

Crookfur Park Executive Summary **Jackson Carlaw MSP**

On week commencing 21st June 2021, 2094 houses in the immediate vicinity of Crookfur Park received a survey and letter from me regarding the proposed leasing of Crookfur Park. Households had the opportunity to respond to the survey either by post or digitally and 1 in 5 (20.2%) households responded, a significant response rate.

Headline Statistics

- Of those responding and living within the vicinity of the park, **3 in 4 households oppose** the leasing and/or development of the Crookfur Park site, and 60% claim to use the park on either a daily or weekly basis.
- Across both the paper and digital responses, there is a high degree of public interest, with 502 respondents stating that they would likely attend a public meeting on the future of Crookfur Park. There is clearly strong opinion and keen interest from both sides of the debate, and an informed public meeting may attract considerable interest.
- 2 in 3 locals support identifying an alternative site for St Cadocs Football Club, and many of the additional comments from residents indicated that they were not against the football club and supported the principle of football pitches but felt strongly that Crookfur Park was not the appropriate site. This exercise, alongside other recent communications, has highlighted to me a lack of appropriate sports facilities generally for young people in Eastwood. This is an issue to which I will return.
- If an alternative site is to be sought, in line with public opinion, St Cadocs must be part of identifying this site and I would hope that they would play a part.
- A brief summary of responses of those who received the survey is below:
 - 76% were aware of the proposals
 - 24% claimed to use the park on a daily basis, 35% weekly, 17% monthly and 21% never
 - 77% opposed the lease, with 3% supporting and 11% being unsure
 - 68% backed identifying a different site, with 12% against and 20% unsure
 - 63% would attend a public meeting, 14% wouldn't and 23% were unsure
- Digital responses were also accepted of those who did not live in the immediate vicinity. Their responses are detailed on page three.

Responses to individual questions of those who received survey.

1a Were you aware of the proposals for land at Crookfur Park to be leased to St Cadoc's YC and for the possible future development of the site into two all- weather football pitches, multi-use sports courts and associated infrastructure?

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| Yes | 76% |
| No | 1% |
| No Response | 23% |

2. How often do you or your family make use of Crookfur Park?

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| Daily | 24% |
| Weekly | 35% |
| Monthly | 17% |
| Never | 21% |
| No Response | 3% |

3. Do you oppose or support the leasing of land at Crookfur Park to St Cadoc's YC and with the intention of developing the site into two artificial football pitches, multi-use sports courts and associated infrastructure?

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| Oppose | 77% |
| Support | 3% |
| Unsure | 11% |
| No Response | 9% |

4. Do you believe a different site should be identified for the football club's proposals?

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| Yes | 68% |
| No | 12% |
| Unsure | 20% |

5. If I was to host an informed Public Meeting regarding the proposals to develop Crookfur Park or other green spaces would you be likely to attend?

| Crookfur Park | |
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| Yes | 63% |
| No | 14% |
| Unsure | 23% |

| Other Green Spaces | |
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| Yes | 51% |
| No | 17% |
| Unsure | 31% |

NB – this is responses per household, not individuals.

The survey was also extended to the wider public for them to register their views, and some 294 individuals did so, of which 96% provided postcodes within the Eastwood Constituency. Online respondents were checked against the addresses of those who received the survey, so we can say with a high degree of certainty that the below responses **did not** receive the postal survey and as such are deemed not to be residing in the immediate vicinity of the park. Their views are nonetheless also important, but a key geographical distinction can be made.

Responses to individual questions of those who did not receive the survey.

1a Were you aware of the proposals for land at Crookfur Park to be leased to St Cadoc’s YC and for the possible future development of the site into two all- weather football pitches, multi-use sports courts and associated infrastructure?

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| Yes | 93% |
| No | 7% |

2. How often do you or your family make use of Crookfur Park?

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| Daily | 14% |
| Weekly | 27% |
| Monthly | 17% |
| Never | 31% |

3. Do you oppose or support the leasing of land at Crookfur Park to St Cadoc’s YC and with the intention of developing the site into two artificial football pitches, multi-use sports courts and associated infrastructure?

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| Oppose | 51% |
| Support | 46% |
| Unsure | 2% |

4. Do you believe a different site should be identified for the football club’s proposals?

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| Yes | 45% |
| No | 44% |
| Unsure | 11% |

5. If I was to host an informed Public Meeting regarding the proposals to develop Crookfur Park or other green spaces would you be likely to attend?

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| Crookfur Park | |
| Yes | 80% |
| No | 20% |

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| Other Green Spaces | |
| Yes | 65% |
| No | 35% |