



**PARKS AND OPEN SPACES CONSULTATION**

**Stockport has a variety of parks, trails, countryside and open spaces. As well as offering sports and exercise facilities for all ages and abilities, parks provide conveniently accessible space to relax and enjoy the outdoors. The proposal is to reduce the funding for parks and open spaces (which includes grounds maintenance in cemeteries) by £1million, from a total budget of £3.9million.**

**Stockport’s parks, open spaces and cemeteries are maintained by Solutions SK, a Council company. Their workforce works across 11 million square metres.**

**Some savings with regards to the maintenance of parks and open spaces have been identified by Solutions SK. They have reviewed their operational arrangements, and if the Council agrees to move from having trained horticulturalists to more general multi-tasking operatives, savings would be achieved. To make further savings as part of this proposal the Council is also considering reducing the amount of maintenance carried out in parks and open spaces.**

In the past 12 months have you or your household used any parks or open spaces in Stockport?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> DON'T KNOW			
In the past 12 months have you or your household used any of the following: (Tick all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> Council Bowling Greens	<input type="checkbox"/> Bruntwood Pitch and Putt	<input type="checkbox"/> None of these			
To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposal to move from having trained horticulturalists to more general multi-tasking operatives?	<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Tend to agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Tend to disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know
To what extent do you agree or disagree that we should only remove graffiti in parks periodically? (Offensive words or pictures would still be removed quickly).	<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Tend to agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Tend to disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know
To what extent do you agree or disagree that broken furniture, signage, gates and fences would be removed, and not replaced?	<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Tend to agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Tend to disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know
To what extent do you agree or disagree that broken and worn-out play equipment would be removed and not repaired?	<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Tend to agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Tend to disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know
To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposal that most hedge trimming would stop (hedges adjacent to roads and public footpaths would be trimmed)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Tend to agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Tend to disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know
To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposal that cutting shrubs, plants, trees and grass should be reduced and left to grow for longer periods?	<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Tend to agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Tend to disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know
To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposal that leaf removal should reduce to only paths, steps and designated sports areas?	<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Tend to agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Tend to disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know
To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposal that support given by Solutions SK staff to Friends of Group task days, countryside volunteers and guided walks will stop? (The Council is working with Friends of Groups to enable them to work without support).	<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Tend to agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Tend to disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know
To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposal that fewer staff should be based at specific parks?	<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Tend to agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Tend to disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know
To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposal that we should stop the provision of a Pitch and Putt at Bruntwood Park?	<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Tend to agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Tend to disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know



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To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposal that we should reduce the number of bowling greens from 21 to 14 in the summer and 4 to 3 in the winter?

- Strongly agree   
  Tend to agree   
  Neither agree nor disagree   
  Tend to disagree   
  Strongly disagree   
  Don't know

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposal to mow the remaining bowling greens to a timetable?

- Strongly agree   
  Tend to agree   
  Neither agree nor disagree   
  Tend to disagree   
  Strongly disagree   
  Don't know

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposal to reduce litter picking? If litter is not taken home by parks users it would be left for longer periods.

- Strongly agree   
  Tend to agree   
  Neither agree nor disagree   
  Tend to disagree   
  Strongly disagree   
  Don't know

Do you have any comments to make about any of these proposals or the impact they may have on you?

**About You**

Stockport Council would be grateful if you would complete the following information. This information will remain confidential and completion of this form is entirely voluntary. Stockport Council adheres to the principles of the Data Protection Act and so will not allow anyone access to this information except for the express purpose of monitoring and improving services.

What is your home postcode? (PLEASE LEAVE BLANK IF YOU PREFER NOT TO ANSWER)

What is your gender?

- Male                                     
  Female                                     
  Prefer not to answer

Do you consider yourself to have a disability or a limiting long-term illness?

- Yes   
  No   
  Prefer not to answer

What is your age? (PLEASE LEAVE BLANK IF YOU PREFER NOT TO ANSWER)

How would you define your ethnic group?

- White                     
  Mixed                     
  Asian or Asian British                     
  Black or Black British                     
  Other                     
  Prefer not to answer

If other, please specify:

How would you define your religion or belief?

- Buddhist   
  Christian   
  Hindu   
  Jewish   
  Muslim   
  Sikh   
  No Religion   
  Other   
  Prefer not to answer

If other, please specify:

Are you a member of a 'Friends of Parks Group'?

- YES   
  NO

**Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.**

Please return this questionnaire to your Campaign Organiser before the 31 May 2013.