

Worcester Crescent

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2. How often do you use the play area?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Daily	28.6%	8
More than once a week	46.4%	13
Weekly	14.3%	4
Monthly	3.6%	1
Less frequently	7.1%	2
Never	0.0%	0

3. How would you rate this play area?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Poor	3.6%	1
Fair	14.3%	4
Good	82.1%	23

4. How important is this play area to you and your family?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Not very important	3.6%	1
Unimportant	0.0%	0
Neither	3.6%	1
Important	35.7%	10
Very important	57.1%	16

5. Do you use other play areas within walking distance from your home?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	71.4%	20
No	28.6%	8
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	96.4%	27
No	0.0%	0
Unsure	3.6%	1

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	3.7%	1
I neither agree nor disagree	3.7%	1
I disagree	85.2%	23
I'm unsure	7.4%	2

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 23, 2015 2:18 PM	Please do not close the play area at Worcester Crescent, Willand. It is greatly used and essential.	
2	Jul 10, 2015 10:06 AM	I use this park to take my grand daughter. It is perfect for her as is still young and perfect size equipment. If this closes there isn't many other places I can take her for her size	
3	Jul 9, 2015 7:49 PM	Smaller play areas like this one are often better for younger children, or those with special needs. They may be intimidated in a larger, busier playground. Bigger, more expensive is not always best and does not cater for all needs.	
4	Jul 9, 2015 3:48 PM	I feel it's unfair to close any play facility in this area, the houses were built subject to having these facilities and it would be corrupt of the council to then close them. Make your budget cuts from the money you waste in staff and administration !!	
5	Jul 9, 2015 1:50 PM	Why not allow the residents to take care of the upkeep of the smaller parks rather than close them	
6	Jul 8, 2015 3:20 PM	There is a larger better equipped park 30 seconds walk away which most local children and our children use in preference. The Worcester Crescent slide has burnt our little girl's leg in the past as it gets so hot in summer and the matting under the swings is unbelievably slippery when wet.	
7	Jul 8, 2015 3:17 PM	I would like to see a facility in the village like Broadclyst. Whilst my 2 year old currently loves Worcester Crescent I think it would be preferable to have one big park located centrally to village for all ages as the smaller parks only cater for one age range. My concern is that the rationale for this consultation is to save money and if the smaller parks are closed, there will be no new or significant improvement elsewhere to compensate. Perhaps the parish council could fundraise for a new/improved facility rather than spending funds on Xmas lights which are something and nothing anyway.	
8	Jul 8, 2015 1:34 PM	Small play areas like the one on Worcester Crescent are ideal for parents of toddlers. If there is no other option but for the park has to be closed could the equipment not be transferred to one of the other parks in Willand?	
9	Jul 4, 2015 10:39 AM	This play park has the best toddler facilities. Please don't close it. Close the one on Buttercup Rd instead which only attracts teenagers at night!!	

10	Jul 3, 2015 4:50 PM	<p>This player is one of the best in the area and it is beyond belief that there is a risk it could be closed! I live in Worcester Crescent and see people coming and going all day, parents, grandparents, child minders etc with young children.</p> <p>Personally, this park means a lot to me, it is where, as an isolated new Mum 5 years ago, I met my neighbours and other local parents and where friendships started that still continue to this day for myself and my daughters!</p> <p>The park is our favourite, not only as it's on our doorstep but also it is nice and enclosed therefore safe, there is good visibility and the fact that there are two infant swings together rather than swings being sprawled out across a large area, where one mum can't push and fully supervise two young children properly. PLEASE DO NOT CLOSE THIS PARK!</p>
11	Jun 30, 2015 9:17 PM	<p>The equipment from Worcester crescent could be transferred to much larger Victoria close park, literally just across the road, to make one very good park. At the moment Victoria close only has slides and swings. We normally have to go to both parks.</p>
12	Jun 29, 2015 8:19 PM	<p>Please do not close this well used safe little play area.</p>
13	Jun 29, 2015 8:17 PM	<p>This play area is vital for local families, it is a small play area which means that it is perfect for very small children, many of the other nearby parks have older children/teenagers in them a lot of the time but Worcester Crescent is a small and used daily but lots of parents and children. It would be a real shame to lose it.</p>
14	Jun 29, 2015 3:38 PM	<p>am writing to express my disappointment at recently reading in the Willand parish magazine that you are thinking of closing Worcester Crescent play park. I use this park regularly with my 2 year old daughter because it is quiet and off the main road. It is small and a good level for her and in a safe area. It is a short walk from where we live in Blenheim Drive so my daughter is able to walk there with me.</p> <p>The playpark up the road is on the main road and I rarely see anyone in it and would ask that you reconsider this proposal.</p> <p>I am sure there are other ways you are able to save money or perhaps look at a larger playpark which is rarely used.</p>
15	Jun 29, 2015 12:39 PM	<p>I hope you consider this very carefully.</p> <p>If it is going to close then please can the equipment be moved to one of the remaining parks. The slide in this park is very toddler friendly and that's why we use it.</p>

16	Jun 29, 2015 6:51 AM	<p>1) When the council is busy trying to combat loneliness it is sad to hear that they believe local parks and play areas are places that are of low priority in their budget. A public meeting place such as this is very important because people pause from their daily busy lives, allowing themselves to talk to new faces, meet other people who may well live close by but never stopped to say hello. If it wasn't for this place they would never have actually got to know each other, share their knowledge and learn about other local activities that might be going on.</p> <p>Parents with babies and toddlers can often be lonely and feel isolated, especially if their family does not live nearby. They need to get out of the house for fresh air, exercise and social development, this leads to good health and general wellbeing which in turn reduces visits to the doctors, so incurring NHS bills.</p> <p>2) The local parish council should not be expected to take on repair and general maintenance of parks & play areas. Their umbrella councils are already equipped with tools and full time staff to carry out this work. If every small parish is expected to buy tools to carry out this work, search out and buy replacement play equipment (at higher prices because it is one off) recruit, train and employ staff to carry out this work on part time contracts, surely the long term expense will be a great deal higher?</p>
17	Jun 27, 2015 9:31 PM	This play park has the equipment that my child can use whereas the other ones all need helping with or are poorly designed.
18	Jun 27, 2015 7:29 AM	This play area is the only one which is safe and great for the very young, toddlers who might fall from the play equipment that has large gaps in the walls. The slide steps are very easy for them to climb on their own without risk of falling. If this park does close maybe the play equipment could be combined with another, maybe the one by Victoria close which has plenty of space for more equipment. Victoria close also only has one baby swing which isn't great when you have two children.
19	Jun 26, 2015 4:52 PM	This is a lovely play area especially for much younger children - my two love it. While I admit I am sometimes a little surprised that on occasions the play areas can be quiet when we visit I think the council should be encouraging that everyone does take their children to ALL their local parks to greatly improve their health and well being as well as their own development! If parents stopped playing with their phones and letting their children watch too much TV our parks would be much busier and this is what you should be focusing on - not closing much needed social play areas! We often meet up with other families without having arranged to do so and that is lovely. We love living in Willand and visiting ALL our local park facilities My daughter is now 4 and my son is soon to turn 2, we like to visit different parks on different days. I am quite frankly disgusted that you may close this lovely little park and also have heard rumours that you want to build houses on part of the park behind willand Pre-school - Disgusting! This village is going to continue to grow with new developments and we need these social play areas to remain!
20	Jun 26, 2015 4:18 PM	This is the only one close for smaller children.
21	Jun 26, 2015 3:21 PM	THIS AREA IS USED BY YOUNG CHILDREN AS IT IS SAFE FOR THEM TO WALK TO.
22	Jun 25, 2015 9:13 PM	It is a small play area which is used by many young children in the immediate area. There is absolutely no point in closing in it

9. How many children are in your household:

Answer Options	0	1	2	3+
Under 5	2	6	10	0
6 - 12 Years	3	7	4	0
13 +	4	3	1	0