

Townfield Lane Play Area Consultation

Frodsham residents were consulted throughout March on three options for the future of Townfield Road Play Area.

A whole page of Frodsham Life was devoted to the consultation, with an online voting option through the FTC website. The consultation was promoted several times through the month on the Council's Facebook and Twitter social media accounts. An action group of local residents, concerned that some people had not received a copy of Frodsham Life, or had overlooked the consultation, canvassed door to door, using reprints of the relevant page from Frodsham Life.

Overall, 980 responses were received, comprised of 669 online votes and 312 paper votes.

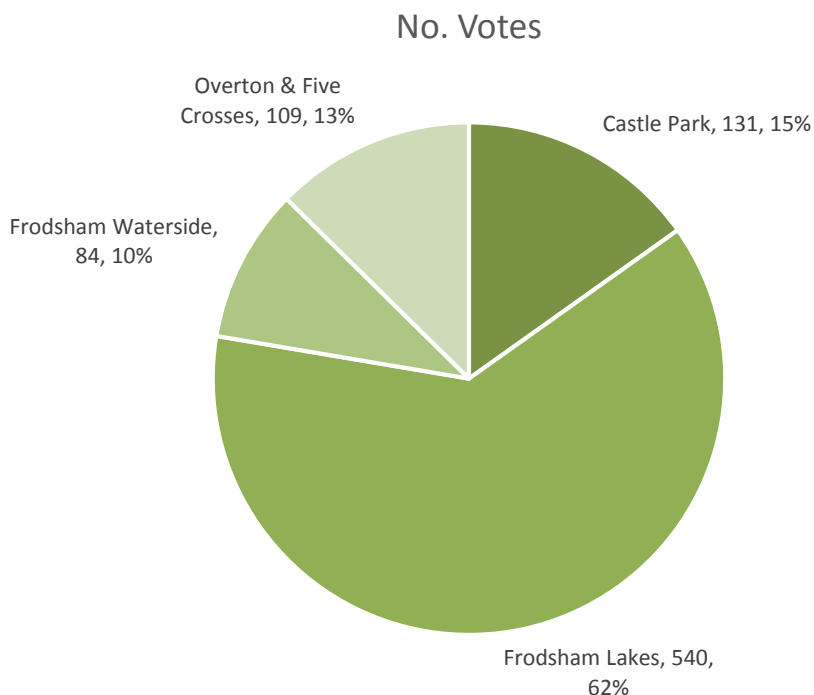
The votes were filtered initially to ensure that only votes from Frodsham electors were counted¹, and to eliminate likely duplicate votes or those with no valid postcode².

The overall count of accepted votes was:

Option	No. votes	Percent
Option 1 - Remove play equipment and return the land at Townfield Lane to the Trust, without replacing the play facility	24	3%
Option 2 - Renew the lease at Townfield Lane and replace the equipment	767	89%
Option 3 - Use £30,000 on new play area at Frodsham Community Centre	73	8%
Total	864	100%

The percentage split of the raw votes and the accepted vote counted was identical.

The largest vote was from the Lakes ward, where the play area is situated, but all four wards participated in the voting.



¹ 49 votes were received from outside Frodsham.

² 68 votes

The split is shown in the table below.

Ward/Option	No. votes
Castle Park	
Option 1 - Remove play equipment and return the land at Townfield Lane to the Trust, without replacing the play facility.	9
Option 2 - Renew the lease at Townfield Lane and replace the equipment.	106
Option 3 - Use £30,000 on new play area at Frodsham Community Centre.	16
Castle Park Total	131
Frodsham Lakes	
Option 1 - Remove play equipment and return the land at Townfield Lane to the Trust, without replacing the play facility.	3
Option 2 - Renew the lease at Townfield Lane and replace the equipment.	503
Option 3 - Use £30,000 on new play area at Frodsham Community Centre.	34
Frodsham Lakes Total	540
Frodsham Waterside	
Option 1 - Remove play equipment and return the land at Townfield Lane to the Trust, without replacing the play facility.	6
Option 2 - Renew the lease at Townfield Lane and replace the equipment.	59
Option 3 - Use £30,000 on new play area at Frodsham Community Centre.	19
Frodsham Waterside Total	84
Overton & Five Crosses	
Option 1 - Remove play equipment and return the land at Townfield Lane to the Trust, without replacing the play facility.	6
Option 2 - Renew the lease at Townfield Lane and replace the equipment.	99
Option 3 - Use £30,000 on new play area at Frodsham Community Centre.	4
Overton & Five Crosses Total	109
Grand Total	864