should be encouraging our young generation to do as my exercise and play as possible. Furthermore it is important for children to have a safe place to play without the fear of speeding cars. Surley it would be better to not buy a painted gorilla for the centre of Tiverton?!
46	Jun 27, 2015 7:52 PM	This is a very important play area as lots of children use it, its big enough for the older children to play football while others play on the swings, sea saw and slide. Its a lovely park.
47	Jun 27, 2015 7:47 PM	Why would you close any outdoor play area. And if you were to close any parks then would we really see and improvements to others.I doubt it.
48	Jun 27, 2015 7:43 PM	How on earth could the council justify closing any outdoor play area regardless of there condition? If they are used they should stay open. If anything they should be investing more money into outdoor facilities for young children. Very confusing.
49	Jun 27, 2015 3:43 PM	This play area has been in existence for years and despite it needing a good lick of paint and the safety matting needing to be updated (it is currently a trip hazard more than a safety mat) it is far and away the best park in the north of the town. Not only is it good for little ones the older kids can also run free without you having to worry about them being on a road. Headweir is heavily populated with cars and this park has a good safe fencing area around it. Other than a couple tiny token parks that were built when the estate was built it is the only real one worth using. It does need some work though as the huge oak tree branches now hang very low and also the matting needs an upgrade. Some new equipment would also be great to bring it up to date. To close this park would be madness, the tv is full of stories of kids and inactivity yet the council seem to think its a good idea to close an area where kids can have a good
50	Jun 26, 2015 9:56 PM	Smaller parks with less green space should be considered for closure. Pretty much all parks in cullompton need a face lift with more up to date and modern rides activities. Even distribution of parks throughout the town is also a consideration particularly given the alarming rate the town is growing with little thought or provision for recreational activity.

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Jun 24, 2015 9:04 PM

Serves a very large group of young children & offers ample space for ball games and exercise. Would be a contradiction of the council wanting children to be more active if this area were to close. this area allows children to exercise and get outdoors. Get rid of this space and you will confine hundreds of children's to their homes. Less active children equals more childhood obesity. can the council think about how they will the help parents to solve this problem when it arises from closing these outdoor spaces.

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Jun 23, 2015 9:56 PM

It somewhere safe my kids can run around and play football as well without worrying about dog mess as the large greens are terrible.

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Jun 23, 2015 7:44 PM

Used regularly by Strollers mother and baby walking group and popular with my 2 boys.

9. How many children are in your household:

Answer Options	0	1	2	3+
Under 5	9	35	20	2
6 - 12 Years	5	26	14	1
13 +	8	5	4	0