



Consultation and Options Report

Entry Hill Golf Course, Bath

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1 Background

Entry Hill Golf Club is a 9-hole course set on a steeply sloping hillside located a mile and a half south of the centre of Bath. It is a 30-acre site which includes the golf course, shop/café, changing rooms and a small car park. The Golf Club is owned by Bath and North East Somerset Council and managed by Greenwich Leisure Limited. Opened in the 1980s, the Golf Club has seen a decline in usage over recent years (currently having 70 members) causing it to run at a significant loss, subsidised heavily by the Council.

As a result, a review is being conducted to look at future uses for Entry Hill Golf Club, the combined drivers for change being the following:

- **Financial:** Entry Hill Golf Course is an underused and expensive asset which could benefit a wider population using a different business model
- **Fit For Life Strategy:** Bath and North East Somerset Council has ambitions for improving health and wellbeing and reducing health inequalities across the local authority area through increasing physical activity levels
- **Addressing the climate emergency:** Climate change has been identified in the new Corporate Plan (September 2019) as a priority issue

The review has been undertaken between December 2019 and March 2020 and involved carrying out substantial stakeholder engagement to understand the views of residents, golf course users and those who would like to use the site.



2 Engagement Methods

An Engagement Plan established the wide range of stakeholders who would have an interest in the future of Entry Hill Golf Course. In summary these groups comprised:

- Residents
- Current site users
- The wider community who do not currently use the site
- Stakeholder Organisations
- Interest groups and organisations

Stakeholder engagement was undertaken between 16th December 2019 and 3rd February 2020 and comprised the following;

- Online and paper survey
- One-to-one conversations and follow up email dialogue
- Two drop-in events

Following the close of the stakeholder engagement, analysis of the information collected was undertaken, and this then formed one element of the Options Appraisal. The Options Appraisal uses the Decision Tool to bring together the criteria by which all options will be evaluated, enabling the weighting and subsequent scoring of each option to provide an accountable and rational recommendation.

2.1 Stakeholder Engagement Survey

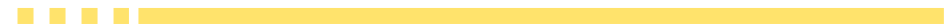
A total of 3,215 individuals responded to the survey, of which 3209 responses were provided via the online survey and 6 on paper. These individuals made over 4,800 long answer comments, as well as providing quantitative answers to indicate their preferences. The data from these answers has been analysed and is set out in the following sections

2.2 Stakeholder Events

Drop-in style events were held at Odd Down Sports Centre on 10th and 11th January 2020 to enable stakeholders to come along and give their views on the future of the golf course. One event was held in the afternoon/evening (Friday 10th) and the other on a weekend morning (Saturday 11th) to give as many people as possible the opportunity to attend.

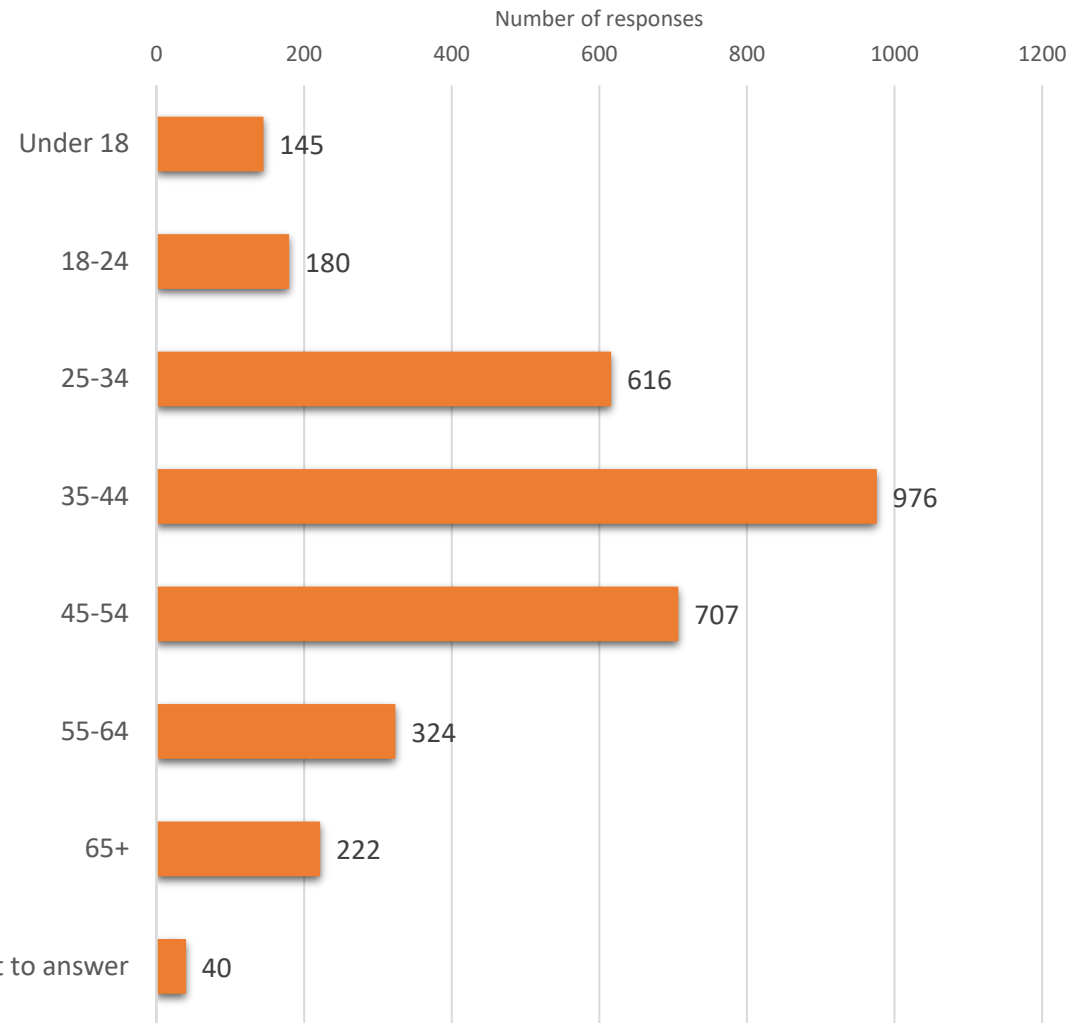
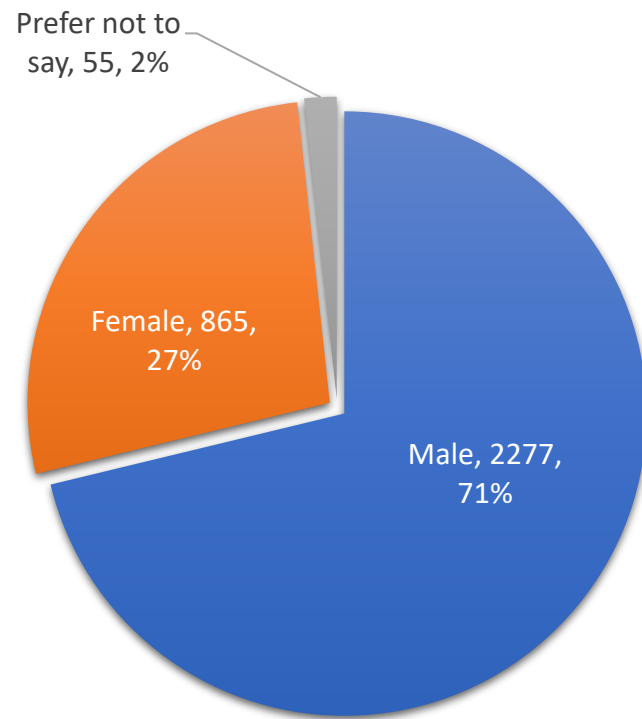


A rolling presentation was set up to provide information about the different options for the future of the golf course. Both events were well attended with at least 300 people giving their views and having conversations with Councillors (followed up in some cases by email conversations with further issues, questions and comments). 718 written comments were made by those who attended, and these have been analysed and reported on alongside the information collected via the online survey.

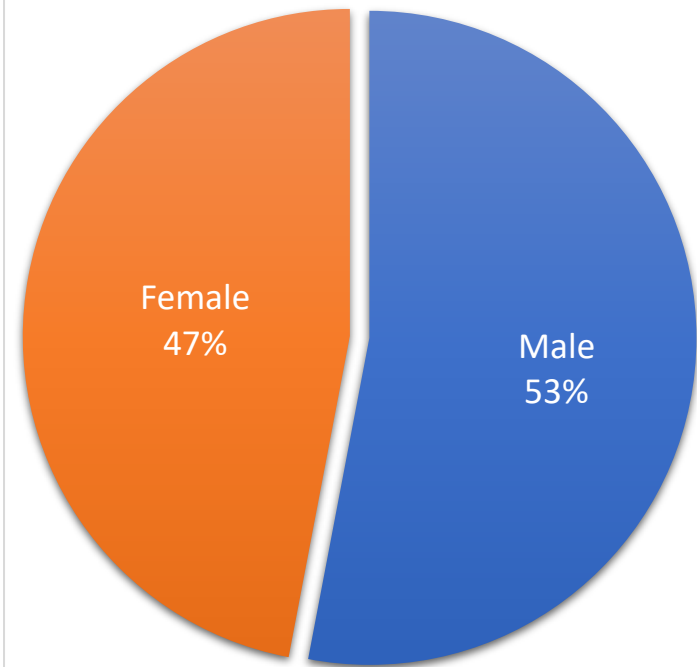
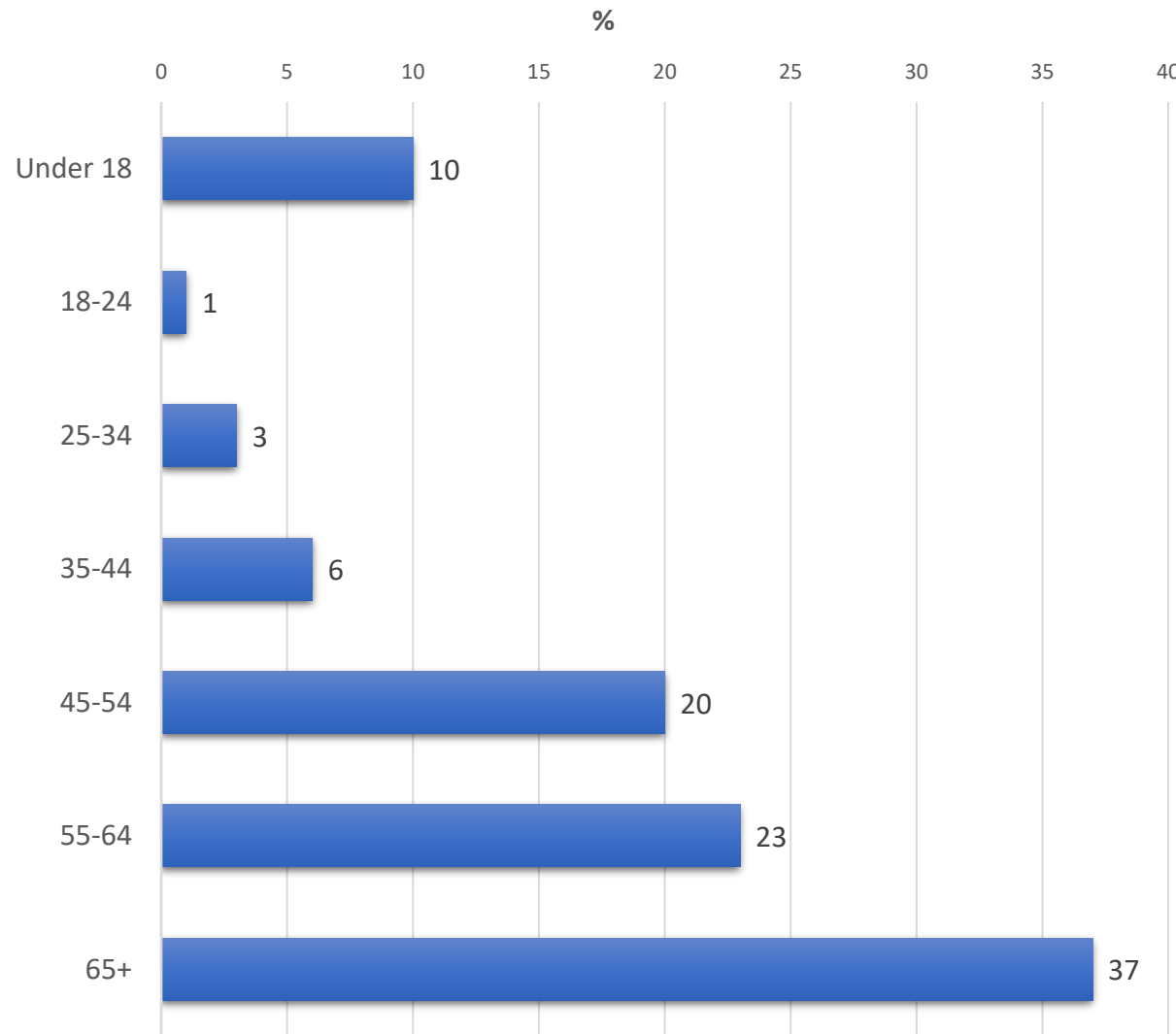


3 Engagement Results

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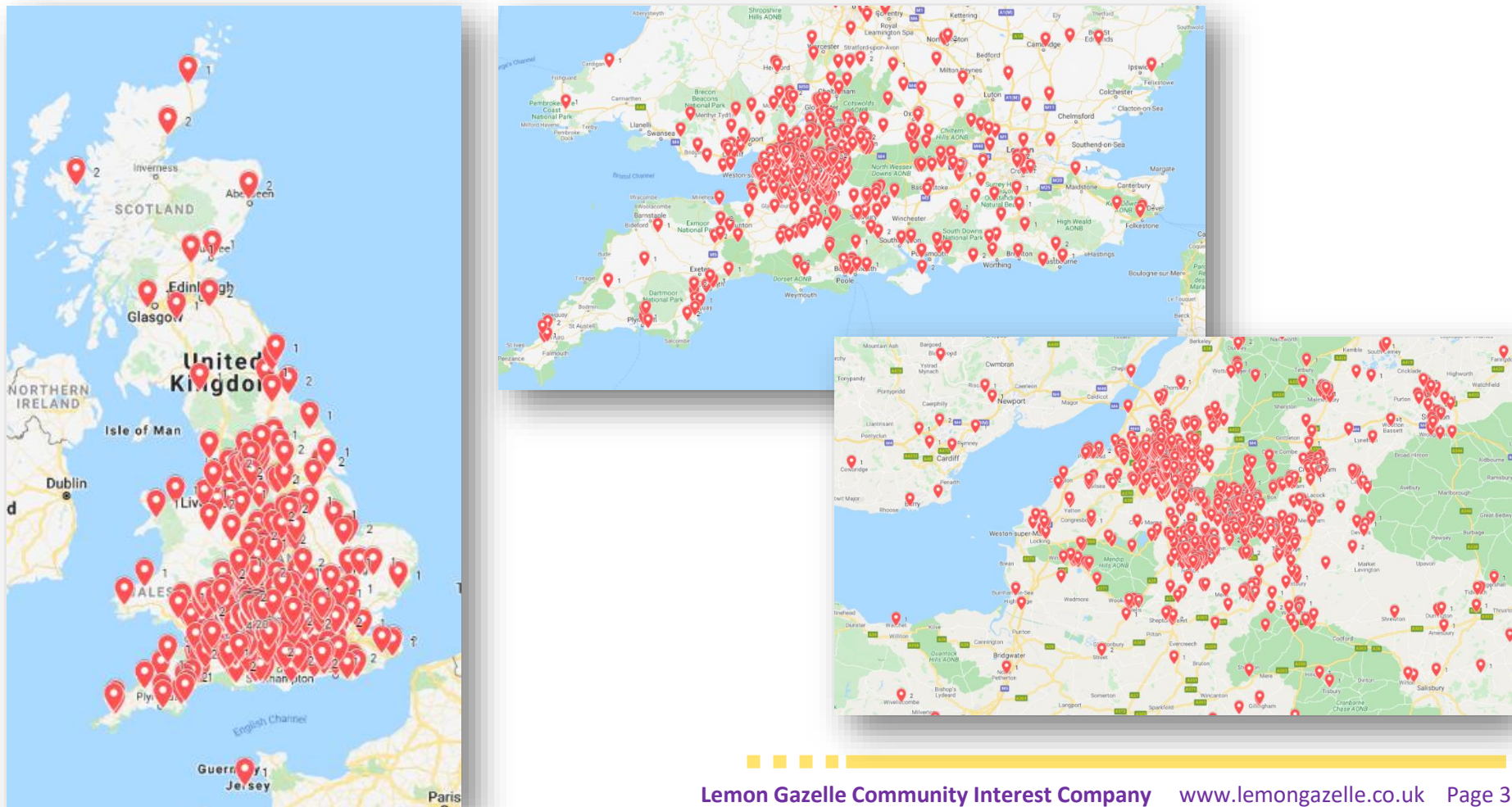
3.2 Age and gender - Events

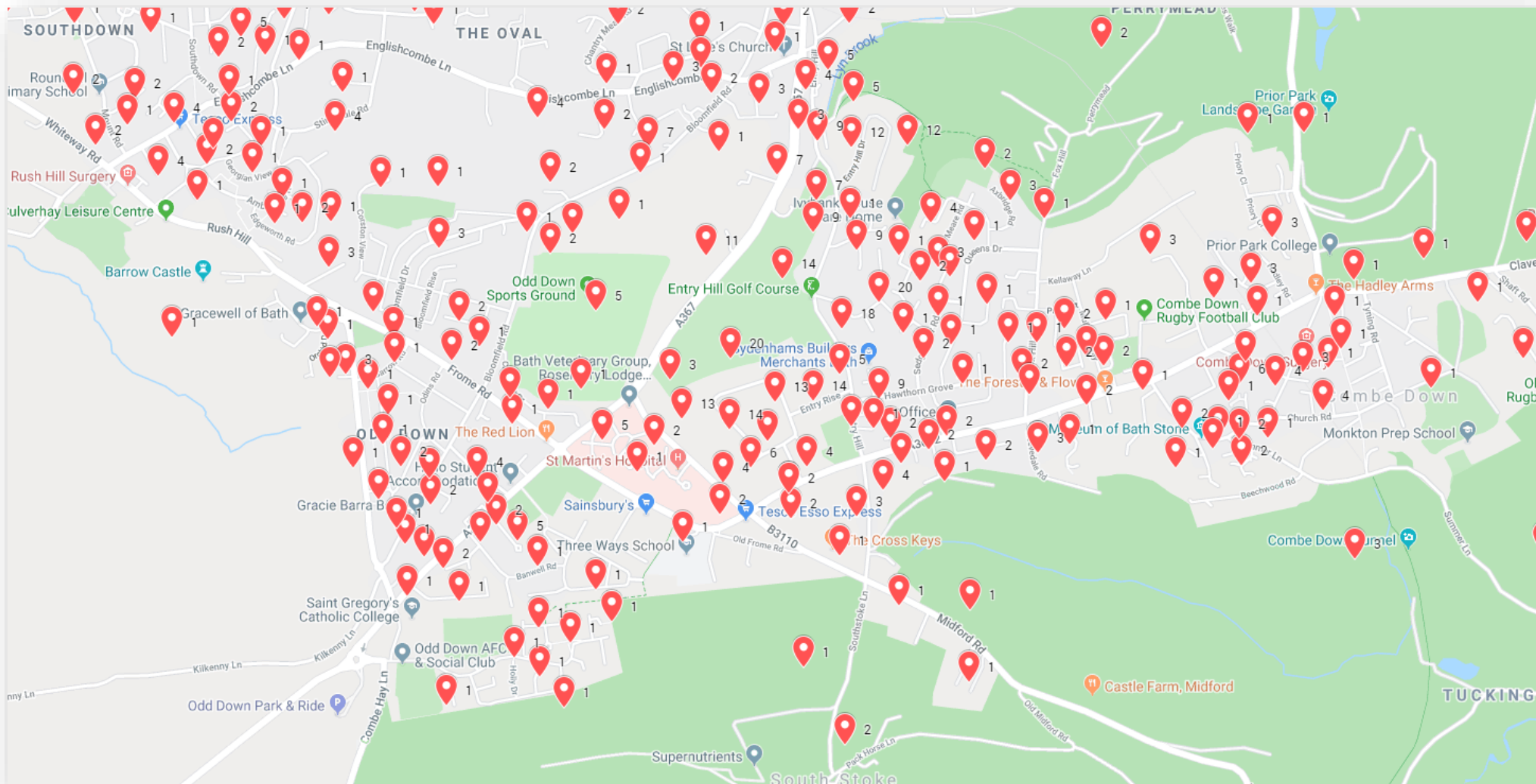


3.3 Geographic spread of survey respondents

Postcodes were collected to ensure that there was a wide spread of respondents including local people and those with an interest in Entry Hill Golf Course.

As expected for locals / residents those addresses that were closer to Entry Hill tended to have the higher response rate per road, but as shown in the maps below there was a very wide national spread of interest from individuals and organisations (numbers next to the flags show number of responses from the respective postcode).



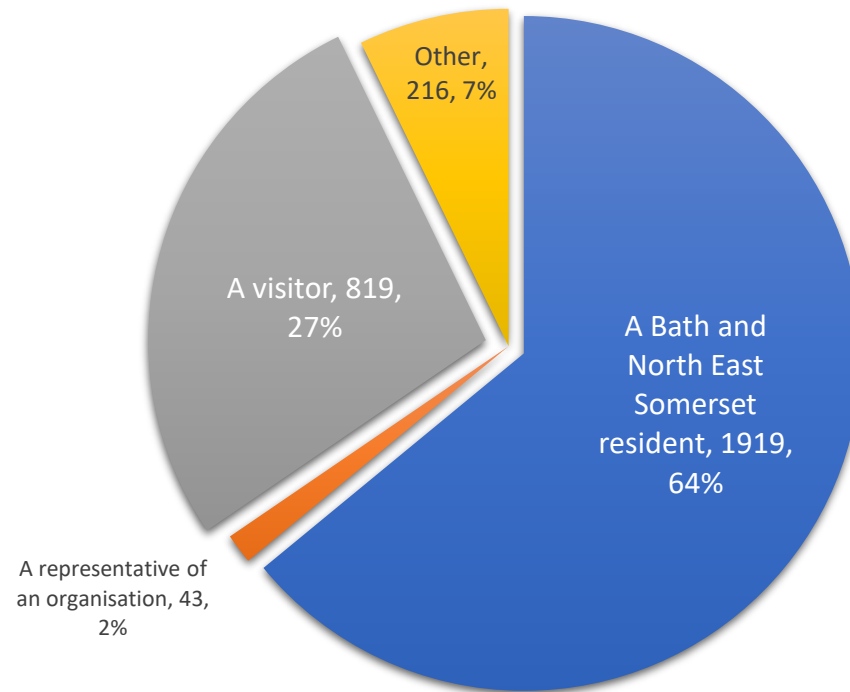


3.4 Situation

Individuals were asked in the survey about their interest in Entry Hill Golf course.

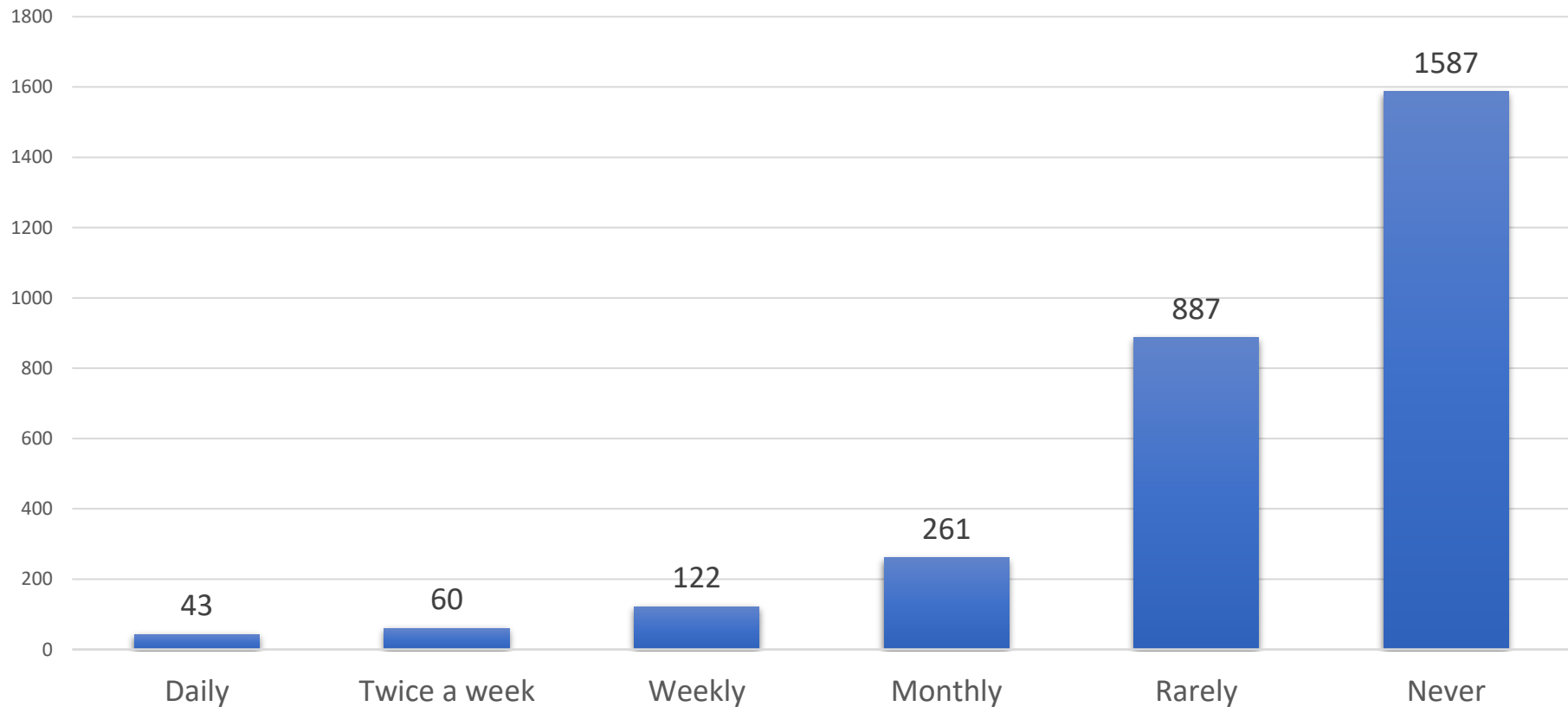
The following organisations submitted views as part of the engagement, either in writing or through the events or the survey;

- Avon Wildlife Trust
- B&NES Council Public Health
- Bath Preservation Trust
- Bear Flat Association
- British Cycling
- British Triathlon
- Cirencester College
- Climate Emergency Watch B&NES
- Creativity Works
- Entry Hill Golf Club
- Experience Community CIC
- Folly Flyers MTB Group
- Friction Collective
- Greenway Residents Association
- Montessori Bath
- Odd Down Community Association
- Play Sports Network
- Sulis Scorpions
- Three Ways Special School
- Woodland Trust
- Youth Connect South West



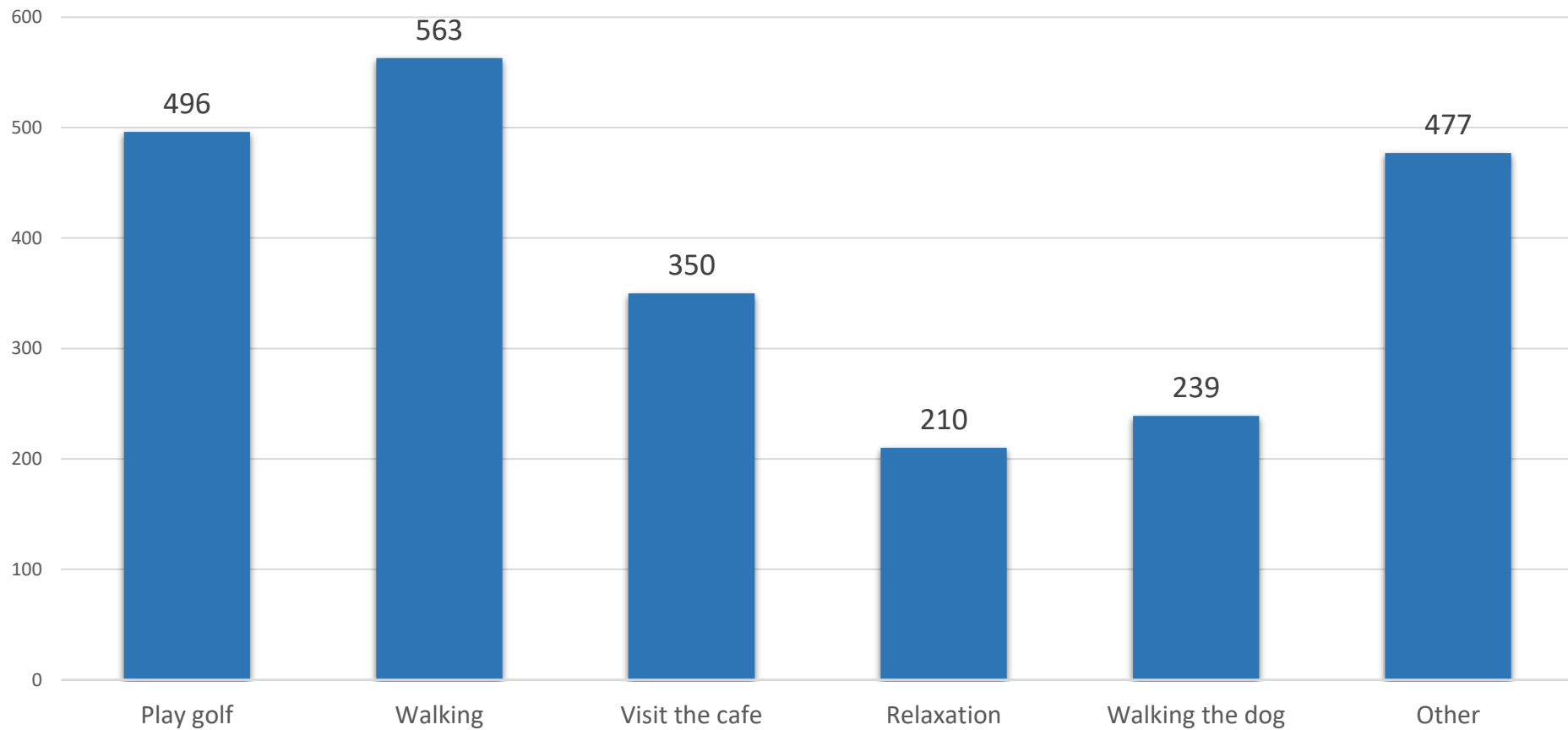
3.5 How often do you visit Entry Hill Golf Course?

Respondents to the survey were asked how frequently they visit the Golf Course, with the greatest number of people visiting never visiting (53%) and a further 29% rarely visiting.



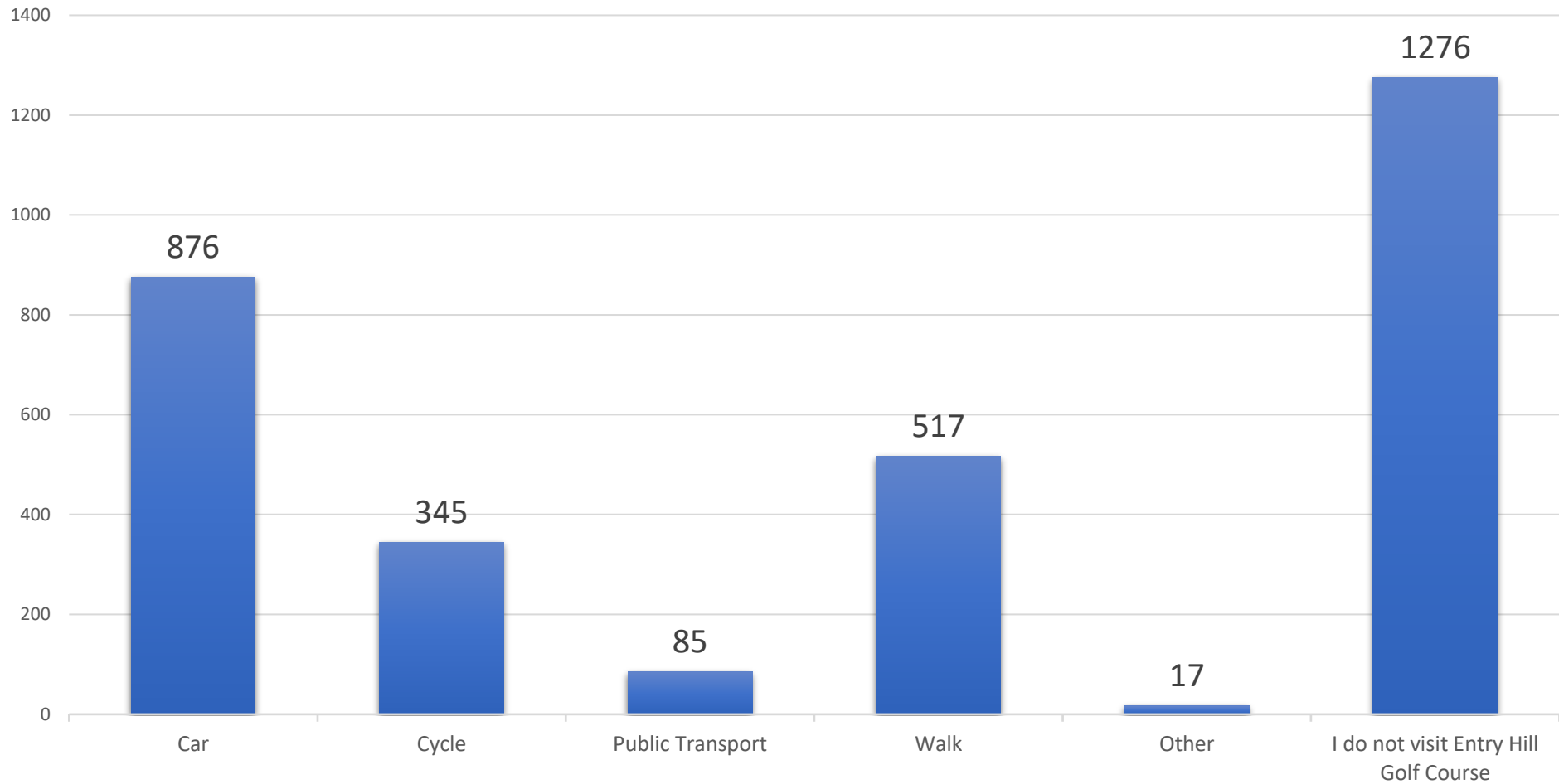
3.6 Activities

Individuals were asked what they do at Entry Hill Golf Course, if they use this space, and 1743 people chose to answer this question. 32% of those who answered this question stated that walking was the activity they carried out here, this being the most common activity stated. The majority of those who made supporting comments to this question reinforced that they do not currently use Entry Hill Golf Course, many remarking that it does not offer activities they are involved in.



3.7 How do you travel to Entry Hill Golf Course?

Whilst 45% of those who answered this question do not use Entry Hill Golf Course, the most common mode of transport for those who do was the car (31%)



3.8 What do you like best about Entry Hill Golf Course?

The survey invited respondents to pick out their favourite aspects of the golf course, if they are current users.

1,522 people chose to answer this question.

The attractive landscape and the quality of open space were the most commonly mentioned attributes in response to this question. The views, trees, feeling of openness and wildlife were also remarked upon by many, who value this as recreation space.

Entry Hill's location in close proximity to the city centre and people's homes was felt to be a real positive and makes the site ideally suited to playing a role as "green lungs" for the city, a term used by a number of respondents.

Those who use the site for playing golf remarked that it is an affordable, challenging course that they enjoy using. Those who do not currently use the site noted its potential to be a great resource for a large number of people in Bath and beyond.



3.9 What do you like least about Entry Hill Golf Course?

1448 people answered this survey question, noting a variety of dislikes in relation to Entry Hill Golf Course.

The most frequently occurring dislike, noted by those who chose to answer this question, was golf and the idea that as a golf course, the use of the site feels limited to one activity and a minority of leisure users.

Those who use the site for playing golf describe dislikes including:

- Poor course maintenance
- Lack of advertising leading to low numbers of players
- Poor drainage
- Lack of tree maintenance
- Inadequate investment

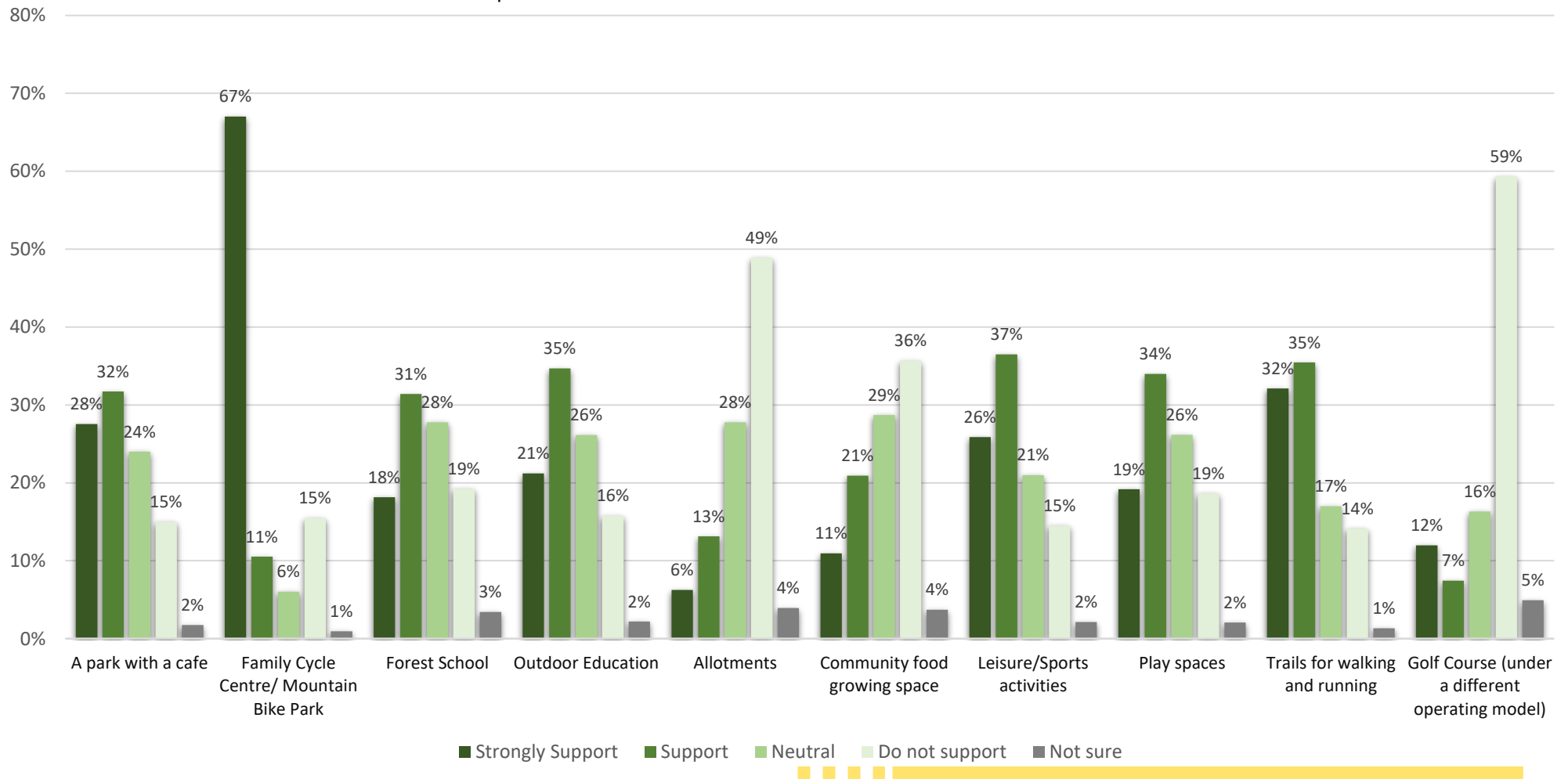
Many of those who commented on these issues remarked that they felt the overall neglect of the golf course has contributed towards it being evaluated for other leisure uses. Some of those who responded were very positive about Entry Hill Golf Course and noted that there was nothing that they didn't like or would change. Others proposed that the café requires improvement, especially in respect of;

- Choice and range of food on offer
- Cost
- Dog friendliness
- Physical accessibility for those with limited mobility



3.10 Views on possible new uses for Entry Hill Golf Course

Through both the survey and the stakeholder events, people were asked to provide their views on possible new uses for the Golf Course. 2,617 people provided their views on this question through the survey, and 1,126 also provided long answer comments to reinforce their views. The survey presented respondents with 10 choices on which they were invited to state whether they were strongly in support, in support, had neutral views, did not support or were unsure. The chart below shows their responses.



At the events individuals were invited to leave comments on all options, using post-it notes, which provided the opportunity demonstrate support, concern or to ask questions. The data from both the events and the survey has been combined in the narrative below, analysing the comments made and drawing out the key themes.

3.10.1 A park with a café

Whilst some individuals felt that Bath provides sufficient park space already, many others supported this suggestion, and especially with an improved café. There was support for a “natural” style park, rather than a formal garden, and many people noted the desire to increase the amount of planting and trees, to make space for wildlife and enhance biodiversity. Some of those who commented on this option reflected that it may be difficult for sufficient revenue to be raised to be able to cover the maintenance and staffing that would be required. Some further suggestions relating to the café were that it could be,

- Community run
- Accessible
- Larger
- Offering cooked food as well as drinks
- A destination in its own right
- Offering plenty of both indoor and outdoor seating
- Child friendly

3.10.2 A family cycle centre/mountain bike park

Many respondents were highly enthusiastic about the possibility of a family cycle centre/mountain bike park, providing substantial further information to support their views. This option was either “strongly supported” or “supported” by 1,976 people who completed the survey.

Some individuals remarked that they did not believe a cycling facility was needed because there are cycling opportunities at Odd Down Sports Centre. However, it was recognised by many that the facility at Odd Down is directed towards road rather than mountain bikes. Several individuals expressed concern about potential noise generation and the drainage issues on the site in winter especially.

Those who supported this option drew attention to other similar successful schemes in their comments, especially Leeds Urban Bike Park and Ashton Court in Bristol. These were cited as examples of locations where city sites can provide a valuable leisure function to their local and wider populations. There was also enthusiasm for linking this site up with other cycle friendly locations to provide green routes for cycling which will encourage more people to use bikes instead of driving. Other suggestions in relation to this option included;



- Opportunities for people to learn mountain biking
- All weather trails suitable for all ages and abilities
- Bike hire/repair centre
- Improved café/restaurant
- Support for improved planting and increased woodland on the site

3.10.3 Forest School

The use of the site for Forest School activities was either strongly supported or supported by 1,188 individuals who answered the survey. Over 50 people provided further views about Forest School in the survey, and it was commented upon by 54 people at the events. A number of individuals expressed interest in this option but wished to know more about it, supporting in principle the idea of learning in a woodland environment, and especially if this offer could be extended to all parts of the community, rather than just children. Some people noted that similar provision is already on offer at Rainbow Woods, and that St Martin's Garden Primary School is also considering developing a Forest School activity, and so there may be other options already in existence in the area. There was support for the idea of running this activity alongside some of the other options proposed, as it was felt to be compatible with outdoor education in particular.

3.10.4 Outdoor education

Outdoor education was a popular option for Entry Hill Golf Course with 1,344 people who completed the survey (those who either strongly supported or supported this option). As noted above, it was felt to have the potential to be combined with other options, especially Forest School and a park. Some individuals were concerned about the impact of encouraging more visitors on the flora and fauna of the site, and others questioned whether it would bring in sufficient revenue to remain viable. Many people supported the outdoor education option as a way to help engage young people in particular with the natural world and felt that the proximity of the site to the city made this location especially suitable. Some of the other suggestion points in respect of outdoor education included;

- Ensuring the safety of users in respect of shallow rooted trees
- The desire for inclusion of people with additional needs
- Providing opportunity for young people to spend time outdoors immersed in nature
- Concerns about parking, toilet facilities and potential for vandalism
- The possibility of keeping golf available at weekends and other uses during the week
- The need for covered outdoor space for poor weather and for breaks/lunch



3.10.5 Allotments

Allotments were a generally less popular option with those who completed the survey and attended the events. 459 individuals either strongly supported or supported the provision of allotments at Entry Hill Golf Club, lower than many of the other options. Whilst some people were supportive of the idea of allotments in principle, questions were raised over;

- Potential contamination of the soil from underlying landfill
- North facing steep slope which could make growing difficult
- The necessity for additional allotment provision in the city
- The possibility of local wildlife consuming food grown here

3.10.6 Community Food Growing Space

762 people either strongly supported or supported the idea of community food growing at Entry Hill Golf Course through the survey. Some of the same issues as were raised over allotments were mentioned in response to this idea. Whilst there was support for the concept, questions were raised about its capacity to raise funds to cover its maintenance and upkeep. Some people proposed this idea be developed alongside other options, including outdoor education and a park, so that there are a variety of uses which would help to make it viable. Community food growing was also seen as an opportunity to help develop community resilience and neighbourliness, bringing together different generations and facilitating understanding.

3.10.7 Leisure/sports activities

Leisure and sports activities were supported by 1,497 individuals in the survey (strongly support/support) and commented upon by 81 people at the drop in events. Some individuals proposed retaining the space as a golf course, whilst a wide variety of other leisure and sporting uses were suggested including;

- equipped outdoor fitness trails
- meditation spaces
- ping pong
- tennis
- dry skiing
- pitch and putt
- wildlife watching
- climbing wall
- Paintballing



- Cultural activities such as music and theatre

Some of the concerns that were expressed about potentially intensifying the use of the site included;

- Disturbance to wildlife
- Traffic problems
- Parking
- The need for increased facilities such as toilets, staffing and supervision

3.10.8 Play space

Play space proved popular with 1,497 of those who completed the survey (strongly support/support), and attracted 59 comments at the drop in events, some expressing support, others concern. Some of those who supported this idea suggested that access be made to the site from other sides, including Wellsway, so that people are encouraged to walk or cycle to the facilities avoiding transport issues. Proposals were made to ensure there is provision for older children, allowing recreation space for all ages. This option was felt by some to combine well with a café and perhaps other uses to utilise the site to its maximum. Play trails, with natural wooden based play equipment were a popular idea with some who responded, providing opportunity for adventurous active play.

Concerns included;

- Noise
- Need for supervision and safety
- Parking, traffic and congestion
- Sufficient parks elsewhere and therefore an unnecessary investment
- Inability to raise revenue

3.10.9 Trails for walking and running

Trails for walking and running were supported or strongly supported by 1,658 of those who responded to the survey. As noted above, walking is currently the most popular activity carried out at the golf course, according to the results of the survey. Many people would support greater opportunities to walk and run on the site, making the most of the natural environment. Several people proposed the site would make a challenging Park Run venue, and there were ideas about providing outdoor gym equipment stations at intervals around the site. Golf or other activities could be combined with walking or running, according to some participants, who felt that these activities were compatible either by creating separate areas or separate times for different



uses. Questions were raised about the possibilities for raising funding through this option, since it would be unlikely people would pay to use a space to walk or run. Councillors also answered questions and comments directly by email from individuals who wished to see greater access to the site for walking and running. Other issues raised included;

- Ensuring paths and surfaces are suitable for buggies and wheelchairs
- Security of the site at night
- Questions over the necessity for further walking/running when there is the Cotswold Way and other parks in Bath
- Improving the café to help this become a destination for a mix of leisure users

3.10.10 A golf course, operating under a different model

A total of 465 individuals commented that they supported or strongly supported the golf course remaining at Entry Hill under a different operating model. As noted above, some people felt that with improved management, investment, advertising and marketing the golf course could attract a wider membership and may be able to become financially sustainable. Some of those who supported golf being the main activity at Entry Hill also proposed other uses alongside this, for example walking (which many people do already) and an improved café. Questions were raised about the implications of a new operating model and what this would mean for subscriptions and fees, as well as the impact on maintenance. Golf is enjoyed by those who play here, and suggestions were made about the possibility of subsidising golf in a different location for members in the event that a new model was unable to be secured. The provision of a driving range was proposed as a way of generating additional income and appealing to a wider number of players at other times of the day/evening. Other suggestions included a pitch and putt course and the reintroduction of golf lessons at Entry Hill to greatly increase the number of users.

3.10.11 A combination of uses

As noted above in previous sections, many people felt that combining different ideas and uses within Entry Hill Golf Course would be an ideal compromise and enable a much wider use of the site by a larger and more diverse population. Retaining golf, with walking and improved café facilities was suggested by some, though many people felt that making provision for young people on the site and providing opportunities for learning and active play was a priority. Promoting the enjoyment of the natural world and making space for wildlife was important to many people who engaged with the consultation, with a recognition that there are currently habitats and species on the site that should continue to be accommodated. A combination of uses which covers daytime, evening and weekend use would also help to reduce pressure on parking and access arrangements and make provision for large numbers of visitors.



3.11 Do you have other ideas for future uses at Entry Hill Golf Course?

727 individuals answered this question in the survey, many reiterating the comments they had previously made in other sections and reaffirming their wish for particular options. Other uses that were proposed over and above those discussed above included:

- Adventure playground
- Creation of a Low Traffic Neighbourhood
- Zip wire
- High ropes/ Go Ape course
- Sculpture Park
- Botanic Garden
- City Farm
- Rewilding space left for nature
- Affordable housing
- Community hub offering classes and events
- Outdoor theatre
- Outdoor film screening
- Music performance venue
- Nature Reserve
- Boules
- Indoor climbing centre
- Swimming
- Zorbing
- Archery
- Dry toboggan run
- Downhill karting
- Obstacle course
- Basketball court



4 Evaluating Options

The consultation and engagement process have provided a wide range of data which can inform the future use of Entry Hill Golf Course.

The detail of the delivery of a recommended option is beyond the scope of this report and much of the thinking around future management can be taken on board if/when the potential for technical assessments have been investigated by the Council.

The following methodology utilises a Multi-Criteria Decision Tool to assess future uses of the site in an open, accountable and easy to understand way. It is designed to assist discussion and assessment and provide a recommendation to decision-makers.

4.1 How has the engagement informed each option under consideration?

The engagement helped find common ground and evaluate the support for the different options as well as ascertaining the potential requirements for a preferred one.

In considering the future options the central focus is on the responsibilities and duties of the owner of the site, in this case, Bath and North East Somerset Council. Other parties have put forward strong views and submissions based on their own interests, remits and responsibilities, as requested. The duties and responsibilities of Bath and North and North East Somerset as owners of the land in question are very different from single interest organisations, although some may be shared. This point is an important one in considering the following options.

4.2 Assumptions

There are a number of unknowns which will need consideration prior to any option finally being put into place. However, in order to give a pragmatic and useful assessment of the options that were part of the engagement process, the following assumptions have been used:

- That an option under consideration is a viable one
- That the option is a significant use of the space
- That it is a primary use

The following gives further explanation to those assumptions.



4.2.1 Viability

In setting out the uses being considered in the consultation, Bath and North East Somerset Council assessed the deliverability of the options, only consulting on deliverable options. All those, whether they were partial use of the site or as the most significant primary use, were considered viable. The Council were aware of some limiting factors, such as the prior use of the ground as a landfill site. For example, use as a food growing area, in the choices around community food growing space or allotments, needed to be considered in this context and an awareness that should these types of use be delivered mitigation measures may be needed (for example the use of raised beds or liners, in this case). Other viability aspects were considered around the deliverability aspects, such as cost. The continuation of the Golf Course as an option was retained, provided a different management model could be negotiated.

4.2.2 Significant use of the space

In considering the options, it is necessary to evaluate those which require a significant user of the space. Some of the other options which require less space, and certainly not the whole site, could be included alongside those options. For example, Trails for Walking, Forest School and Play Spaces would not be excluded by the by the more significant utilisers of space. These uses could be integrated to a greater or lesser extent into whichever options were under consideration.

4.2.3 Primary Use

The options under consideration would be deemed to be the primary use of the space, given the amount of space (see above) or the resource consideration in setting them up and running them.



4.3 Options

Given the above assumptions, the options under consideration are:

- A Park with a Café (plus other uses)
- A Family Cycle Centre / Mountain Bike Park
- A Golf Course

4.4 Criteria

Bath and North East Somerset Council's objectives informed the criteria against which options are measured. The scores of each option will be set against these criteria.

These criteria will be further broken down into more detail in Section 4.6.

4.5 Criteria weighting

Using the objectives of the organisation, Bath and North East Somerset Council Members and Officers weighted the criteria against which the options were to be assessed. The weightings are

Criteria	Weighting (%)
The Council's Climate Emergency declaration	70%
The need to get more people more active more often in more ways	60%
The need for the Council to operate within its budget constraints	50%



4.6 Criteria Breakdown

To help refine, define and weight any attributes of the criteria, the evaluation broke down as follows:

Criteria	Attributes (measures of contribution to criteria)	Weighting (from 1 to 3)
The Council's Climate Emergency declaration	Tree planting	1
	Biodiversity	1
	Sustainable Management	1
	Sustainable Transport	1
The need to get more people more active more often in more ways	Children	1
	Teenagers	1
	Young Adults	1
	Middle Ages	1
	Elder	1
	Multi-generational	1
The need for the Council to operate within its budget constraints	Capital	1
	Revenue costs	3



4.7 Options Scoring

4.7.1 A Café with a Park (plus)

Climate Emergency	Score out of 100
Tree planting	70
Biodiversity	60
Sustainable management	50
Sustainable transport	70

Activity	Score out of 100
Children	50
Teenagers	20
Young Adults	20
Middle Ages	40
Elder	40
Multi generation	60

Budget	Score out of 100
Capital	90
Revenue costs	20

4.7.2 Family Cycle Centre / Mountain Bike Park

Climate Emergency	Score out of 100
Tree planting	80
Biodiversity	80
Sustainable management	70
Sustainable transport	50

Activity	Score out of 100
Children	50
Teenagers	80
Young Adults	80
Middle Ages	70
Elder	30
Multi generation	70

Budget	Score out of 100
Capital	30
Revenue costs	80



4.7.3 Golf Course (under different operating model)

Climate Emergency	Score out of 100
Tree planting	20
Biodiversity	35
Sustainable management	40
Sustainable transport	30

Activity	Score out of 100
Children	20
Teenagers	20
Young Adults	20
Middle Ages	60
Elder	80
Multi generation	20

Budget	Score out of 100
Capital	70
Revenue costs	35

The scores for each attribute are set against any weightings and these calculated and set down in the following summary table.



4.8 Options Scoring Summary

Each option was scored against each of the above Criteria (attribute) out of 100, appropriate attribute weightings included and the combined scores / criteria weightings are summarised below.

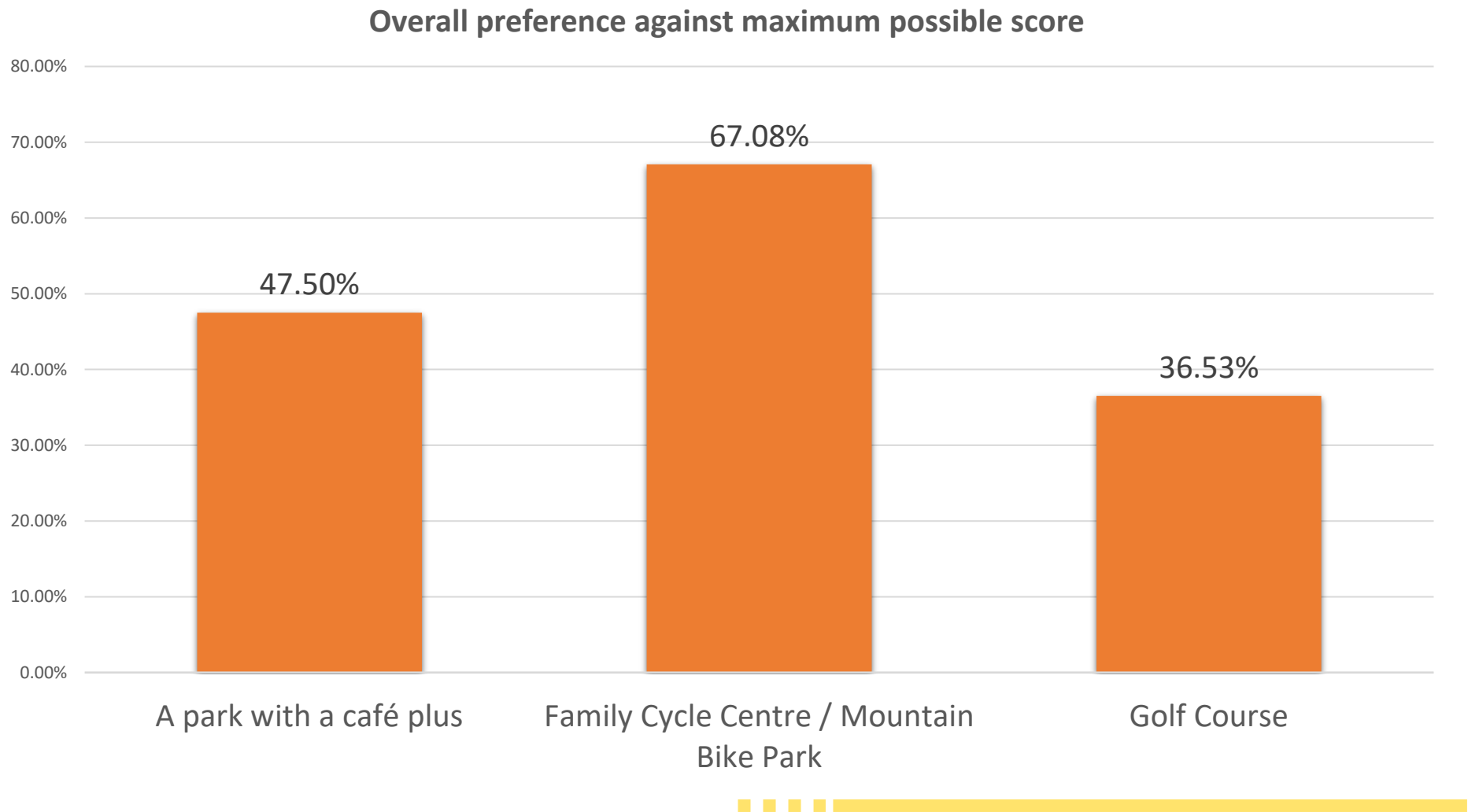
Options Scoring Summary Table

Option 1 - A park with a café plus				
	Climate Emergency	Activity	Budget	Total
Score	63	38	38	
Weighting	70	60	50	
Total (score x weighting)	4375	2300	1875	8550

Option 2 - Family Cycle Centre / Mountain Bike Park				
	Climate Emergency	Activity	Budget	Total
Score	70	63	68	
Weighting	70	60	50	
Total (score x weighting)	4900	3800	3375	12075

Option 3 - Golf Course				
	Climate Emergency	Activity	Budget	Total
Score	31	37	44	
Weighting	70	60	50	
Total (score x weighting)	2188	2200	2188	6575

Options Summary Graph



5 Conclusions and Recommendations

The consultation and engagement process have shown the strength of opinion from the community and stakeholders who use and would wish to use this valuable asset in Bath. The Options Analysis has furthered these views and opinions and set the context to assess the site against the objectives of the Bath and North East Somerset Council as the owner of the site. These objectives are:

- The Council's Climate Emergency declaration
- The need to get more people more active more often in more ways
- The need for the Council to operate within its budget constraints

From the primary, significant use options available, the strongest is the Family Cycle Centre/Mountain Bike Park. This option stands out for best fulfilling the objectives and being the most highly supported option within the consultation and also offers the opportunity to be combined with a number of the less space intensive uses as appropriate.



APPENDIX 1 – Question 6 – Text Answers - What do you do at Entry Hill Golf Course?

Very little I can do at present!

Do not visit

Look at it

Purchase golf balls for the family

I look at it from my own property and think we are lucky to back on to it

never been there

Looking for new mountain biking locations near Bristol

Wildlife watching

Do not visit

N/A

N/a

I don't

N/A

I don't

Do not visit

Not been

nothing

Nothing

when it snows

We have not been yet

Sledging in the snow

Not used before but may in the future if its suitable for families



N/a

I often walk past it and just admire the view and tranquility

none

I walk or cycle past.

If developed, I would visit this place to cycle

Yoga, jogging

N/a

never attended

Nothing (as I never visited).

don't go

Mountain Biking would be a huge attraction especially when combined with the natural bridle paths in the area...

write my autobiography

Jog

Pick apples, Look out for wildlife, particularly animals

Accompany my husband when he plays golf

never been

Mountain bike

Nothing at the moment

Nothing at the moment, it's a golf course

I have never been

Never visited

never been there

n/a

I don't

Currently never attend

Never been



Nothing

Community events

enjoy the view

N/A

I dont

I don't visit as per Q5

Never visited

Nothing

I've not been yet

Never been to the park, but do visit the city.

Would mtb if possible

Nothing yet

Don't currently go

Never been but might if there's decent MTB trails

Nothing

I don't go, yet

Does not Appel to me as a good course

Sledge in the snow

I have never been as it's a golf course and I have no interest in golf. It's a male dominated game with a bad a history

Ride my bike

Mountain biker

sledging in the snow

Riding bikes

None

Ride

Take residents from care home



Not used to it's full potential.

I've never been but would if it was a bike park

Never been, but if it were converted into a MTB trail destination then yes I would.

park

Have never been

Biking

I don't golf so nothing

Never go there

Nothing

none

I dont currently

I do not visit

Sledging

Riding bikes

NA

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Nothing

Na

Nothing

Cycle

Golf is for the few mountain biking is for the many

Nothing.

Urban bike park

Wed

Don't rly go there much

Haven't been but would go for mountain biking if trails were built



Ride

Sledge

N/A

Not applicable

None

Mountain Bike

I don't go

Mtb

A mountain bike park

Cycle past it using the Wellsway or Entry Hill

Not a visitor

Mountain biking

Mountain biking

I don't.... yet!

Don't attend because it doesn't appeal to our age group

N/A

Golf lessons and Sledging in winter

I have never been there because I am not interested in golf

Cycling

N/a

Nothing

Cycling

Not visited

not been there

Never been before

None



I would prefer to ride my mountain bike there

Don't

I didn't realise it was open to public !

Ride my bike

Q5 - dQ5. daily during summer; less often during wet winter days

None

Never been

Running

haven't been yet!

I don't go there

Nothing yet

N/A

I don't

N/A

Never been

Mountain Bike

Ride my bike

Mountain biking

Sledging

N/A

Running

Nothing

Mountain biking

Do not visit

Nothings

Nothing as I've no interest in golf



Mtb

Waiting for the Bike Park

N/A

Currently do not visit

Bike

None

Cycling

Cycle past

Nothing

Do not currently come

Dont

Na

Don't visit

nA

Didn't know that it was open for anything other than golf

Haven't been

I would bike and use cafe.

Never been

N/A

I've never been

Will cycle if scheme approved

Mountainbike

Would like to see Mountain biking grow there

Would visit to mountain bike

None

MTB



I do not

N/a

I have not been, but I would if it was a mtb park

Would attend if a new use was found

Nothing, don't visit at present

Mountain biking

None

NA wouldn't visit under current use

I have not visited

Cycling

Cyclist

Cycling

Went snowboarding there once!

Walk past it twice daily

Lived in Englishcombe lane for 30 years but never went there as I'm not interested in golf

none of the above

I'd only go to ride

I don't visit

Never been there

Na

riding bike

None

Nothing

Never been

Nothing

not been



I don't currently visit
Mountain bike
Hope that it'll be turned in to trails
I don't
winter sledging (don't tell anyone)
Drive passed
N/A
The bike park
Nothing
I will come for the bike park
Have not been there want mountain biking place
Walk past thinking 'waste of space'
I've never been
N/A
Ride my mountain bike through it
Mountain biking
None
I do not play golf.
Never been
N/A
I don't
Never been
Nothing
I do not use currently
Don't use the club as it is poorly maintained. Greens are appalling.
N/A



Never been but i would if it was a bike park

dont visit

Na

Nothing

None

I don't visit currently

Work

Mountain biking

N/A

Cycle

cycling

Mtb!?

na

Working (council grounds)

N/A

N/A

Do not currently use the golf course

Do not currently visit

Never go

Haven't been

n/a

Never been

NA

I don't play golf...

Never been

Never been



I don't

Biking

I have never visited

nothing

Na

Cycle

not visited yet

None

NA

Nothing

n/a

Mountain Biking

I never visit because I do not play Golf

I dont play golf

Never been there

Nothing at present

Rode my bike through to the BMX track

Mountain Bike

no visits

I never use it

N/A

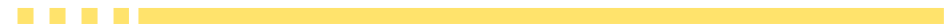
Don't go there

Na

Love to ride

Never been

Jogging



I don't - but would ride mountain bikes if it were a dedicated bike park..

Hi

Run

N/A

one visit just to have a look

Go through

N/a

No reason to visit yet

Cycle past

Use the café

Never been

Cycling

Cycling

Natural history exploration

Walk past it daily wishing it wasn't a golf course!

N/A

Sledging

Sledging

Mtb

Nothing at present

Sledging

Nothing, I live beneath it

cycling the bridleways

I don't golf

Don't go

Nothing



I don't go

Don't go

N/A

Never been although it is over the road

Sledging

We do not visit

Never visited

Never go but want to

Tobogganing

N.a - as at the minute, I have no cause to go there as I dont play golf

Never have been

I never knew that I could do things other than golf

sledging

Haven't been

I don't go there

None

Hanging with mates

Look at it

Never been

Never been

I've never been golf does not interest me

Nothing

Walk past it

Never knew local residents could use the site

n/a currently

As a golf course it has no appeal. Wouldn't enter for fear of being hit by balls. Golf course = Keep Out



NA

N/A

Cycling

Never been - don't play golf

Sledge when it snows

Cycling

I don't

Mountain Biking

Have never visited

Don't visit

Bike ride

Na

Nothing yet but would visit a bike park for sure

Pick up my child from golf

never been

sledge

Sledging in the snow

sledging

Sledging

Sledging in the snow

Sledging when it snows

Playing with the snow.

Walk past

Sledging

I live very close to the golf course, my children sledge on the golf course when it snows, as do most of Hansford Square and surrounds. It's wonderful to see children enjoying the slopes in this way.



sledging with children when it snows

Overlooking it and walk across it.

Running

Watch other people play golf

volanteer work on the course upkeep,

Running

Nothing

Birdwatch

Birdwatch

watching the nature

*never visit it is a golf cours

I dont go to entry hill golf course

Have not been

I don't visit as the the facility's aren't great and there are better golf courses around bath

Not been before

Sledging

Don't go

Tobogganing

Sledging

Na

Dog walk

Don't play golf so haven't visited

Currently do not go

running route

Never been. This is first I've heard about it

doesn't apply



Never visited

drive past

Na

none of the above

Sledging

Not been

Never been

Bmx

Sledding

I look at it while I cycle up Entry Hill or Wellsway heading for the mountain bike trails.

Cycle

I never go there

NA

I don't go as the facility's aren't great

None of the above

Not been

never

Sleighing in the snow !

Meeting friends

none

Ride near in the forests on bike

N/A

Riding my bike to get to woods

N/A

Don't go there

Cycle around



We come to Bath skatepark and bmx track and come here

Do not visit

Nothing

Have never been.

Do no use it

N/a new to Bath

Nothing

don't play golf

I have never been as golf does not appeal

We use it for sledging when it snows!

Running

never

I do not like Q5. My routine is to use Entry Hill 3 times a week but it might be more in Summer and less in Winter depending on weather and conditions.

Not a visitor currently

Nothing

None

I'm yet to visit

run through it

Don't use

I don't currently go there.

Never go. If I did walk

See question 5

N/A

working

Snow sledging

Visit Odd Down cycle circuit



see above

Cycle

Nothing at present

Don't currently visit

Never visited

Socialise with golf club members

N/a

Cycling

I will ride my bike

Not been. Yet.

Don't visit as golf isn't a hobby of mine

Never been

Cycling / Mountain biking

Never been but plan to if the bike park happens

Running

Nothing

Play with my kids

Cycle past commuting to work

Do not visit.

Mountain Biking

Never been

See above

Never visited

Cycle past it everyday to work.

Never been

I rarely go but have played Golf in the past



N/A

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Do not currently visit

Not visited

Very little at present as I don't play golf

I have never visited

Never been

Sledging when it snows!

Don't go there as don't play golf

Nothing

I have never been

Sledging went it snows!

I do not visit as I do not play golf

Q5 - dQ5. daily during summer; less often during wet winter days



APPENDIX 2 – Question 8 - Text Answers – What do you like best about Entry Hill Golf Course

Its landscape value and potential for a range of environmentally sustainable activities

Nice large green open area

Thought it was for golf only, would have visited more if i knew about walking, cafe etc.

Natural beauty, tranquillity

price, location, difficulty of course

The trees & nature

Trees/birds

Beautiful patch of countryside near centre of Bath

A green lung just a couple of miles south of the city centre

An green space in the heart of a City

Location

Trees

It is an attractive and valuable open space, for people and wildlife to enjoy

location and its hilly

Green open space and useful facility for bath residents

sledging

Brilliant open space much needed with the air pollution problems facing Bath

nothing

A green space on my doorstep

Convenient Location

Available to all, cost effective for low income families, challenging course, lovely views



golf

Quiet location and excellent views. Accessible golf course - location and financially.

That it is a green space, that it gives access to nature, that it is a green lung for the city.

The price, the views, the course itself. In a city of expense it is one of the few remaining affordable activities

The wildlife: deer, badgers, foxes, birds including buzzards, pheasants, bullfinches, jays, woodpeckers, owls, bats, frogs, newts, butterflies. It's a beautiful green space a conservation success story landfill to recreational / wildlife open space it needs to be conserved as such

Pay and play

Its location

Fun

The fact it could be used for riding

The idea that it could be turned into a bikepark. I can assure you it would get a lot more people there if it was a bikepark.

Nature and views

lovely little golf course, great exercise

beauty

Accessible to all and very reasonably priced

Indifferent

You don't need to be a member to play

location

N/A

The fact that it might be turned into a mountain bike trail

Nature

Na

The scenery



It could be a MTB trail

N/A

It's a lovely course and is accessible to all

good to have access to green space in the city

Green and pleasant land and trees

Cafe

The landscape/view

Everything about it is lovely as it is

It's affordable, with lovely restorative surroundings,

Nothing

fun to play and local

All levels welcome

It is a large, green open space

Green open space near the city centre

Quiet and reasonably priced

Location, Open to everyone

A lovely, quiet green area. Beautifully landscaped. A pleasure to be there

Distinctive topography, enclosed by green, long views to the city

Green open space close to the city - council owned

Affordable

The golf course

hills

Windhill Bike Park

It is a nice quiet open space



Location

Never been

Open green quiet space

great challenging course, relaxed, affordable

Location. Accessible pricing

Location

Proximity to home

Accessible and friendly, great for learning the game

Large open space & Location

fresh air, open space, great views

Its a good, challenging course, short (three quarter size). Quick and convenient to get round

It's green space

It's a beautiful place to walk around the cafe staff and so friendly and the food it really really nice

A green lung in the city

Proximity

The open space

It is a Green Space

Inclusiveness

It's green

Proximity to the city. Parking and the layout

It location and trees

Views

Trees

There's nothing there for me



Beautiful hillside location with nature trees

The views, peaceful place without loads of houses on it

Trees for wildlife. Green space.

How quiet it is.

Location

setting, views the people

Countryside

The views

The course itself

Challenging

The beauty and openness, a very beautiful space.

The open green space

N/a

green space

Interesting site for a mountain bike course

potential for a great natural park close to the city

convenience

don't go

Love all the trees and the green space

Views

Never been

The facilities

Nature

An oasis and wildlife place



Beautiful scenery, affordable golf, close to home, hills make playing very enjoyable

It's relatively wild in places and a great habitat for local wildlife, especially birds.

It's rare to have large open spaces of land these days. They are precious, necessary, important wildlife habitat and carbon capture

The views and the greenery

That it is a green open space and wildlife haven in the heart of the city

An area of green; a golf course without being stuck up.

A lovely green space in the middle of the city

the sport of golf

It is a quiet, green space with a hill to walk up without a "theme". Outdoor spaces in cities don't have to have an idea to be of value, or a narrative, or a place to buy anything, or to be explained to you by someone, or to have lighting schemes or decorative planting. All of these things make them contrived and less peaceful. Leave the entry hill golf course alone. Do something else, somewhere else.

Very challenging little golf course with attractive tree-lined holes and at the same time providing lovely and energetic walks among a lot of trees

lots of space

Short challenging course very accessible from the city centre

Beautiful site and views

Good outdoor space

you can breathe there, with least pollution (perhaps) in Bath, lack of vehicles such as Mountain bikes. wild life

Natural surroundings

The course, affordability, no membership required

Beautiful landscapes

That it is a beautiful quiet green space

Cheap

Attractive Green space walking but supports wildlife, including deer and owls.



As it is there is nothing I like about it

The space

nothing

Green space

The green space it provides

Undulating landscape, trees and wildlife, and views of Bath

Haven of nature in a busy city

It remains a green lung in OUR city.(Not the Council's city)

A green space in the city and a beautiful (and challenging) golf course

Near and cheap

A great facility for the casual golfer.

Never been

location and views

Not been

the setting and location

Wildlife

Sand pits

the setting and location

Open air

Nothing

The lovely ground and it gives me an opportunity to socialise when I golf and make friends which I wouldn't get anywhere else.

I like how it has transformed derelict land into a green lung with nicely matured planting.

playing golf

Nice course



It conveniently close

The view

The fact that it a green and open space which should be open to all residents and visitors to this beautiful city. It also provides a 'green' introduction to the city as one travels down from the southern entrances to Bath.

Nice bike area with mix of terrain

proximity to home

Nice holes. Challenging Course. Friendship of seniors group

Inner city, surroundings/environment

It's location

It looks beautiful but I've never been!

Quiet aspect

Beautiful views and serenity

the beauty

Amenity space open to everyone particularly in such an expensive city

Its relatively convenient location

It's pretty

The trees

Have never been

Good location

Never been

Green space

A rare open space in the busy tourist town

That the green space could be converted into a asset for bath residents

Its location



N/A

Never visited

It's a municipal

The beautiful peace and environment

Location

It's a cheap round of golf

Big area

IT SEEMS A HAVEN OF PEACE AND TRANQUILLITY

don't use

It looks like a beautiful site that needs protecting for leisure use

Location

That it is an accessible public leisure space

Views and the green outdoors

The quietness

The view across the city

The surroundings.

It's a green space

Nothing

Nothing

Beautiful quiet area above the city.

its a peaceful, green space

An affordable and challenging golf course near to where I live.

The green space

Location



Na

The fact that it is an open green space

Near

N/a

The area

Site

Breakfast

Pay as you go

Area

A green space close to my home

It's position

It's a nice green space

Golf course in bath

It's a big open space

the view

An interesting course, and very peaceful.

N/A

I don't frequent the course, but visit Bath regularly.

It's potential

Its a hill

Views

Never been

NA

N/a



the open green space

How close it is to the city

Open space

Fresh air

The woodland areas, I walk close by and see the trees and birdlife there

The land

Convenience / close to city centre

Location

It's well kept

Greenery and Access

Green spaces

green open spaces, wildlife and stunning views

Nothing particular

The trees, natural surroundings and wildlife

Being close to nature

Quiet open space

The trees

Fantastic 9 hole course really enjoy playing it as an alternative to my home club Fosseway.

Affordability and situation

The open space and the trees and occasional deer

The beautiful grounds and cafe.

Great for sledging

Nice location, good view

It's outside



Its natural open space and trees

Views

environment and location

Close and a lovely setting

peaceful and relaxing

Golf

Open green space and views

The Green Space

The Green Space

Nice location

N/A

Peace and quiet and cafe

Accessibility and Location

N/A

Nothing

Nout

I enjoy the nature and the green space along with the freedom from traffic and the great views

green space

Views

It's beautiful

It provides a very pleasant outlook to my home and garden, which overlook the golf course

Perfect for biking

Open space

Nothing



nothing yet

Leisure facility

Near me

Everything

friendly / quite site -suitable/great for younger families to use

The green space

Distance from Bath, accessible walks

Relaxing space

The outdoors.

It's good for sledging

Clean clear open spaces

the ease of access to a great open space

The scenery

The view

Views

Playing ona. Fantastic, accessible golf course

The scenery

location and accessability

Parkland

That it offers potential space for the whole community and adapting to the climate crisis.

good views

Mtb trails

It's friendly, beautiful and a great place to play golf

Green space and view



The golf

Location and outdoor space

That it's goin to be turned into a bike park

Didn't know it existed

The open space

Location, rise, peace

The wildlife

View

Lungs of Bath. Undeveloped open space.

The location

Being outdoors

Proximity to central Bath

Trees

It's big with good views

Nothing

Fresh air

Not a golfer so don't go.

Views

Location

View from the hill, open space

It's location and potential repurpose, including a pedestrian link to Odd Down sports ground

Green in a city environment

Hills

its accessibility.



It's proximity to Bath and Bristol

Location and environment

Open green space

trees grass views and absence of traffic

People

The scenery

Wonderful place

Large green space

Accessibility

Natural beauty in an urban landscape

Lovely views

Great location and varied terrain

The hill next to it.

Views, green space

Location

Open space

Lovely quiet scenery, nature.

Its potential to be turned into an urban bike park

Location

peace and quiet, accessibility, nature, fresh air, ability to walk the dog

Area of green space

Location and views

Open green space and trees

Location



Low cost way to get into golf

The large amount of green space

Woodland glades

The fact it might become more valuable than being a golf course

Its potential not-a-golf-course-ness/mountain-bike-park-ness

N/a

Good course at a reasonable price

Open space

An oasis of calm in the city

Close to home

golf

open space, nature

open space

Get away from the city in the cuty

Green space

Nice little course at a great price.

It's a good place to walk

open space

It is a green space in the heart of the area

Preserved green space in the city

Tranquil tree lined park

Nothing

QUIET

Scenery



It looks like a lovely space

The View

Quiet open space

Challenging course

It currently has no interest to me

Its situation in the city

that it may be a mountain bike park

It is calm parklike facility which enhances the area

Location, tucked away in central bath.

Green leisure space in the city

Location, price, scenery

Urban countryside

GREEN OPEN SPACE FOR WALKING

Great price, lovely location and challenging course

Open space and landscaping

green

I pass by and the green spaces look good.

N/a

Variety

Trees and views

Beautiful and affordable, you wouldn't know you're in a city.

The trees and green spaces

Landacape

Short



Convenience of have a golf course nearby

bountiful landscapes

Beautiful setting for a public course

cafe

it is an interesting course

Thinking about riding my mtb

It's a very special golf course that I've been going to since I was 14. It's also very affordable compared to other options in area

The possibility it could become a bikepark

green space in city

It's not a bike park

Mtb

Green /open space -beautiful

playability of the course

Never been

How it could be turned into a mtb park

Exercise. Beautiful scenery. Peace. Challenges. Friendly people.

n/a

J

The scenic views

Food

Never been

Clean

The surroundings and the peace.

Trees



Cafe

It's good for informal golf

I've never been there

Playing golf

Open space it's beauty fresh air good for the soul

An open green space

Accessible

Nothing

Its locality, in the city and easy to use. It's accessibility, being a place where beginners can easily try the game.

Its elevation

The scenery and the opportunity for mountain biking

It could be an mtb park

Green space in the Bath area

Location

Its potential for rewilding and its ability to provide support for biodiversity and carbon capture

Never been

It is a good short golf course

It's MTB potential

The views

It's potential to assist in protecting biodiversity and carbon capture

Quiet

Large outdoor space easily accessible to many in Bath

No idea, but a mtb Park would be sweet

The size



Beautiful scenery
Open space, country views
The scenery
The forest
Countryside leisure activities on the doorstep
The tree's and slope
The breakfast
Footpath around the edge
Cafe
Beautiful location
Mountain biking
yes
Open views
N/A
I would be curious to discover the green space
the outdoors
Nothing
I like that it's a wedge of green space that makes the To of Bear Flat feel more like the country. It's green and has trees.
I can get there by walking or cycling
Location
It's very close to my in-law's house and allows me to get some fresh air when I'm visiting.
If it became a decent mtb park
N/A
accessibility



Trees

Location

Golf course is a good one

The terrain and wildlife

N/A

N/A

Green space near city centre

Location

Nothing, never been

The position within the city

It's location, price and pay as you play structure makes the game of golf (which is generally quite elitist) accessible to those on lower incomes

Challenging and beautiful, and affordable

Scenery

The positive contribution it makes to the green landscape setting of the World Heritage Site, its significant trees and green character, and views over the historic city.

It could be a mountain bike centre.

Trees grass the fact that a green space is so accessible

How is could be a great cycling location

Stunning location

Hilly, beautiful area, peaceful.

Nice scenery

It's a green space for the public

Location and Topography

NA



The testing course
the trees and the biodiversity
Space, vista, countryside, fresh air, trees, view
Outdoors
The surrounds area and view
the fact that you may build a MTB course there
The scenery
Nice atmosphere
Haven't been, but a 4 wheel bike specific trail would be amazing
Scene
It's a beautiful oasis a short walk from where I live
Never been
Great location and good to have greenery in the sea
Location, open space
green space near the centre of Bath
N/A
Tranquility
I love the space and the trees, and that it's so close to town
Ease of access from central Bath
N/A
The open space
Pretty views
Greenery
Open space



Mtb

Don't currently use the space

The views, trees, grass etc.

Countryside

The green open spaces

Nice little course for a quick game

It is an open space that lets that part of Bath breathe. We lived very close to it from before the days when it was built.. It is a beautiful jewel.in Baths crown. Do not destroy it!

Open areas and away from the town

Never been there

Views

The leaves

Nice place to walk the dog

Location

location

Decent green space to enjoy

Nothing

Outside space

N/A

Pleasant open green space . It is a good little golf course .

Amazing views

Pretty

Beautiful surroundings

Wide open space

Prices . And it's a challenge



Accessible

The hill

Area,peace

Scenery

Nothing

Price, great place to practice and introduce my son to golf, not busy,

Good location

Nature

N/a

It could be a bike park

Open space, much needed green space

Cycling

I currently don't use it

Location and trees

It's peace away from the hustle and bustle

Possible new MTB park to visit

Trees

It is excellent value for money

Cafe

Local, accessible. Well priced. Good for families and players of all abilities

The grass is soft

N/a

Grass and views

It's affordable



Golf

Everything

Location, outdoor space near city centre

The possibility of a bike park

Open green space

Cheap

The views

Well maintained

The location

The landscape

Never been

Nothing

space

The potential for a new place to ride bikes

The idea that a bike park might be created there

Never been

Views

It could be MTB trails

Accessible for all and not expensive like other courses.

Challenging

Scenary

Scenery

Location, views, locals, topography, wildlife, atmosphere...

Cafe



A nice 9 hole course

The cafe

That it could be a mountain bike track

It's about to be redeveloped

The space that's available to turn into a MTB park

Natural environment close to the city centre. Wildlife haven.

Mountain biking

NA

Never been there

Space

The green space

It's full of wildlife and a great outdoor space

The open space and the proximity to my house

Nothing

It is a hill

People getting outside to be Active.

Decent course, looks nice

The views

Its location

Open

The mountain bike trails

N/A

Affordable course, interesting course, in the heart of Bath, offers the opportunity for all levels to play this sport, all too often only afforded by the few.to

Nice area



A great public green space suitable for public pastimes and sports

N/a

Grass

That it's a public course

Green space near to where I live

Never been there

It would be a perfect sight for a mountain bike park

Location and challenge

N/A

It's a welcome green space among the housing.

The vast green space. It's very peaceful

Stimulating course, lovely environment and friendly

The view

Nothing

Haven't been

Scenery

n/a

Peaceful, the deer and other wildlife

-

Never been

NA

Its municipal - pay & play

It's outdoors

An open green space away from the city.



Price

Location

open space

green space in the city

Fresh air and natural surroundings.

The pleasant surroundings and the affordability

Relaxing location

Peace and quiet

Large green space with wild life and trees

Nothing

Green space

Open space

Beautiful green space

Views, green environment in the heart of Bath, accessible

reasonably priced golf in bath

THE NICE CLEAN PARK

na

The landscape

The view

The cafe

Views

A challenging golf course, reasonable price to pay.played there for many years.

Location

NA



Green Space

It's steep

Easy to reach, challenging and affordable

Nothing make it a bike park

Location

It's size, the walk, the views, the challenge of the course

The wonderful green lung it is and the social aspect

Green space

The opportunity to play just nine holes

Location

Views

green space

Open landscape

A chance to play golf at an affordable price

location

Views

NA

The space

Unknown

N/A - haven't been but would like to visit

Peaceful

N/A

A valuable green space

Nice green space when i travel to work



NA

Cafe

location

It's peace and tranquility

Views

Nothing

It is a cracking and much loved little course

Dunno

I don't visit

Views and inclusion of the city

Green area

The relaxed Golf

setting

Na

Walking

Location and value

Convenient location and excellent breakfast at the cafe

Central position and easy to get to

Quiet green space

Urban green space

Views

The location

The idea of a mountain bike park

Green space and trees



Na

Scenery

The potential for a MTB park

Excellent location

Countryside

Great location. Needs a change of use to encourage more visitors

The nature

Rural surroundings but so close to the city/suburban environment

Well kept area of greenery

Breakfast

The nature

Scenic

A green open space

Green space and trees

Location

Quiet Place

location

A good space for recreation

NA

The Area

It's beautiful area that I grew up within walking distance of.

It place to cycle

It's beautiful

n/a



Natural space

N/a

Beautiful Views

Varying gradient is very suitable for a mountain bike park.

scenery

I'd love for me and my family to be able to use it as it's local

pretty, peaceful

It's lovely surroundings

Green space

Easily accessible

Location

Seclusion and quiet

Space and location

It's nice to have open space but I've never been (not a golfer)

Location

Fantastic green space with huge potential

The undulations and views as well as the quiet seculsion

It's beauty

Reasonably priced

N/a

Beautiful landscape and close to the city

scenery

Good little course. Was convenient.

Outdoor space



Views

Not been so don't know

Green space and views

Want more cycling facilities in regionw

N/A

all the trees

Tress

The setting and green

Nice green space

N/A

Scenery

Location

well maintained

Potential of the site for enjoyable walks - with views

Getting away from it all

Nearby green space

Beautiful countryside

Tough narrow holes

The views

Little oasis of nature

Nil

N/a

Great views

Na



Large open space

My son likes to visit to play

Trees

Open green space

Beautiful location, views, trees and open space

I've not visited as I assumed it was only a Golf Course

The environment

Open space

Green space accessibility near city centre

Beautiful location close to the city centre

.

Green open space

The views

views, location

IAn oasis of peace and beauty in residential area.

location

It's gradient and open space

the views

Open space

Views

IAn oasis of peace and beauty in residential area.

Green space in a built up area

Nice course, easy to play 'a quick 9'

Location, space, nature



It's a bit of nature in a congested city. The wildlife and nature trees.

Pleasant facility; sad that it is underused.

green space and trees

The Cafe and the rural space

The scenery

never been

Lovely Green area to walk around

Playing golf on a beautiful 9 hole course with friends.

It is the only municipal (not pitch and putt) golf course in the area

Location and green spaces, dog friendly, quite a hilly walk for good exercise. Cafe is good value.

Green space with a sense of wildness within the city

good location and beautiful

Great local low barrier golf course for the residents of Bath

The space, stillness and greenery

I'VE SAID I DON'T USE IT. CHRIST.

I visit the city 4-5 times a year to see family and we always play a round of golf when I am there. It is where I started playing golf in a serious way, which has developed into a great passion in my life. As an affordable course for beginners and low income golfers it is a vital facility.

It's a green space just waiting to be utilised

It's an accessible golf facility available to all, not exclusive like members golf courses

Views, greenery

That its green space and not housing

Never been

The beauty and the trees

I've never been but it isn't far from central where I live



Open space

A great open space with loads of wildlife

The views and elevation change

n/a

Location

Views

It is right on the doorstep and offers great views of Bath

I imagine there are wonderful views.

It's a green area close to the city

green area

The trees, peace and nature

A challenging course which is also great physical exercise in a lovely location. Good cafe and friendly, efficient staff. I also am pleased with the pricing structure as a member.

Quiet

Location and views

trees, wildlife and tranquility and space. Golf is relaxing to watch.

Incredible views

The ability to disconnect from noise , pollution and crowds

My son loves playing golf there as it's so close to home. He can walk there and it is affordable.

Green space

The opportunity to play golf at a reasonable price and benefit from the fresh air, social ambiance and meeting others for a chat and a coffee.

The open green space

It seems scenic and close to nature whilst being accessible distance for the school to travel

Greenery



Decent golf course

Never been

Green space, convenient

Easy access and cost per round is perfect for a beginner

Green space

It is an open space in close to town

Location

A nice 9 hole golf course to play as some of the grounds are fairly challenging not just for golf but for keeping fit by walking as the course is hilly, it also contains many species of tree, shrubs, flowers and animals whereby they are respected by users and allowed to flourish as disturbance is kept to a minimum.

Views / availability of a beautiful area and situation. My husband was a member before he died

Size and location

Walking

The location

You can play a round of golf in under 2 hours

It's a quality difficult golf course at a reasonable price that is very welcoming for all types of players (probably the most welcoming course in Bath)

Greenery in the city

I didn't realise you could go in unless you play golf

Green lung in the City

Location and views

It's a nice green space that's in bath

Open space

SPACE

Wildlife and peaceful



The greenness, trees etc
Green space
Green space close to home
That it is publicly-owned
It is an attractive area and a haven for wildlife on Entry Hill
Pleasant surroundings
Green space and cafe
Good value and close to home
The fact that it is a large green space within the city
Greenery
The setting and the trees
Never used
Large green area with interesting topography and special "secret place" feel
Lovely landscape and outlook
Green oasis
Proximity to my house
Golf course
Views
Big open space
Beautiful location
I would like it to be a public park area, with a walk way that links between Wallway and Entry Hill.
The open space
Nature
It's a good course at good value



Walking

Only easy to get to golf course in bath

n/a

Trees

Nothing never been

Na

Easily accessible by foot.

Easy to park for cafe

Location, view, wildlife

The green space it provides

Nothing

Views

Countryside

Countryside

Never been

the quiet space and beautiful views. also, the expanse of space.

Location

Location

The open space and the landscaping

i Don't play golf anymore but very much enjoyed the layout, design and flow of the course when I played in the past.

Location and views

Cheap and convenient place to play golf

Green space within an urban area provides for better environment and particularly air quality

Assumed it was private



It's an easily accessible green open space close to central bath

Location

Location

Views, open space

Open space

n/a currently

trees green space

The quiet

Open to every one

Views

The green space

Close to my house, large area

The green space with an urban area

A golf course available to everyone in the centre of Bath

Open space

Calm area

It's appearance

Its a big space that could be used for mountain biking

It provides a green corridor for wildlife in an increasingly built up suburb. The mixture of trees and grass are an enjoyable place for a walk and visually.

Amazing views and a par 3 course with challenge

Location in Central (ish) Bath

It's a good open space.

Tricky but short golf course

Getting to feel like your really outdoors



It's a green space not covered in student accommodation

The views, trees, plants natural surroundings. The peace to walk.

Beautiful space

the steepness of the hill makes it fun for playing with the kids

The open green space

Beautiful are

Openness

Location

The nature

Mountain biking on it

Pretty

It is hilly

The views

It's a nice open space

View

Location

It's a golf course

The outdoor space

The open space and sporting use for bath residents

Open green space in the heart of the city

Views

The golf course. Great introduction for younger players

The location is extremely convenient for local residents

Open space



Convenient and peaceful
I don't use it currently
Great golf club and community around it
Peaceful place wildlife
The views and green lungs for the city
Nothing. Just a golf course, nothing for me to use. No entry from Wellsway.
Green space
Golf
Environment / green space
I expect it is a lovely site with amazing views
It could be a bike park
Na
Open space
Position and size trees
Expanse of greenery, views
Trees, valley, wildlife
The expanse of land, the views, nature
wild overgrown paths at the bottom
Green space
Quiet and beautiful
Easy access for a game of golf as I am not a member of a golf club
Nice view of Bath
A short drive from the centre and it feels like you're in the middle of the country. Peaceful.
Open space trees view



A green space

Great location for potential uses

Space

It is a golf course available to all without the pretensions of private courses. I have played at Entry Hill since it opened and I would've disappointing to see it close particularly as I hope to soon retire and play more.

The trees and nature

its a great affordable course

Not a lot

Location

Affordable golf. Good exercise for me as I get older.

Trees

Views

Views

Greenery

On my doorstep

I have never been there as I don't play golf

Location and setting

price

steep slope, views

The fact that it is an affordable golf club accessible to most.

Scenery

affordable, lovely location, friendly staff

Well designed, so it's tricky though short. Feel like I'm in countryside while still in town.

Golf



Nature

reasonably priced golf

Provides golf cheap golf facilities to enable young people and those with low income who would not otherwise have an opportunity to play. facilities

N/a

It's open

It's a big but hidden treasure in Bath. I love the trees.

It is a great little golf course and provides me with a convenient and enjoyable experience near to home and it's like being in the country in the town

Green space, mature trees

the setting

I don't visit as I don't play golf

It's peace and tranquility

The location and greenery

Quality of course

It's a green space within Bath

Sledging

Views and sledging

the trees

Spacious outdoor environment near city centre with lovely views

It's natural appearance, the wildlife and the view from my house

Not built on

Not golf! Sledging. It's beautiful, peaceful, an oasis of green and improves the look & value of the area I live in.

location

Only golf course affordable in the area



the peacefulness in a very built up area, it provides greenery in a very densely populated zone.

Can just turn up and play

Low threshold to play golf

I used to live near and enjoyed walking my dog, enjoyed having the green space right by a very busy road

Lovely location, good surfaces and always a nice atmosphere where I can play golf with my friends

It is a lovely golf course, easy to move around and always a lovely experience

It's not stuffy. It's friendly and great for both me and my dad to practice our golf

Challenging and not too long

I like the challenging course suitable for all ages!

the challenge of the course and the comradeship of other golfers

Landscape. The deer.

A piece of green land with trees very close to the city, providing some breathing space

Golf

It's a lifeline for my father who plays golf 2-3 times per week. He gets exercise and social interaction that he would not have if entry hill were to close.

Green quiet space with wildlife

Peace and quiet, view, wildlife and trees etc.

the trees

That it's for all ages and it's brilliant

Affordable

convenience

That I can teach my son to play without breaking the bank

Friendly ,Challenging , price



The challenge, the wildlife, the terrain, the cafe & the price of a round of golf. It is THE ONLY easily accessible golf course within 15miles of Bath, to lose it would deal a devastating blow to local golfers who can't travel nor afford the green fees required by other local golf courses.

Its beauty

The position and layout

Views, open air, trees, wildlife

Very convenient location

Big green

A short but challenging course at a reasonable price

The green space close above Bath city centre and Victoria Park - a route I often use

It's location

Lovely position. Home to small herd of deer.

It is an excellent quite difficult course for beginners and experienced players

Picturesque, good challenge, nice walk.

Green space

views

The trees. The view. The green space in the city. A rare safe cycle space.

It's an accessible way into golf

Available to all and don't need a handicap.

a truly great little course that's good value and very welcoming

No Knowledge other than look at it is over wall while walking about.

Beautiful grounds, quiet city centre green space

Relaxed atmosphere. Location.

The greenery

The ability to socialise doing a sport I love



Tough little course with great views.

It's location and peacefulness

The mix of trees, bushes and open grass

Peaceful

The landscape and views

Green space close to home

Views

Beautiful Location, close to City centre and great potential to encourage healthy living

A pleasant green space to relax and enjoy the wild life, play golf, walk, visit the cafe.

Fantastic small course which enables people to learn to play at a reasonable price as opposed to the pricey golf clubs in the surrounding area.

The hilly layout and the cooked breakfast

Space

wildlife

Lovely setting

Location

It's a lovely open space with great views an ideal place to relax

Integral activity related part of the community for mostly the current generation of grand parents.

Friendly. No dress code! Not snobby. People can borrow clubs. I can get there on the bus or by bike

The fact that I can get there on the bus and don't need a handicap

The inclusivity- you don't need a handicap, no dress code, can get there by public transport. Always meet friendly people. Lovely café.

It's easy to get to and I don't need to be a member. It's relaxed and open to the community

Convenient location

Open space



The calmness

Peace and quiet ability to play golf without large course

Its lack of pretentiousness; ideal for a learner

The potential for an mtb park

The views

close to city

Have not been

Open space

Location for mountain biking

The location

Haven't been

A testing golf course and a pleasant walk.

Beautiful area

Nothing

Lovey views and greenery in urban setting

Being outside in the open air

Green

The lovely trees

It is a gem for its trees and undulating terrain and just right for a struggling golfer like me.

It's a short course that suits us seniors and keeps us fit and active. It also helps us meet with likewise people to converse with and enjoy the fresh air and exercise, without this facility we would stay at home and vegetate.

City views and landscape

It is an oasis of tranquility in the heart of the city.

Outdoor space with wild areas



The space

Tranquillity

The golf course is great I've been using it on and off for 30 years

The trees, calm, view, special spot

Walking

It's picturesque

Fresh air and space!

Space!

Green space!

Trees.

Beautiful course, well kept and challenging

Great Golf Club and well run by lovely people

Ease of access, and open spaces

Proximity

It's very close to home and is a challenging course.

The views and quite

View, greenery

Open space in the city

Price and accessibility

Views

It is an attractive and challenging 9 hole course

Proximity to Bath and 9 holes - quicker to play

Lovely area for wildlife, birds and other things. Like the wild areas at the edges. Important

Green space that helps keep our air clean and absorbs carbon.



Green space in a built up area

The difficulty

Location

It's a beautiful green space on the edge of the city with lovely trees and stunning views over Bath. It's great for sledging when it snows!

Beautiful

Space

Trees

The view

Na

amazing location

It could be a nice community outside space. Looks like a nice place to walk

It's a large open space, peaceful and lovely wooded area

Children friendly

Only course I can play 9 holes after work.

Challenge and natural environment for golf

Open space

a quiet place to enjoy a bit of countryside, and golf

I've never been

Not applicable

That it's a green space

Location is convenient to family

Green space

Ease of use. Reasonable pricing.

Nice location



It's inexpensive, well-maintained and good value for money.

Location

Nice to walk past

green open spaces

Cheap fun round of golf

Never been

green space

NA

Playing golf

Nature, views of Bath

Playing

Open space

Proximity to my house and lovely breakfast

Its location

It's openness and peacefulness as an accessible open space in the urban area.

peaceful wildlife area

The natural beauty of the grounds.

It's a green space

The tranquility

Scenerie

Views trees peace

Traquility, views

City centre golf option

It is a haven of peace and a place for wildlife in the city



Best value for money golf in Somerset

N/A

Proximity

Never visited

The open space and flora and fauna.

Space

The space and trees

Green space

It's a challenging course (golf wise) it's hilly site is great exercise good cafe and staff

Food

Space

Peaceful

The landscape

I go sledging there at winter

Oasis of green in urban environment

The open green space in the middle of the urban environment.

There is a cafe however, I have never been.

The scenery and wildlife

I dont go there as there is nothing that appeals to me

Golf and the fantastic open, wooded countryside in the middle of bath.

A challenging 9 hole course for all ages and it is affordable

Trees

The site is in a good location

An interesting public course at an affordable price. A good local amenity.



Cleanliness

Wooded landscape

Green space, not built upon

It's a quiet space in a built up area

Close

Accessible

Never been - it's just a single facility for golfers

The local provision of a sensible priced golf course for all to use

The open space & trees but I was not aware members of the public could walk round it!

Green and close to home

Don't visit

Nice scenery

Location

Quiet with excellent trees

Space

Location

Seems to be in a good location

Peaceful green space

Open space

Open green space

Good value golf available to all

It adds greatly to the green space, tranquility and overall vista greatly enhancing the exit and entrance to the city of Bath

The space and walking



It's an affordable public amenity. I like the open space in this area and watching the golfers. It's very important for my age group to have places for exercise and relaxation

How close it is to where i live

Outdoor space

The cafe

It is a friendly site and you can pay and play

The view and walking

It's a big area of green

Nothing

Nothing

It's a lovely green space in the city

The size and potential of it

Cycling

The cafe

It's a lovely oasis of green space in the middle of the busy roads.

Peace and quiet and the trees and wildlife

Open space for all of Bath residents to use

Views, good outdoor space

A great outdoor space that could be used by the public

Space

Scenery

LOcation

It's flat

Accessibility

The trees



i don't like it

It's location

The vast open space

Access for youth, who don't have much choice for public open spaces

Cycling

Local amenity for broad age range

Lovely space

location

Its location

Beautiful space

Trees

Its quiet

I have never visited.

never been

Cafe

how about a dry ski slope, walking, nature trail for children

I don't go, if I want a nice walk I go into the lovely nearby countryside, I appreciate it is a valuable green space for those that do use it.

Space

Its local and a great social club

N/a

n/a

Open air

It's on a hill

It's a green space



N/a

Space and countryside

I think it would be better to be a mountain bike/cycling area and would attract everyone from all ages encouraging fitness and wellbeing

Green space in town with carbon sequestering trees

Beautiful spot

It's a huge green space

Enclosed green space

It's a nice outside space with lovely trees

Location and open space

Beautiful surroundings, lovely to watch the deer, excellent golf course, a real challenge, my partner and I took lessons with the pro(who wasn't replaced) and that was the reason we joined and I have played in the women's league for many years.

It is beautiful and quiet, and a great place for the kids to run free

N/a

N/a

Open green space

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lovely little golf course, great exercise

Nature/ landscape/ green space

Valuable green space, beautiful views

Natural Space on varied terrain

Open green space in the center of town

Its situation, the challenging nature of the course, 9 holes doesn't take a day, the friendly atmosphere, the opportunity to make friends and keep fit

Location



open space

Spotting the deer, the peace and quiet and xiews

Have never been despite living very nearby.

Views and peaceful

Nice tight course. Great nature. Good fun. Not often busy.

Nothing

The peace, tranquillity and the wildlife

Nothing currently - it's a great space not used to full potential.

It's an open green space with great views of the city

It is quiet

Nothing

The strength and difficulty, wildlife and views.

Council Run, and no houses on the land! Green space.

It's setting

It's a lovely, open, green space in the city.

It looks like a nice open space with trees

NA

Green Spaces / Trees

natural

Nothing I'd rather a bike park

Challenging to play.

n/a

Protected green space, attractive

the greenery and quietness relative to the busy roads surrounding it



Not been there

Location close to City. Unspoiled nature.

It's location

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Location

the green space in the city, views of the city

A good fun urban goof course available to play at a good price

Hilly

It is a beautiful course open to everyone to play golf

aera

Location

I have never been

Huge open spaces

Lovely green space with mature trees and wild life

The tranquility and beauty of the golf course

Beautiful scenery

Potential for conversion to cycling and related/other outdoor activity

beautiful loaction

Views

Trees & wild deer

Its potential

N/A

The location

Lovely scenery



The fact it's open, recreation space

Don't know

Accessible, reasonably priced, easy parking, friendly staff, good cafe

It is beautiful and challenging

The views and the fact that it is a challenging golf course open to all.

Friendly golfers and the testing course. Also the beautiful setting.

The vast open spaces which could be used for a multi leisure facility

picturesque, challenging golf course with great wildlife

The accessibility and it's welcoming feel to beginner standard golf. I like it's relaxed feel where anyone can play golf regardless of ability

Golf, socialising, clean air, unspoilt perimeter of the course.

Amazing views

Easy access, interesting course, friendly staff and members, the flora and fauna and finally affordable golf for many of us to play at a private club would not be possible due to the high cost involved

Beautiful and challenging golf course

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Cannot comment

Fair price

Public access to a good nine hole golf course

The setting

Open Space

Lovely course in the centre of Bath. Reasonably priced compared to prestigious golf courses in the local area.

Lovely area to walk through

Could have MTB trail which would make me a regular visitor ...

Playing Golf, socialising with friends, the view



Escape from the city

Beautiful views

I haven't yet visited

The potential for a bike park

Open spaces

It's a handy, well priced and convenient place to play golf. It's short distance means that you can get a decent round in in just over an hour.

Heard there is a good cafe

The outdoors

Never been

The scenery

Views and nature

Golf course is nice.

Local place to visit

Green, peaceful and spacious

The scenery

The golf, pleasant surroundings and good company

Fresh air

A pretty space

Wildlife & nature. Good views

Natural beauty

The open space gives a sense of freedom

Views are stunning, and it's just a nice place to be

views

Natural space



Na

Location

Never been

Having an outdoor space to walk and get some fresh air

N/a

Potential mountain bike facility

Location

Outdoors

Situated close to town.

Local facility with parking

The location

Peace, quiet and green space

The view

Good views

That it could be opened for more people to enjoy for more activities

Natural area, good for leisure activities

nature

View, woods

The available Space

Outdoor space

Fresh air

Don't play golf

Green open space

It's beautiful



It is a peaceful place full of wildlife and a diverse range of trees. I enjoy playing golf with friends, watching the changing seasons and spotting the deer, buzzards, woodpecker etc that call Entry Hill home.

never been there as don't play golf

Potential to become an extraordinary haven for Wildlife

Fantastic views across the city

Convenient to where I live

It's easy accessibility for hundreds of households in the area.

Beautiful views and wildlife

Playing golf

Views over Bath, wild borders for foraging, pathways and access to syon hill and golf course

The 'green' nature of the site

Cheap leisure activity, getting fit and healthy, natural setting, fresh air

Challenging, beautiful trees, reasonably priced certainly not a boring course. Best thing for me in Bath for health & regular exercise

Location, setting

Location

Nature

It's a great location

It's still a green space

The open space and easy access

Looks nice, woods, and on a hill

Lovely trees and green space

The nature.

Views!

Space and large trees



It a practice course for me that I can go round and practice my strokes with nonpressure

I didn't know anyone could visit it, I thought you had to play golf there.

It's close.

Close to home

Location

Challenging course but good fun

It's a valuable open space in Bath

The open green space. The course is nicely set out.

Beautiful views

Setting

The lovely position

That there is an accessible golf course available to everyone on this side of Bath that balances the rest of the green spaces available in the surrounding area

Never been

Great chance to play golf that I can afford, location etc

Green space

Space. Location.

A green space

Never go there

Nice surroundings

The nature and the proximity to my house

Close by and large green place

Never played Golf there

Undulating green space

Accessible golf for all at a reasonable cost



Open space away from roads and traffic.Trees, views.

A open green space away from traffic

Beautiful location , wildlife. Dog walks

The free parking

I like it remains as a green space that hasn't been captured by house builders

Scenery plabts

Green space

It has trees, is an open space

LOVELY VIEWS

Trees and hills

it beautiful setting

Everything

Spacious

Haven for wildlife including foxes, badgers, deer, bats, birds, squirrels. Green open space with mature trees and great views of Bath.

It's a quiet and open, large green space.

The mature trees and varied landscape. The area provides an escape from the hustle and bustle of the city centre and the pollution from cars on Wellsway and Entry Hill.

Golf

The mature trees and varied landscape with views.

Exercise. Beautiful scenery. Peace. Challenges. Friendly people.

The deer

The wildlife . There are deer , badgers and foxes , as well as many species of birds including buzzards and woodpeckers. The woodland habitat must be preserved at all costs , especially with the onslaught of climate change .

The golf



Play 9 holes, beautiful surroundings, exercise

Golf

Peaceful

Nice views. Easy walking

Beautiful sweeping grassland, deer, quiet amongst the traffic, the trees.

Open green space

Possible mtb venue

The fact it may be a mountain bike park

the choice of difficult to easy holes.

Peace and tranquillity and squirrels and deer

Fresh Air

Good cafe

Green space

It is a very beautiful and challenging course for all abilities and ages. The club members are welcoming to everyone. It needs to be advertised to the students in Bath who are probably completely unaware of its existence. It is Bath's Hidden Gem and could easily make a profit if people knew about it.



APPENDIX 3 – Question 9 – Text Answers – What do you like least about Entry Hill Golf Course

Current use and participation would seem to be exclusive and limited

Cannot just explore and enjoy open area without interfering with golfers

n/a

Traffic noise

condition of some greens

As a golf course, it is only really usable by golfers

Nothing

Because back in the 1970s part was used for residents to dump domestic waste during the long collectors strike. The council encouraged this and siad they would manage the dumping so no harm came to residents. Now for planning permission the Council now expect residents to pay for special surveys required by the government most urgently as the dumping allowed the Council off the hook at the time

Never visited as it feels unwelcoming as I am not a fan of golf.

Underused golf course with sterile grass which does not attract wildlife

N/A

Golf

It is badly managed by the incongruously name 'Better' group

relatively small

golf

Nothin

the old people

Golfers and lack of trees and wild spaces. Wildlife has noticeably diminished in the last 10 years I've been here

Nothing

n/a

Cafe

That it is not more widely acknowledged



Just needs a bit of investment in greenskeeping, that's all

The brambles that invade my garden. Some of the unpruned trees cut out my sunlight in the summer and restrict my view. A few years ago they put a bench by No3 Tee, near my house. within days it became home for a group of drunk men with unruly dogs - it was quickly taken away! Councillors - be careful what you wish for!!

Poorly maintained at times

Hill

The fact it is not currently used for riding

Golf

nothing i don't like

danger from golf

The greens could be improved

It's a golf course

Indifferent

nothing

restricted access to public

N/A

The fact it's a golf course

Not enough to do with children

Na

The golfers

It's not a MTB trail

It is a tremendously inefficient use of space with appeal to only a very limited demographic.

Council keeps it in poor conditions

it is a golf club so didn't realise it could be used for anything else

Traffic noise

golf

The golf facilities are out dated

NA



The loos were a bit grim last time I visited
 Lots of space taken up by very few people
 n/a
 The quality of the course and the maintance
 As a non-golfer I'm not incentivised to use it
 Golf!
 Quality of the greens and tee areas
 Nothing
 Feels isolated
 Could be used more effectively for teenagers and young people
 Tricky fairways
 Golfers
 golf
 Golf
 Never been
 the greens aren't great (appreciate that's likely a budget issue).
 N/a
 Low budget, not a great course. Wouldn't recommend it
 Feel unless you play golf you cannot use the space
 The fact it might close
 Don't visit as I don't play golf
 Golf! (sorry, prefer walking and cycling!)
 No view
 the extra cars in the area
 Nothing really I love the place
 It's next to the polluted and noisy Wellsway
 the traffic it brings to Entry Hill
 Could have more to do there



Traffic

Not well maintained

It's up hill

It's a golf course

Never been

Its not used enough

Waste of space

Golf

It's one of the many golf courses in and around bath

nothing

Golf.

The fact it's very rarely used.

you never invested! thats why people left!. i little investment and people will come back.

Badly maintained

Poor conditions of the course

Could be better maintained

Having no dedicated cycle route

N/a

golf!

That it was a golf course and is currently unused

it is a golf course

too narrow

it's a golf course

maybe hit by a golf ball when walking!

Nothing

Never been

Nothing it's great

Golfers



Hilly

Cafe is outdated.

The golf and exclusivity of the space. It could be much more inclusive of the broader community and a richer diverse wildlife

It serves no use to me

It's just a golf course

Cost

The golf balls that end up in mt garden

The course is under used and could be better utilized and draw more customers from around the uk

nothing

The idea B&NES Council might mess it up.

clubhouse/cafe facilities could be better and would then generate more use including non golfers

far away

Under marketed. Lack of awareness of its existence

Limited use as golf course

The distance from my house

Human disturbance from bikes and tobogans

Council has let it get run down

Keeping an eye out for flying golf balls

People should be able to walk there freely.

seems to have gone down hill in quality. Used to use it more and would use more if standards improved

How overgrown/scruffy it has become apart from the golf green.

Sadly it looks like it is under used

The golf and litter

nothing

Golf

That it is a golf course! It could offer so much more for people and nature

Limited Cafe facilities, and only one point of access

That's it's devoted to golf. Such a space could benefit the wellbeing of a much wider range of people



The Council using its disposal as an expedient.

The club house could be improved.

Poor quality golf course

Nothing

never been

Waste of space

Not been

the fact that it's used for golf

The road next to it

the fact that it's used for golf

It's a golf course and shouldn't be paid for by residents

That it is a large swathe of land catering to the interests of a tiny minority (golfers) who in any case seem to prefer to play elsewhere.

nothing

Difficult when wet

Due to dwindling interest my generation has for golf the course is hardly used and could be used for something better

The golf

It seems to be a one sport area which greatly reduces other uses, so it is good to hear that the Council is actually reviewing this situation.

Lack of use

condition and maintenance of the golf course is poor

Site not fully utilised

Poor conditions in the winter months. Leaves on the course. Wet patches of grass.

It's entrance

Lack of awareness it's accessible

Muddy

Could be better maintained

It's a golf course

nothing

It's only golf and we don't play



It's a golf course not a mountain bike trail

Not enough facilities

No idea

It's a golf course

Never been

It seems a waste of a beautiful location as the golf is infrequently used and cafe is not very good.

It's not in Bristol

That just a Golf course used by a few people

That it's a second public golf course in a small city

It's a golf course

Never visted

Not enough investment

The hill ;)

Nothing

I don't play golf

The course is in very average condition to be honest

Waisted space

I've never been there

don't use

Golf

I've never been as it's a golf course currently and so offers little currently

Lack of awareness of who it serves who can use it

That it is also a golf course

The golf

Nothing

The golf

The hills!

It's a golf course



It's a only golf course

Golf

Not used enough

it is adjacent to 2 busy roads

The upkeep of the course is poor

I don't play golf

Unsure how to get there or what I can use it for

It is built on a rubbish tip so gases etc can leak. Should have been left as the lovely old farm

No comment

Didn't know it existed

The fact that nobody gets the benefit of it other than golfers...

Golf course not very good

N/a

No mtb

Parking

Narrow course, finding balls

Not wildlife friendly

The fact its subsidised by the council

Unless you play golf it's not that accessible

Cost, quality of course is low

It's a wasted resource as so few people actually use the land

the cafe is never open when i visit

What's not to like.

It's a golf course

As above.

It's a golf course

Its a golf course

Nothing



Never been

NA

N/a

It's a golf course

the golfers

It's a golf course

Golf

The golf

The golf course

N/A

Golfers

Nothing

It's a golf course

the golf course isnt used as much as it would be because of the poor state of the greens, lack of investment = lack of players

Nothing particular

Golf

Golfers

Use of pesticides to maintain greens and fairways etc.

The fact that it is not looked after. The poor members have to put up with the course being in a mess. Maybe this survey would not even be needed if the people running it looked after it better... More people would use it. To turn this delightful course into anything but a golf course is ridiculous. The people in charge should be ashamed of themselves. Entry Hill is a golf course that should stay. Look after it! Please

None

The litter from the Wellsway side and the fact there is no entrance from Wellsway

Nothing

Golf

Golf and golfers

I can't say I dislike anything about the area.

Golf



cafe could be much more of a social space for non golfers

Underused

that it is under threat

The Golf Club and Bunkers Cafe- Rude Staff

The Golf Club

Not enough places there to ride

N/A

The Golf Course!

N/A

Old

Deh like golf tbh

slope

Golf

That it's just golf, mountain biking would be cool

The fact that vegetation around the periphery is not maintained and therefore spring daffodil bulbs are unable to show through the undergrowth.

It's not a mountain bike park

It is only for golfers

Golf

Its a golf course? And not a mtb site.

nothing yet

Golf

It's a near by hill

Nothing

general/poor up keep of site

Golf

Golf and walking pose safety risk where not segregated

It's used for golf by only a handful of people

The fact its just a golf course.



We don't use it at all apart from sledging and occasional dog walk

Golf

it's limitations as a golf course for other users

I don't really want to play golf!

Golf

Space given over to golf

The fact that it's not maintained or promoted in any way

The golf course

golf

Golf

That it is currently used by a tiny proportion of the community.

not much there

Open space with little happening

Its not a bike park

It's going to be a bike course

Litter

What could be there

Golf

That it's a golf course

Didn't know it existed

Nothing

I dont play golf and think golf courses a bit of an eye sore in what could be forest or a more natural environment/habitat

Golf

That it's a golf course

Nothing

Litter

Lack of bike trails

Waste of leisure space



It's a golf course

Golf

No mountain bike tracks

The golf

It's a golf course

The fact it's closing

Golf

Not accessible as a route up Wellsway, and only has one access on rat-run prone Entry Hill itself

I don't play golf. I'd have to walk along the Frome Road to get there, which is a horribly busy road

Not being used to full potential

Golf

its upkeep

The walkers

Lack of use by non golfers

Litter

trees need managing

No bike park

Golf is an elitist sport predominantly played males with high income. Less than 5% of people under 30 yrs play golf

Unused space

No mtb tracks

No mountain bike park

?

Hills

The clipped greens

No marked cycle paths

The hill next to it.

Seems that it gets little use

It is a golf course



Golf

golf

Golf

not being able to let dog off the lead

It's a golf course which is very exclusive

Golf

Lack of access from adjacent roads

Only useable for golfers

Course not always in a good condition

The golf course

Golf balls!

It is the other side of Bath :-(oh well, that's really not far on a bike!

I didn't even know it existed until recently

That it's only applicable to a certain age group. There isn't much in Bath to do that appeals to younger generations that can't afford things like meals out, cinema prices and shopping. The skate park is fantastic, but I was always too intimidated to go there and found a love in Mountain Biking, something which is massive in the SW England (bristol for example) yet Bath doesn't have anything similar to offer.

Lack of investment

Not all ground is usable for walking due to golf course

.

I don't play golf.

Nothing

Difficult to get to

Often poor quality grass and landscaping, would be great if the quality would improve id attend much more often.

It's not as good as other golf courses in the area and could be utilised for other sporting activities

golfers

having to cross wellsay to access it then walk all the way around to Entry Hill

Golf

That it's a golf course



golf course

Toilet

That it is a golf course

Nothing

Golf is a minority sport, curenly provided for in Victoria Park

The way it's been left to dillapidate

foods not the best, make it a mountain bike park

N/A

Can be hard to get to without car

Could do with attention

Quality of golf course

Should be a bike park

GOLFERS

Could be better maintained

N/A

hill

Golf - please...

N/a

Too far away

No mtb park

Clearly it is not being maintained as it needs to be.

No marked trails

Golf

Too hilly

nothing it is very convenient

It's a golf course

not open to all

Cafe a bit dated



nothing

it probably needs to use chemicals to keep the greens okay

Not being able to ride my mtb

Golf

It's not being looked after properly

The fact it isn't a bikepark yet

too managed

It's not a bike park

Golf

N/a -didn't know it was open to walkers etc

That it's a golf course

tee off mats

Never been

How it might not be turned into a mtb park

Lack of support from Better

n/a

J

It's a golf course

No cycling

Its not a mountain bike park

Not much wheel chair access

Putting greens

The golf course

I hate golf

It's a golf course

Traffic

The nearest course to entry is Bristol

That it's a golf course



Its condition, which reflects the lack of resource that's been put into it.

That it is a golf course!

It doesn't facilitate for families

Poorly maintained and not used very much

Its a golf course

Its a Golf Course, which is a waste of land and resource

Its present use which only minimally supports biodiversity and carbon capture and its limited value to the whole community

That it's a golf course

It's a golf course, but I don't play golf

That's it's might not be a MTB trailb

It's present use which does not provide much of the above

Golf

Golf

Lack of options for outdoor sports including mtb

No bikes

It's not a mountain bike park

N/A

Lack of parking

The lack of mountain bike trails

The course

None

Not promoted or mentioned, gets very little publicity. Access via Entry Hill causes traffic conflict and speeding cars.

I am not keen on golf or the golf course aesthetic

Golf :), it's Time to pass it's use on to the next generation. Biking is more popular and accessible

The golf

Golf

It's a golf course, and I think golf and the chemicals its upkeep demand to be unacceptable

Golf



yes

Limited use

N/A

Looks not accessible..but I never tried to enter the park really..

nothing

Nothing

That I don't feel it is very inclusive for local residents. We walk further to Alexandra Park to get attractive green space. I don't do golf.

Golf Course

Tired

I'm not especially into golf

That's its not a mtb park

N/A

that so few people ever use it for golf

Golf

I never play golf!

That it is not a man park

The golf course

N/A

Lack of provision for activities I am interested in

Not very interested in golf - waste of public space

Golf

Nothing, never been.

The fact that it is a golf course

There's an awful lot of golf facilities out there, it'd be interesting to see something new there.

I can't comment as I do not use it myself

The fact that it's under threat

Golf

That it is currently only accessible to paying golfers and is inaccessible to the wider public.



It isn't a mountain bike centre.

The golf!

How it's not a cycling location!

Location, quite a long journey if traffic is heavy in centre of Bath - live in Batheaston

Despite relatives using it years ago, I presumed it was private, like most others. I've never seen it advertised to regular people or those of lower incomes, as an option for exercise or anything.

It's for golf

NA

Nothing

the intensive maintenance regime required for golf course upkeep

A little run down, things to do

Golf

N/a

The fact it's used for "yawn" golf

Nothing

Haven't been

Some form of elevator from the bottom to the top would help!

Never been

Needs better upkeep

Golf

Golf !

N/A

No mountain biking

The fact it's a golf course puts me off, it has so much potential

Not used an awful lot, and ideally would be better suited to a change of use to make the area more inclusive for all

The fact it is a golf course

Golf

Getting run down



Large unused space

No mountenbike track for offroad wheel chair or handicap mountenbikes (4wheels or 3wheels)

Don't currently use the space

Its in England, im in Australia.

Slope

The lack of facilities

It's lack of cycle access

Never been there

The rain

Nothing

Golfers

Parking

the land could be put to better use

N/A

Even less

It's a golf course

N./A

Charges if you play 18 holes compared to larger cources

Little run down

Its a golf course

Limited cycling facilities.

Golf

Lag of maintenance and mismanaged

Waste of space

It's a golf course

The fact that I can't mountain bike there

That its a golf course

Nothing



Nothing

No facilities for me

N/a

Exclusiveness

It's a golf course

It's not inclusive enough

It's a golf course

It feels like a wasted space on my doorstep which could be so much better used for family

Golf

I don't

From my understanding it is an underused facility in the city - such a shame as it could be such a well used amenity if it offered a more community relevant experience

It's a golf course

Golf

No

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I am sad to see it may be closing. It is a valuable leisure facility for older residents of Bath. It encourages health and well being and I believe that without it, there is a likelihood that the current members' health would suffer, increasing the burden on local health care

N/a

It's boring and the grass isn't green in the summer

The golf

Condition

Golf

Everything

Golf - would rather it was for outdoor pursuits (cycling?)

It's a golf course

Feels like it's for golfers only

Location



The course
Loss of potential
Golf
The lack of bike park
The golf club house
Never been
Don't know
golf
The idea that a bike park might NOT be created there
I've never been there, so can't comment other than it's currently a wasted space
Never been
It not being MTB trails
Nothing
Far away
Not enough mtb
Nothing notable
Facilities
Old Council tip area from 60s
Lack of maintenance
Parking
That it's not a mountain bike track.
Empty
The fact it's still a golf course
The collapsing metal frames and damaged netting at the bottom of my gardenmetal
Mountain biking
NA
The golf course
It's a golf course



It is not the best use of the space

It needs better management

The state of the golf course

Everything

Golf

Takes up space.

The journey there (in laws live near)

Golf!

It's a golf course

Its a golf course rather than something more general

Lacks cycling facilities

Nothing it's great course for all abilities.

No mountain bike trails

N/A

None

The golf course

N/a

Lack of cycling

The members

Since it is called a Golf Course and my husband and I don't play golf, we had never thought there would be anything of interest for us there

Never been there

It's not currently a mountain bike park

Poor maintenance

N/A

It only has one use which is not of interest to me.

Nothing

Nothing

The golf course



It looks awful

Haven't been

Hill

n/a

Unkept

-

Never been

NA

The upkeep of the greens & tees

Lack of use.

It's not a mountain bike park

Quality of the course

Golf course

lack of facilities

golfers

nothing

needs some TLC

Lack of bike park

Nothing

The fact that it is neglected by GLL

Golf

Lack of bike trails

Golf

Lack of off road cycling paths

Course is poorly maintained

Dog and cat mess.

BETTER ACCES POINTS

na



Car park

Parking

How dilapidated it has become and now looks like scrub in many areas. The golf course is rarely utilised and is often empty.

Nothing, apart from being run down.

Lack of usable space for alternative activities.

NA

Limited access on foot.

Not always well maintained and too many houses near by

Not kept in such good condition putting people off using it.

Everything make it a bike park

Limited services

I don't play golf so can't use the facility

Nothing

It's a golf course, something that there are a number of in the area.

The state of the fairways and greens

The fact that it is a golf course.

It's not a bike park

golf course

Its deteriorating condition

Golf

It's a golf course

NA

It's a golf course

Unknown

N/A

it's a golf course

Poor upkeep of facilities by council

N/A



Facility for a limited group who have plenty of other options

Its a golf course

Nothing

NA

golf

The fact that it could become a mountain bike park! It would get too muddy and ruined.

The condition that it has been allowed to get into by the useless operators

No bike trails

It's a golf course

Golf

I don't visit

Lack of use

Better use of the area by building a bike park

underfunded, a shell of its former self

golf

Na

Lack of maintenance

Golf

I have never heard of the space. I live not far from Bath and visit often but have never heard of the golf course

N/A

Not been well looked after

Lack of access

The Golf course

That the mountain bike park is not built

Its a golf course.

Nothing to not like

Na

Access



The lack of an MTB park

It's a bit mundane

Dogshit

Golf course not as popular as it was. Alternative uses would encourage more visitors

Not being used to it's potential

Poorly maintained

The hill

None

It's taken up by a golf course

It is only useful for golfers !

Nothing - do not visit

Lack of Cycling provision

Dogs off leads.

lack of amenities

That its a golf course

NA

The Golf

It doesn't feel very accessible to anyone other than a golf player

A game of golf

There's a golf course on it which restricts it's use for walking

n/a

Dog poo

N/a

No Mountain Biking

It's not a bike park!!

rundown

It feels closed to anyone who doesn't play golf

not used enough



Needs more activities

under utilised

Lack of use

Nothing

Being a golf course it's use is limited.

Golf

The golf

nothing

N/a

N/a

Lack of diversity

Cost too much for what it is.

Golfers

Not been so don't know

Feels exclusive

Golf

N/A

Golf

N/A

Near the road

N/A

Poor facilities

Upkeep

It's a golf course, not best usage f the space.

Assumed it was just for golfers, and I'm not a golfer!

Not enough mountain bike trails

Lack of activities

That it's a golf course!! No cafe. No off road cycling trails.



It gets very wet!

the manicured aspect of the greens and fairways

Golfers

Hills

Nil

N/a

Golfers

Na

Lack of use

No path to get in from Wellsway side

Golf

Golf. It appears unwelcoming to non-golfers, cafe looks uninviting and bog standard and there are no amenities for those not wishing to play golf.

The golf course

Metal poles sticking out of the ground

No entrance on the wellsway side so limited access

It's a golf course

Golf!

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There is no pedestrian access from The Wellsway side

Nothing really

Gradient in places - needs more surfaced paths

waste of open space

It is only good for golfers

the golfers

Not a golfer

Gradient in places - needs more surfaced paths

Doesn't get enough use

Mud!



It's a golf course

use as golf course

Nothing

The golf

that i've never been!

Golf balls occasionally land in our garden

Not enough is spent on its upkeep and this puts people off playing here.

nothing in particular

Nothing

Maintenance of course could be a little better

Golf

Look...you're annoying me now

The artificial tee mat on the 2nd hole.

lack of maintenance of greens & bunkers

It's major use is for a minority of people

Unused

That it may be turned into non-green space

Golf courses use lots of chemicals and have limited biodiversity; they are only for golfers!

It looks a bit neglected

It's all about golf!

Noise from the alarm

Greens could be in better condition

n/a

Single use for a few people that like golf

Nothing

Golf

It's just for golfers

Has little benefit to the majority of residents



It's not used

Golf

Mucky carpark and slightly less maintained than it could be

Locked outside hours so inaccessible

Current golf use.

The fact that most people do not know anything about it, that they can use it without being a member etc.

The golf course

Love it

The attitude of those running the site towards the general public and the fact that it is currently for golf players only, denying local residents the full use of nearby green space.

Poor maintenance and facilities for golfers, no input of improvements from the current franchise holders. The facilities and state of the course have declined as there has been no support given to the current Green Keeper by Go Better.

It's a golf course

The exclusive promotion of golf at the venue.

Golf!

Facilities poor

Never been

That we cannot use it

No dislikes

It's a golf course and not a park

nothing

It is a Golf Course

To change its use and to destroy the natural habitat that exists in tandem with the golf course.

The fact that it is a golf course

Golf

N.a

Course management

The lack of facilities to store clubs etc



Golfers

Access seems limited to golfers

Golf

traffic noise

Access

It's a golf course

Golf, especially flying balla

Didn't know it was accessible to general public

That it is a golf course

Nothing

Nothing

The golf! Lack of ability to access site from the top. I live in Hansford aquare and have problems with mobility.

Nothing

The fact I hardly ever see anyone using it

Much of it is given over to golf, so not useable by non-golfers. It feels exclusive/unwelcoming. It's unclear that it's open to the public.

Never used

Too small and narrow

It's a bit run down

The golf

The golf

Can't gain access from Wellsway road and you have to walk all the way round the golf course to gain access to public footpaths on the other side.

Accessibility to the golf course from the road

Restricted use for golf

Nice place

Artificial tees

n/a

This space could be used for something much more useful that can get everybody involved not just golf, there should be something built that changes the way Bath/odd down look this could be a new look for tourists and could really be a site changer.



Golf!

I didn't know it was open to non golfers

Na

Doesn't appeal to the local area currently.

Dont like golf!

Lack of entry points

Everything

You cannot cross between wellsway and entry hill

environment

Hardly play golf

Golf

Never been

Golf

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Its golf surely there are enough courses in the city!

Golf

no complaints to be honest

Poorly maintained

Non sustainable use of land

I don't play golf.

Unknown

Dog mess

Golf

Why it's only used for golf

Nothing there that would interest me

Nothing

Such a large area of green space reserved solely for golf

Not used much



n/a currently

limited to golf

Golf!

Bad condition of the course, could easily be improved

Parking

The golfers

Feeling unwelcome, but sure if I am allowed to walk there as it is a golf course

That it is a golf course - which implies non-golfers are not welcome

Nothing

Golf

Wasted space on golf

Nothing

Golf is played

Nothing

Not a fan of golf. Other sports (e.g. Mountain biking) would be a better use of the space

The council have not utilised it to its full potential

Nothing

I don't play golf

That it is a golf course.

Just for golf

it doesn't seem to be used much and is not in line with what people are looking for with leisure so much now

The golfers

Golf

Golf

Golf course

The golfers

The fact that it's a golf course who even likes golf

Mud



It is muddy when it rains

Golf course

The steep path to the cafe, completely inaccessible for me pushing elderly mother in a wheelchair

it would be better with more trees

Golf course

No money being spent on it.

Nothing

That it is mainly for one age bracket and is t as used in winter

Thats its a golf course not mountain bike trails

That activities are limited.

Golf

It's in need of investment, seems a very under utilised space

The Golf

Nothing

I don't use it currently

that it is being taken over

Not very well used

Nothing

Just a golf course.

It's a golf course

N/a

Its a golf course and I don't play golf

It isn't yet a bike park

It's a golf course.

Needs a cafe

Golf

Golf

Golf



golf course

Golf

That I don't use it enough and now look as I will lose it

Steep site

Fertiliser used on the grass

During autumn. It's difficult to see golf bunks

The golf

Not used currently

Golf

It is a great little course that welcomes all

Not enough trees and wild flowers

The lack of keeping it up to date ie lack of investment in the course and badly managed

I have no interest in golf and that's all its advertised as so I've never visited. The entrance isn't very accessible/visible for pedestrians either.

There is little reason to go there I, don't want to walk around it when people are playing

Price

Hills

The lack of care and maintenance in the last 2 years.

Don't like golf

Dogs

Activities

That it's a golf course

Na

Don't play golf so has nothing to offer me

only has 9 holes

It is a golf course

that it's restricted to golfers during the day

The fact that the course no longer has the resource to maintain it to the condition it once was.

Have to get up big hill



golf course and facilities need updating and refurb
 You haven't maintained it well in the last few years.
 Golf
 It is not accessible by bus, under resources and so under used
 Hilly
 The Golf
 How steep it is and that is used for golf.
 It's not used
 The greens are sometimes underprepared
 n/a
 the golf
 I don't visit as I don't play golf
 Nothing
 That it is used for golf
 Short grass no biodiversity or variation in habitats
 Needs more investment
 It's a golf course
 Nothing to do for young families
 it doesn't seem tp be used much
 restricted access because of golf course
 Poor management of the trees
 Only of use to golf players.
 Nothing
 nothing
 Not kept in the condition it used to be
 the access for pedestrians is limited due to it's location in a built up area
 Not maintained to a high level as a golf course
 nothing unlikeable



Nothing

Some days the fairways aren't mowed. Too many daisies meaning too many lost balls!

Like it all

Nothing its great!

the overall condition of the facility due to poor maintenance

The cafe

Nothing

Na

It needs to be promoted more widely, discounts for students etc. Could it also be used for foot golf? Could other income streams be explored in addition to golf?

tree need cropping in parts

Height of trees in places.

The monoculture of grass and the amount of weed control I imagine it take to keep wild life from thriving there!

Nothing

That we may lose it.

waterlogged state it gets in the winter months

Mud

Not enough money spent on the course

Nothing aside from the fact that some areas of the course hold water in the winter apart from that I love the place.

the hills

Zero

Not always in the best condition

Waste of space

The drainage is bad and the maintenance is sketchy and sometimes poor

It's a golf course and I dont play golf

It's a golf course

Lack of interest by Better. No advertising the course

The fact that it has been allowed to become so run down through lack of maintenance for several years



Lack of upkeep by so called council.

Golf

not used enough, poorly known about. poor advertising

Danger of being hit by golf balls. It's a space for old men to play golf so feels massively under used.

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Nothing

not as well maintained as it could be

All the rubbish over the wall when doing the above.

Nothing

The golf

The courses condition could be improved however I still enjoy playing golf here

The lack of work done on the course to keep it nice. More time spent keeping it up to scratch the more people will come and play

Tall trees near to my house

It's used for golf

Should be more diverse

I don't play golf

Seeing the land underused and under-utilised in its current form

Nothing - its all good.

Lack of investment by the council , they could make this a fantastic little course but have not bothered to encourage it .

Little investment and attractiveness

It is a limited use area

Bad transport links

N/A

Nothing that comes close to the existence of a Costa Coffee in every high street in every small market town in this country

Nothing

A bit muddy sometimes

Nothing!

Nothing. It is perfect.



Losing balls!!

The golf course

There's no mtb park

its a golf course

Have not been

It's a golf course

The facilities and lack of use due to it being run down

Haven't been

Everything

Sometimes the hills, but hey. . . .

Not enough to do

Golf

The bunkers need improvement.

I like the course but it could do with a bit of drainage in places

Under utilised

It has a low profile so it's value is not recognised or utilised by those who could most benefit.

Poor golf course as too wet and uninteresting

The golf

I don't see the point.

Lack of maintenance

Lack of driving practice

Nice place

That it's a golf course. Space could be better used.

N/A

Traffic noise and pollution.

The suggestion that I might change

The thought that somebody is trying to take golf away from this wonderful course

There is nothing I dislike about the golf course



Steep

The overall condition of the course, and the facilities need updating.

Cafe

Not enough for kids

Nothing

Course maintenance and cafe

I don't play golf

The existing cafe area should be upgraded for non golfers

Lack of investment - facilities could be much better

Huge space devoted to a small number of people interested in golf.

Lack of flexibility - all that space for golf restricts its use by residents who have very limited access to a green space within walking distance.

The conditions

It's a golf course

Not interested in playing golf, it could definitely be put to better use.

Facilities

Un used space

Golf

The parking

Na

not easy to access

Not well advertised locally. I don't know if I can walk there or if it's exclusively for playing golf

A bit hilly (I'm pregnant) haha

I didn't know it was accessible to the public

Golf

The thought that it might stop being a golf course!

Lack of driving range

I don't play golf

club house could be nicer, more a destination to invite more



It is a golf course and therefore not something I am likely to make use of, unless it's purpose changes

Not applicable

Golf

That the golf reduces accessibility & wildlife habitat possibilities

I didn't know it was open to people who weren't playing golf! Otherwise I would have used it for dog walking etc

Golfers

Nothing!

I don't like golf

It's not available and accessible to the wider public

The lack of publicity and interest displayed by GLL and BANES council which has allowed user numbers to decline.

Completely underused.

Golf

Never been

the golf course

The hills

Never been

nothing

NA

Poor drainage

Littering

Council could do more on the up keep & advertise golf

Nothing

size, would be great if it was 10 times bigger

The unsightly and (some) dangerously leaning and dead (mostly Ash) trees on the top level adjoining Hansford Square rear gardens.

The long climb up Wellsway to get there. Perhaps provide a cable-car?

Entrance is difficult

Accessibility restricted out of golf course hours

Golf



The golf

Its a golf course

Poor drainage

Seems like wasted space given how quiet it always is

It's not a mountain track yet :-)

Cost of a round of golf

The greens could be better kept

Golf

Never visited

Cafe is run down

That it's solely a golf course

Near road

Golf

Lack of access points

maintenance is slipping

Nothing

Golf

Nothing

Honestly, the golf

There is nothing for the community other than a small cafe

Golf

That it is currently the preserve of a minority sport.

Its a wasted space as i dont know anyone who goes there other than for the cafe.

Dog walking

Im not a huge fan of golf, so i think the large area could be used for something better for the community e.g. the bike park

Not used enough and boggy underfoot

Rough off the fairways

The empty golf greens



Sadly lack of maintenance by the authorities. A great facility which would be more used if better looked after and maintained as a proper golf course. There used to be a pro, equipment to borrow, lessons and a welcome facility for beginners and children alike but this was all done away with so no incentive for new people to use it.

I don't like golf

Space

Golf

Access into the site is poor

Unused

Little activities for people uninterested in golf

Could have better use

Could be utilised for other purposes

That it's only for golf.

The way in which the condition of the course has been allowed to deteriorate

Golf

Don't visit

Golfers can be unsociable

Golf

Boring

Seems under used, and Golf has a reputation of being exclusive and elitist.

Access points

golf

Golf balls in my back garden

Tight course

Nothing

The poorly maintained state of the course

The price

Man made elements of the golf course, and the maintenance of the green

It's a golf course



It takes up space for a limited-interest sport and the land could be much better used

Not inclusive enough usage for the community

just golf

Everything

Golfers and golf balls

They play golf there

Cycling

Gets muddy in the winter

Dog walkers

The golf

I do not play golf

Could diversify its use

Steep slopes

Popularity

It's just gold. Cafe needs improvement

There is golf balls flying everywhere

Lack of activities

The golf cars

it's not a bike park

It's a private golf course that's under utilised.

Golf

Limited to golfers effectively, and yet that's typically a provider domain (by choice) and there's many other golf courses eg in Clavwrton Diwn

Need more cycling areas

General upkeep could be improved

NA

That it is a golf course!

Nothing

Could be used for other activities



Golfers

Its a golf course

I have never been.

Never been

No bike track

not a golf person

It's a golf course

It doesn't have a bike park

Golf, boring grass

its condition - the neccessary investment has not been maintained

Golf is arguably a limited interest activity, there are many others available locally and a publicly owned space could be so much more

N/a

Lack of interest stops me going there.

The golf

Not hugely inspiring space

N/a

Getting there on public transport

Waste of space

It's not accessible for those who don't play golf

That it's no where as near used as a golf course than it would be a bike park

That I am no tintereted in golf!

Can't walk on it because of the golf!

Has a specific use for a specific demographic, is not inclusive or benefitting the wider community

Sometimes boggy, traffic noise

Golf .

It's a gold course

It is a 40 minute journey from where I live but I still am happy to make the effort to play at such a delightful course.

You never know if it's OK to be walking there - would be an amazing park



N/a

N/a

It's not a bike park! :(very sad for my boys, we need more places for children to be free in a safe environment

nothing i don't like

It's a golf course

n/a

lack of use for a prime location

Hilly

The golf course

Single formal use

The poor maintenance by the council, it's neglect, the split responsibility between council and GLL the lack of promotion of this unique facility

Lack of advertising to remind me to go!

golf

Unkempt/run down areas

I don't like golf!

Nothing, could have better greens as a golf course

Greens not in great condition

It's not a bike park

The poor upkeep of the site

See above.

I don't like walking through it in the dark

It is underused

It's not a bike park

Dog walkers.

Not a golf fan, but do appreciate that people are.

It's a Golf Course

I don't think you're allowed to ride your bike there - I race cyclocross and it's so hard to find places where you are allowed to practice

NA



Buildings,
 It's not a bike park
 Not maintained enough
 That it's a golf course
 I don't play golf so have no reason to use it
 nothing
 See above
 That it will be over developed or commercialised
 That it's a golf course
 Golf
 Limited use
 the playing of golf that constrains other uses
 It's a large space that could be much better utilised
 The quality of upkeep
 Mud in winter
 na
 Golf course
 I have never been
 The thought it might change.
 litter
 the belief that everyone wants to play golf
 Lack for equipment for regular maintenance
 Nothing
 I don't like Golf, have no interest
 its a golf course
 Golf
 Golf
 It's a golf course and I am not a golfer.



Its a Golf Course

N/A

Limited activities

It's used for golf

It's a golf course

Don't know

All good

It is poorly maintained

That the council does nothing to promote the 'golf' part of the title .

The maintenance of the course.

The wasted space

not very accessible without a car

Standards of green. They have been improving

Lack of investment, unfulfilled promises, no one seems to be accountable for any short comings for the ongoing neglect.

It's hard to enjoy the space for fear of being struck by a stray golf ball - it's not a welcoming space

The low level of investment in both the condition course and the advertising of such a valuable asset in the city.

The hills

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Cannot comment

That it's used for golf and not something more fun and more accessible to kids

That not many people know about it or play!

It's not currently a bike park

Be nice to have some other things to do there

Last of MTB trail

The management which neglects the facilities and appears to have no particular expertise or interest in golf.

Good price for golf but Could the space be used better.

I don't play golf

I haven't yet visited



It's a golf course! 😊

No space for mountain biking

No bike park

The condition of the course has got steadily worse over the years, particularly the greens.

There isn't a bike park there yet

That there is no mountain bike trails

Never been

No opinion

Not open to cycling!

Can get very wet

Lack of marked cycle routes

The poor state of the course due to lack of investment and poor maintenance. The grass on the fairways is often longer than the second cut of rough on other golf courses also the bunkers have been completely neglected.

Could be more to do

Under used

Golf

Nothing

There's no fun cycling through there, which would make life a lot more enjoyable

car parking

Na

Its a golf course

Never been

The golf course

N/A

N/a

The golf course

Golf

I've never used it...



NA

Golfers

Doesn't get used for anything

Access + Golf

loads of places to get your ball stuck!

That it's only used for one sport

Lots of unused space

for golf

that its not being used to its full pottential

parking

The Golf Course!

Lack of cycle tracks

Hill

Golf

I don't think it's well linked to walking routes in the area

The golf

It can get very muddy.

Golf courses usually focus on human requirements at the cost of wildlife due to use of weed killer etc

lack of biodiversity

The fairways are a bit narrow and it is quite hilly.

It's a golf course

N/a

The condition could be improved

That even thou it's a right of way public golf course, golf isn't my thing

Quality of the course. Lack of availability of use by other users

Not very accessible without a car

Golf

Golf



Golf

The standard of the course has fallen away over the last 10 years

It's yet another golf course

Poor maintenance of the facilities by the owners

You need to be a member

Access in at the top end only - would be better to access at the bottom end too

The dog unfriendly cafe.

The greens are terrible and it's hard not to lose a ball or 2 per round!

Hazard of golf balls

Hopeless when it has rained heavily and in autumn it's difficult to find your ball in the fairway because of the colour of the leaves

That I didn't know you could go there for a walk

It's for golf.

It's a golf course

Nothing

Current usage

Artificial tees

Poor access unless within walking distance, i.e. Bath's all but non existent cycle infrastructure that would allow people to leave their car at home.

The greens are not well maintained.

Little steep but can't be helped

It is a golf course and could be used better

That it is a golf course

Golf

It is a wonderful piece of land in the heart of the community but is underused

condition in winter

Golf

Nothing

It's a golf course with no real wildlife value

Golf to me has never appealed.



No entrance from Wellsway
Not used properly, could be a nice family park
Can't be used for leisure activities and the cafe it's disappointing
It's too exclusive
Nothing
Bit messy
It's a golf course with limited access to public
Tends to be mainly for golfers , having to walk around edges , dogs have to be kept on leads . Paths need to be accessible to young and elderly, disabled
N/A
I don't really know much about it - who can use it, what facilities are there, do you need membership?
Golfers
Golf!
Nothing
It's a golf course
GETWATERLOGGED
Lack of facilities eg Miami Gym
can get very waterlogged and muddy
I have no dislikes
Traffic using Entry Hill
Nothing
Really can't think of any negatives. Maybe getting hit by a golf ball.
That the cafe isn't really utilised.
The lack of advertising/information regarding the existence of the golf club and the fact that it is open and free to non golf playing members of the public. My wife and I have lived opposite the golf course for 6 years and have only just found we are free to walk round the course without being a member.
Shop could stay open longer
The fact I might be hit by a flying golf ball and the fact I don't feel welcome as a non golfer.
It's a beautiful open space in part of the heart of Bath

Lack of support from Better

Nothing

My house directly overlooks it , and it is one of the main reasons I moved here 25 years ago . To me , there is no downside .

The council's maintenance of the course

Poorly maintained

State of the course

Golf balls

Nothing

Difficulty of access.

Nothing

No mtbing

The fact it may not be a mountain bike park

Love it!

Dominated by golf

Additional traffic

It gets a bit muddy



APPENDIX 4 – Question 10 – Supporting Answers - Please give your views on the following possible new uses for Entry Hill Golf Course.

Strongly supporting the Family Cycle Centre/ Mountain Bike Park proposal:

B&NES currently has very limited scope for dedicated, legal and local off road mtb and cycle trails. The provision of urban bike trails has merit as an easily accessible recreational facility within a short distance of high population density. It offers good value in terms of relatively low cost of construction and maintenance. Limited impact on natural environment and can incorporate locally occurring materials in construction. Trails can be designed to be in keeping with landscape features and in a relatively small area well designed trails can accommodate comparatively high volume of trails of a mix of skill levels. With it's natural 'fall' the topography of Entry Hill is well suited to the creation of satisfying and - where appropriate - challenging trails that would attract both local riders and have the potential to become a 'destination' for mountain bikers form a wide area. As a 'family cycle centre' the facility would need to be inclusive and incorporate accessible and graded trails with the design specification including trails that could be ridden by trikes, mountain trikes and similar adapted cycles. Wheels for All Bath & West could be a local stakeholder in this aspect.

I would support any public open space where I could enjoy cycling with family and friends.

if it is used for any cycling centre it would become a area of muddy tracks and bear grass

Many opportunities for community use is best. Due to the poor air quality in Bath, and because the park is on a major route into Bath, as many trees as possible would help offset and minimise the carbon footprint. Children and young people need a space where they can learn about nature and the environment. Food production is great for this and provides food resources for the community. Mum's with buggies, older and disabled people can have a safe, clean space to walk etc and enjoy the fresh air. Using the park as a nature reserve would also provide physical and mental wellbeing for residents and provide a "natural corridor" for wildlife, plants and trees.

A single track mountain bike trail similar to those at Ashton Court would be great

Bear Flat Association does not favour one use against another. We see the golf course as a resource for local residents including those nearby at Bear Flat and ask that whatever use or uses are provided that there is in addition space and scope for quiet enjoyment of the open space with its peacefulness, beauty, trees and wildlife.

Bath residents deserve an affordable golf course.

I think food growing space is great for those without gardens, but this isn't typical of the local area. My experience is that these garden extensions for those who already have gardens and I would prefer more general use



Do Lemon Gazelle CIC really know this location and fully consider the surroundings of this location?

A large number of children from Foxhill and Mulberry estates will benefit from open space activities

I light of so many local government cuts, to be able to actually invest in open space with the prospect of creating a new public park can only be encouraged. Do not support the idea of a cycle centre / Mountain bike park with Odd Down and the Two Tunnels Greenway so close.

The whole area should become an open green space for everyone, appropriate trees should be planted to combat carbon emissions, biodiversity through planting wild flower varieties that attract birds, butterflies and bees. Shallow ponds (with appropriate fencing to safeguard young children) should be put in place to encourage pond loving vegetation and wildlife.

The golf course at entry hill is excellent, my usage has declined due to having children but previously I did use it a lot. I appreciate the usage of the course has declined generally and the space it occupies is extensive. I think it needs to be changed. it would be great for part of the course to survive or for it to be redesigned to include other outdoor sports and draw more users. Perhaps a joint venture with Bath Golf course to provide a smaller course for beginners to get more interested in the game as playing at somewhere like Bath Golf course is daunting for novices which is one of the great benefits of Entry hill. Adding more facilities such as a Café. I do however think the area should be devoted to sport and there are plenty of childrens parks in the city already.

Mixed use of mtb trails and walking paths with a cafe would be great

The course would be more attractive to play golf on if better managed (or should that be 'not managed by Better'?). It is a beautiful site and the course challenging, but it should not be challenging because the greens are not up kept and full of worm casts. It has been a very wet winter but regulars say this has been the case for the past two years, roughly the time Better have been in charge I am led to believe. It is used by many senior citizens for which it is excellent exercise, and affordable where private courses often are not. Therefore a different operating model should take this strongly into account and not remove the golfing facilities. If they were better managed you could charge a little more, a fiver is too cheap but not if it is in a bad state. I am sure people would be willing to pay a bit more for better conditions to play on.

It is though a big site, and it is necessary to bring in more money, so I can see the value in partitioning off a small part of it for other activities, such as climbing facilities or obstacle trails, and attractive parkland areas protected from stray golf balls for wandering and relaxing. The cafe is already good.

The course has a history, having been a tip at one point. Turning part of it over for growing food is therefore questionable.

It is an excellent facility as it is and should be retained.

bike parks are cool

This space should primarily be given over to nature. More trees and undisturbed places and wild flowers to support biodiversity. A community cafe and community growing space could easily be accommodated along with a tree nursery - BANES will need somewhere to bring on all the trees it's planning to



plant. Some limited trails and path connecting the top of the Wellsway through to the 2 tunnels would also be helpful. Growing may require boxed beds to provide additional top soil to mitigate any effects of toxicity from the dump below.

The urban areas of Bristol and Bath have a lot of mountain bike enthusiasts. But the nearest maintained facilities are in Tidworth or Forest of Dean (both over 1 hour away)

Given the price of golf at local private clubs closure would stop many enjoying golf regularly

It would be a shame to lose this accessible golf facility which is affordable to those who are just learning and cannot afford a membership. It should remain as open space for outdoor activities and wellness, maybe an outdoor ski slope as there is nothing similar locally, but some use for community food growing would be great.

Golf has such an identity problem at the moment. This course has so much potential. Just needs marketing properly and a bit of investment. Few people can afford the Bath golf club by the university.

The space needs to be kept neat and tidy but accessible to all the wildlife that use it more than the humans. Fences would restrict access as would cycling tracks, allotment / growing spaces areas.

This is the only course in the area that operates this model. Making it accessible to many more people.

The space should either provide an educational or sporting benefit to the community. And this should be of benefit to as many people as possible.

Would be amazing to have a safe bike park in Bath

I would love to see a rich habitat for wildlife and opportunities for people to experience native flora and fauna and connect with nature. I think a small cafe/visitor centre would make this inviting and accessible.

Families in Bath need more dedicated leisure activities.

It would be great to have a mountain biking facility in the Bath area which didn't require driving to for those without access to a car.

Agree that more people should enjoy this lovely peaceful space with its trees and wildlife. Suggest Avon Wildlife Trust are involved.

Entry Hill golf course with its 9 holes and some long fairways provides a unique facility for local residents and visitors. The pay and play principle is excellent opening up golf to the wider community. The other golf courses around Bath are members only and extremely expensive, and do not provide a facility for the general public. There are other facilities in and around Bath that meet the majority of the other needs and the National Trust provides walking, running, cycling facilities and meets a number of educational needs. It would be a great shame if the only inexpensive and generally accessible golf course was lost to the community.

The SW is terribly under developed for mountain bike parks and all weather mtb trails. Many people will travel past this location to go to Wales to use the facilities there. There are already examples of existing successful mtb park and I feel that this would be a great addition to the SW.

There are not enough spaces for young people to have fun outdoors. There's plenty of just lawned park loved by dog wakers such as the Firs in Combe Down, but not many areas where teens can have fun.

Bath is rubbish at encouraging its sporting prowess especially in the city centre as 1 upset local seems to stop everything so keeping this as a golf course or an area for exercise/mental well being in beautiful surroundings is important.



Urban bike park is a great idea for MTB in southwest

Having a mountain biking park would give me a reason to visit, where otherwise I wouldn't have. I feel the other options are already represented

Amenities that can be used by the most people would be most helpful.

It would be wonderful to see the site made suitable for families with young children as there's not enough places in Bath at the moment

Several of the above options can coexist, but a golf course would require the entire area to be utilised for that one activity.

The golf is of good value but it's disrespected by the Council and BETTER the operational organisation.

If serviced correctly it would increase its use and offer the city access a really important sport contribution to the proven health of participants in the city and district who play there.

accessible for the whole community keep it green no tarmacs and a few small environmental friendly building

We already do road cycling, cyclo cross and BMX at Odd Down and we would love a facility for MTB to complement our offer to young people in the area. We already have 12 coaches at Odd Down and it wouldn't take much to have some coaches qualified to coach MTB (we have 2 already). It would also be a great facility to take school and youth groups.

Again this change is suit a few and not considering the people that this course is important to..

I used to play pitch and putt as a teenager here and latterly with my family as a regular visitor to Bath. Sadly our visits are rare now due to my husband's ill health, but it's constantly in the back of my mind to revisit when the opportunity arises. I'd be so sad to see it close.

I think a bike park would be a very good idea. There is few other bike parks around Bristol and Bath and would be a great way to attract new visitors to the area. If cycling is going to be a transport method of the future. There should be more dedicated spaces to cycling / biking.

Lots of areas to grow food / garden/ walk / run. But little to no areas to bike.

In the context of the climate emergency, anything that helps provide more trees, better conditions for wildlife & pollinators, and if possible helps with community sustainability, should be regarded as a priority.

A Mountain bike park or outdoor sports area would be a great use of the space. There is nothing like that nearby and would complement the cycle track just round the corner as well

The space needs to remain open to all local residents, it shouldn't be transformed into a school where you end up with the local community not being able to benefit from it and therefore pushing locals further afield where they would have to drive to access a community space.

Whatever the space does become used for you must consider that Entry Hill is becoming busier and busier with traffic thus leading to locals having their cars damaged by speeding and impatient road users and also struggling to park near to their properties. The site must consider not only parking but what measures may need to be implemented on access to avoid further issues to local residents.



Wonderful golf course. Been under promoted. Provides a 2 hour course of challenging holes. A loss of £200 per day would not require many new players. First step is to have a much better promotion of the facility. If it cannot be saved, then open it up more for a mix of public uses. It is large enough to accommodate a range of activities. Make it more accessible with further entrances, with a mix of activities alongside keeping some areas wild. It provides a very valuable open lung in this part of Bath and this must be fully recognised in any future usage.

I found the course by chance only a few weeks ago. This course is a beauty; a great design with lots of interesting playable lines and undulations . But i don't know that it's going to appeal to "serious" golfers in it's current state. It's not far off. The course is really interesting but the greens are just not up to standard. I appreciate that's daily maintenance which is more money... Catch 22. Still, golf needs more easily accessible, friendly golf courses; with relaxed dress codes and affordable prices. There's a trend in golf at the moment to promote 9 hole golf, it's quicker ! 9 is fine. I play golf with 2 kinds of people, one serious type where we travel all over the country/world to play great courses; and another type who just want to go out and have a relaxed fun game. This course should be going for the later.

There are not enough amenities for young adults/teenagers in particular. We need to think carefully about what we can provide for them. Dog-walkers and walkers in general have many places to use around this area already.

A mountain bike trail centre would be great also

My real desire would be to see this turned into a Mtb centre with trails and a skills/jumps area. I have got into this sport with my children and it had proven to be a healthy way to connect with nature. It also provides a much needed environment where young adults can learn risk assessment. Such an idea - eg mini Forest of Dean Mtb area- could certainly accommodate all of the other options I have ticked above.

For the people who live nearby like me, I enjoy the quiet and the nice green view of the golf course. Keeping the area environmentally friendly is also important

All good ideas, I higher funded and maintained golf course could also work, living on entry hill I would be concerned about traffic as it is already too busy and dangerous with no car parking!

I would like the space to be public wooded park with an engaging educational focus on connecting people with nature, specifically a woodland environment with educational and play space for all ages and abilities.

Thoroughly support multi-use outdoor space, cycling, mountain biking, running, allotments - so many uses appealing to a wide range of people, and getting lots of people outdoors and active, rather than just a golf course

Allotments and community food growing may be unsafe because of previous contamination from former refuse tip... likely to be unsightly too and detract from the general wooded and green ambience.

Cycling already available at Odd Down. Mountain biking would detract from the park and pedestrian use.

Overall favour general park use with trails and green spaces, or maintaining as a refreshed golf course with cafe and perimeter walking/paths and trails



I don't want anything that's going to bring more traffic up the hill. So, while I think the cycle centre is a good idea, people need to be able to get there by bike easily. It is essential that the green space is maintained in Bath. I support growing food however this needs to be carefully managed (which is why I don't support allotments) so that the area doesn't end up becoming wasted, messy, and not available for the use and enjoyment of general public.

I'm a local mountain biker and think it will bring a lot of people from all over the country as the closest bike park is long Leat

Any land use or services provided should have in the site plan *reduced parking availability* (e.g. solely for disabled users) to ensure that less traffic visits the site than does currently. Access should be prioritised for pedestrians and cyclists at the top and bottom of the site. Growing vegetables and plants, perhaps selling produce to raise money for the site and the community. A place to increase awareness of sustainability and encourage people to make small changes to their lives. A hub for encouraging active living. Participate in charitable events for the benefit of local residents, regional, national and global communities. Support the Clean Air activities of the council, provide services to residents, e.g. a bike elevator - <https://www.citylab.com/transportation/2014/04/bike-elevator-take-you-steep-hills/8774/>.

It should be well lit, accessed via discovery cards or similar, be safe, welcoming, offer spaces for all ages of youths, have security cameras for reassurance. Thank you for taking these views into consideration.

Why not have an off-road biking course linked to Odd Down cycling circuit with a bridge over Wellsway? Could also include a walking trail and café. This would be far more inclusive and well-used than the current golf course

Definitely needs a mountain bike trail

More outdoor activities would be very benefit to Bath especially those that can be used by all ages.

Our deeds state we can not grow 'Trees' as it would be detrimental to the view from surrounding houses. Already 100+ year old trees were felled by neighbours as the council incorrectly stated they were not under a preservation order.

When Chris Patten was our MP I asked that a clear space{two car lengths} be supplied on Entry Hill as a pull in-nothing!

I would like it to remain a golf course, but if change is to happen, it should be made into something everyone can use.

A Bike park would be an amazing addition to the area as few city's have one so close to the centre it has a large following that would help support the local business and economy close to entry hill.

I think a bike park is an excellent idea

I dont bike much but it could draw alot of ppl to the area and help boost local talent

No

I support anything that is easily accessible to the public and PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, do not build ANY houses or accommodation on it

I have many relatives in Bath and surrounding areas. I would use this facility when I visited, and I know they would use mountain bike spaces with their families too



Mountain biking is for all abilities this would attract lots of people to bath

sell it to me. Or give it to me I will invest a little cash bring course back to a good standard membership will go up. it's a beautiful course with so much potential. Then say in 5/10 years I fail you get your course back.

It's the only course of its type in the Bath area. I know that support has dropped recently, but it is never advertised. There seems to be no attempt to promote what a great golf course this is.

We already have plenty of the other things on offer in particular, the cycling

No more Golf - there are a number of golf sites across BANES that are much better suited and located.

We need more trees. and kids need to be encouraged to get outside to play

I support its retained use for leisure activity of some sort.

Whilst I am not a golfer I appreciate that it is an important resource to some and potentially an affordable entry to the sport. It's existence seems to have been under promoted for many years. It would be a shame to take the resource away if the limited use is simply down to poor management / promotion of the facility.

If another use is definitely the way forward I do like the idea of a mountain biking centre - but is it really big enough?

We already have odd down for cycling, and skyline for running . This golf course is brilliant and energy should be put into making it successful again . We play golf here with 3 generations both male and female

It would be lovely to open up this space for more inclusive activities. Getting out and moving your body is the solution to many of life's problems. Also being part of a community is great for the treatment of addictions and depression .

It is a fantastic place, much better than the other two city centre golf courses.

Perfect middle ground between pitch and putt and a proper golf club, so helps people get into golf affordably.

There are plenty of parks, cafes and play areas in Bath already, please do not waste the land on that.

There are very few truly wild, unmanaged places in and around Bath. There are, however plenty of footpaths and pavements where people can run. Lots of people have gardens and there are allotments already in the area. I would support its use as an area for educating people about natural history and strongly disagree with any built development especially as there is a park and cycling space in odd down nearby. Please do not 'tidy up' the area further as leaving it for people and wildlife to enjoy together is not a waste of space. A cafe is useful and might be a place where young people might be welcomed as there are few places for them to meet up.

I think the more diverse and inclusive the better (people and wildlife)



i've seen family cycle centres/mtb trails in other cities thrive and attract a real cross-section of the population to an area to enjoy physical outdoor activity. It would be great to see this kind of investment in Bath. Whatever happens there it should involve outdoor activity for a range of people.

As a teacher at a school in Bath, I can see that a huge amount of my pupils would make regular use and benefit from a bike park in Bath.

Having seen the options, I realise that it doesn't matter what I think. You've already decided to change it.

But golf is almost out of reach of the ordinary person, with golf courses being too expensive, too exclusive and too posh. The Entry Hill facility should be kept going. Don't scrap it, just make it clear that people are welcome!

I would like to see a mix of activities that can be used by families and people of all ages and abilities

Give the massive success of <https://www.leedsurbanbikepark.com/> the project involved the local community as well as providing fun outdoor activities for a younger generation

Yes yes please advise me by email when I'll send you a comprehensive report. berniebrandon1@outlook.com

Entry Hill golf course is a green haven of peace and tranquillity where golfers and other users can come and relax. Trails can be incorporated in the layout for walkers thus increasing the use of the existing cafe.

It is a quiet, green space with a hill to walk up without a "theme". Outdoor spaces in cities don't have to have an idea to be of value, or a narrative, or a place to buy anything, or to be explained to you by someone, or to have lighting schemes or decorative planting. All of these things make them contrived and less peaceful. Leave the entry hill golf course alone. Do something else, somewhere else.

There is clearly a bias here towards replacing the golf course instead of improving/upgrading the existing facility. There is also a lack of transparency of research into the utilisation of the current facility, and its existing value to the community. Again implying a decision bias.

This area has plenty of parks. What we need is a bike centre.

I do not support mountain biking. there is a very good mountain bike circuit- in Odd Down-only mile & half away,

Could the Bath Naturalists Society do a survey of animal/ Plant life before it is destroyed by too much human activity?

Any use should enhance bio diversity and keep disturbance to a minimum.

In Leeds, the City Council took what can certainly be seen as an innovative decision to turn its former golf course into a Bike Park, and what a success it has been. Anyone who has been there in the time since it opened will have observed its huge and growing popularity. If there was any doubt that it is attracting people to the area, you need only look at the car parking, which has doubled in size since opening and still makes use of overflow space at weekends. You might say that so much traffic is undesirable, but so is lack of exercise, and Leeds Urban Bike Park is full of people of all skill levels getting out on their bikes, including plenty of local teenagers. It's surely hard to argue that it's not a more inclusive use of land than it was as a golf course?

I think it would be wonderful if it could be a community space focussing on connecting people with nature whilst simultaneously becoming a haven for nature to thrive. In particular creating habitats where wildlife can thrive (including wild flowers for pollinators) and planting trees which can draw CO2



from the atmosphere and improve the air quality. Having growing spaces for the community (especially in the form of a community growing space) would also be wonderful, encouraging and allowing people to share their knowledge and learn about growing food and to eat local produce.

1) Golf course under current model, except maintained properly. 2) Rewild it, with paths for walking (not MB). 3) YOU SHOULD KNOW YOU CAN'T GROW FOOD THERE - IT WAS A RUBBISH DUMP, PILLOCKS

Love the idea of a cycle centre - it's a great way to get people used to cycling, without the worry of traffic. It would also be great to have a space set aside for mountain biking in the city, as much mountain biking currently seems to take place where it shouldn't (footpaths, private land etc)

I strongly do NOT support the golf course being changed to a mountain bike/bmx or family cycle centre. Indeed I do not support any future use which will increase the traffic along Entry Hill which is already a problem with the road being used as a rat run by many motorists virtually all of whom ignore the 20 mph speed limit.

I suspect one reason for the decline in golf use is that the existing access to the course is neglected and unwelcoming and there does not seem to be any promotion of the golf course so there is little inducement for people to play there.

There seems to be a conflict between the council wishing to reduce the cost of supporting the golf, understandably, and suggesting other uses for the area that do not seem likely to raise much revenue but which will lead to costs being incurred.

Any use must be supervised otherwise it is not difficult to foresee a situation in which the area becomes a likely destination for undesirable if not illegal use and that in turn is likely to require the council and other authorities such as the police spending time and money to sort out the problems.

When the golf course was established in 1976 the two main concerns for those who lived immediately adjacent were noise and traffic danger/congestion. In my view, these would still be outstanding problems, as over the years Entry Hill has already become even less able to cope with the natural increase in traffic

I think it would be a shame to move away from the leisure aspect. Not sure a trail for running is needed in that area given a) the other trails so close by b) its too hilly

Already a sports area on odd down. Not sure if golf balls in the air are compatible with other activities but am not against golf per se. Concerned about increased traffic on Entry Hill.

I feel that there are a lot of places for people to run or walk, but very little in the way of mountain bike areas.

It would bring in an income from parking like Ashton court bike bike .

There is already golf in Bath.

Small kids have loads to do in Bath.



We need to give more activities for teenagers in our cities hence mountain biking...a great idea to keep them busy and for us to go to as a family too.

Mountainbike park would make a great attraction for Bath, and encourage fitness in the community

I think a bike park is an excellent idea

We need to get people active! It should be very accessible and encourage cycling/walking.

I would love to see the space re-imagined as a wild space for people and nature, supporting outdoor education/forest school and a range of outdoor leisure activities including walking, running, cycling and natural play

I have long wanted to see a Community Wellbeing Hub in Bath. This is the ideal space for this to happen, incorporating many outdoor sports/leisure activities. Nature education and play for children and adults, wellbeing courses, community gatherings. It could also become a hub for social prescribing of which there is huge need and could take the pressure off our local GPs, NHS and social care services

We wish to see as little change as possible, and feel there is still further potential for the site to be used as a golf course, perhaps under better management and with greater involvement of young people eg from local schools. We could NOT wish to see an increase in traffic, or an expansion of the parking requirement

I'd travel to Bath for a mountain bike park.

Golf courses are fundamentally environmentally unfriendly.

As with many leisure enterprises, an effective marketing strategy and inward investment could turn its fortunes around. It has the potential to be a gem! One idea could be a 18 hole pitch and putt.

Having a nine-hole golf course is a great facility. I intend to use it more frequently, now that I am retired. However, if the use has to change, I would not be happy with anything that increases the traffic on Entry Hill.

I don't understand why any of these options are even suggested when people need homes. (Not students)

The area has loads of potential, it would lend itself particularly well as a mountain bike park which would be great for people who live in and around Bath

Bath is already a popular road riding destination and adding an Mtb park here would make Bath an even better location for bike based fitness. The hill would give a great basis for some fantastic trails.

Do not need increased traffic and noise

Having this beautiful golf course is a life line for a lot of older people like me, gives me exercise and a social event all in one.

NO, but you have not set out why future use is limited to leisure. The council must build truly affordable homes and/or social housing. Why not a model development with high quality, low-cost homes?

In my belief Golf users are a very small niche sector of the community. Better use for a wider spectrum of residents would be more beneficial to the public



Something that can be given back to the community is a great idea. Also there isn't decent mountain biking in the local area and would bring in a lot of money if done well

This would be an ideal location for a family cycle centre and Mountain bike park. My kids would love riding here and we could all do it together as a family activity.

A combined space for biking and walking/running, like Forest Of Dean for example. Outdoor pursuits that can be used to increase leisure activities in Bath of which it is lacking. The Golf course currently serves a minority, which whilst a healthy outdoors activity it isn't inclusive to all Bath residents

Without reading this survey's introduction I had discussed this with my family and we agreed on several activities that could be introduced - some of which have already been included by the look of it. We would strongly suggest the following : a) A Nature, Environment and Climate Change Education Centre - this should be available for all ages, and incorporate visits from all local schools on a planned basis, possibly incorporate seminars and/or guest speakers on suitable topics, b) Parkland with footpaths, seats wild flower areas and possibly an environmentally sustainable outdoor play area for children of all ages, c) A pleasure/leisure heated outdoor swimming pool and lido for residents and others of all swimming abilities - preferably not a pool with lanes - but a place where families could relax in the open air, d) possibly a 'pets corner' for younger children - this could be either a section on its own, a section of the childrens' play area or a section of the Nature, Environment and Climate Change Education Centre, e)Provide any outdoor activities that could be safely incorporated without undermining some areas of Parkland where peace and quiet and nature could be the principle requirement.

Offering something different than that already available in Bath is extremely possible. Being sport related is imperative for the younger generation and bmx/mountain biking should feature in some way or another

The site has a big footprint so it can incorporate multidisciplinary uses.

It has a natural gradient which can be exploited for some activities.

Promotion of a Cafe on the site will bring rafts of people, so as to enjoy its setting and views.

I strongly feel that any solution for this site needs to bring forward a mixture of uses that compliment one another. This will create the best opportunity for attracting the local and wider community to the site, increase footfall and help make a success of the uses that do come forward. Just a single use will be a missed opportunity.

Better kept course and better advertised recommended

Needs to be inclusive for all the Bath family

I think multi-use serving different members of the community would be great.

One of the few places where you can sit and take in the views and animals such as the deer.

There is presently a lack of local mountain biking trails and a centre for mixed biking abilities. Following the huge success of the Leeds Urban Bike Park project, i think Bath and surrounding areas would hugely benefit from this facility, which would provide a more inclusive use of the space.



I think a mountain bike park is a great idea. It could be combined with other uses such as running routes, fitness equipment or/ and play park. It can still be a haven for wild life.

Not sure that the topography is suitable for allotments, and they are at any one time of benefit to only a small number of people.

Bath really lacks a dedicated mountain biking area - particularly for families (Bath is hilly!), which limits opportunities for kids and leisure riders to give it a try and practice without driving to other areas. It would be a fantastic asset alongside the skate park at Royal Victoria Park and the BMX track at Odd Down

Link to the Odd down leisure and cycle facility would be great.

The bike park in Leeds is very popular and brings a lot of visitors to the area. It encourages exercise and is used by all ages. Everyone can enjoy it.

I have lived in Bath my whole life and never once used the golf course as someone who has no interest in Golf. I am always looking to explore new areas with my children and take great joy walking and riding bikes, general family time in parks in open spaces around Bath which I feel we do not have enough of. It would be great to make this site multi use for the residents to enjoy whilst maintaining its beauty.

Cycling is becoming one of England's most popular sports with British cycling memberships skyrocketing! There's not a good mountain bike parking for miles around this place! There's a fortune to be made! Make it accessible for all too! But make it fun for those experienced too! Get more people out of the house!!

If you can get kids to do mountain biking as an adventure sport activity then I guess they are likely to become cyclists for commuting and life.

While skiing is perhaps not the most inclusive sport - is the site steep enough for a dry ski slope?

Our preference would be for a well maintained, open green community space/ park with a nice cafe and potentially children's play area, running routes/ outdoor gym equipment. I'm not clear what the difference between allotments and community food growing space is. As local residents we have concerns about the impact any future use would have on traffic flow up and down entry hill. Would access be the same or could it be in part from the Wellsway?

Mountain biking is a very sought out sport, it can be educational for children and a great day out for families and friends alike.

If you look at the popularity of the Leeds Bike Park model, voted best trail in the UK, there are so many children with mountain bikes in schools I teach. As a PE teacher, it frustrates me that kids just don't ride because they can't bogey out of the city. This pastime is a life long passion for many, born out of participation from a young age. I think a bike park, cafe, running and walking trails etc would be a fantastic use of this area.

Bath does not need two golf courses. Not only does the hill lend itself to it, but a small mountain bike park could easily sit along side other facilities. It would also compliment existing cycling facilities at Odd Down playing fields. This could make Odd Down the cycling heart of Bath.

Former Bath resident alarmed by possibility of closure

A park which you could cycle around. Would be a great idea. Although I worry about parking. An area could be designated to paintballing.

The success of the Two Tunnels linear park and Bloomfield Green show how much the public value and support local outdoor amenities that are free to the user. Entry Hill could be similar.

use that would support educational leisure for all age groups



I have a personal bias towards bicycle activities however... Bath has a deep history and connection with the bicycle, from the Future publishing magazines to the Play/Shift Active titles GMBN, GCN etc which call Bath their home. It also supports a strong cycling community from commuters to leisure riders to Road & Mountain Bikers and has passionate & dedicated independent bike shops which have weathered the storms of high street retail to serve & support all of the above. I think it would be also important to cement Bath's commitment to its cleaner future with the CAZ, a public space specifically for cycling activities would add weight to our ideal vision of the future.

Depending on how big the site is, offering a range of activities for people of all ages. The bike trails be great for older teens and families.

Not very many people play golf. Need equipment and skill. Adequate bike facilities nearby at odd down, again under advertised. Walking great as anyone can access.

wonderful opportunity for this area in Bath

If the Golf Course became fewer holes, i.e. smaller and may be clock golf type game for children and the cafe was suitable and set up the site could be used for children's parties, clubs etc. Possibly including some sports training, organised games. Making the experiences free or very inexpensive and fun may enable local children/families from housing estates to get into sports or much needed exercise when they are young. Another thought the area is kept park like nature visits for schools could be organised, competitions and doing and making in the holidays and appropriate marketing may make it more used. A good open space area for the south west of Bath!

With all the cafes and restaurants in Bath, people need some where to exercise

Bath needs a mountain biking facility. The network of bridleways, unlike the footpaths which is very good, is poor meaning biking in Bath is poor.

Combination of walking trails, mountain bike trails and cafe, comparable to Haldon Forest Park in Exeter would be ideal

Whatever its final use, it needs to be open & accessible to all AND dog friendly.

Could be a problem if food is grown on the Golf course, previously a tip so could have various poisonous fumes and or contaminated earth!

Keep the green open space, don't over develop, don't let it fall to one category that only a few people can use - make it viable for everyone by keeping the use general. We don't need more cafes - there are plenty around and people should be encouraged to take picnics. There is no need for a mountain bike park and bicycles preclude other things which have a wider appeal. WHATEVER happens, the entry should not be on Entry Hill, it should be on Wellsway so it is clear for all to see and that will encourage more use - plus reduce traffic on an apparently dangerous (20mph limit?) residential road. Please, no more schools that only appeal to young families - everyone else needs to live here too. An outdoor gym area would be good, a park (given that the area at top of entry hill has turned into a giant dog toilet) - and please restrict dogs here, everywhere you go in Bath is taken over by dogs - there are plenty of places for dogs to go. Let's have something that really adds to Bath like a zip wire and outdoor climbing/activities which will retain the environment but give people of all ages something fun to do (there is nothing else in Bath!) and also will bring in revenue if that is what's needed - it's on a main road into Bath so perfect place for a zip wire/outdoor activity centre for all, with a discount for residents! Look at some of the fabulous outdoor centres they have in Wales - nothing to stop us having one there.

Needs to be accessible for wheelchairs etc



All of the above would be valued by more than the current use of the golf course

I think it is important to develop the site to encourage wildlife, in line with the council's commitment to environmental issues. Volunteers could help with this, as at Alexandra Park. I would not support plans which make the area less attractive to wildlife.

i have only played golf once in the past 4 years, but i did enjoy it.

Retain this green space and advertise its use, I had no idea until I received the local leaflet that one could walk there for instance. Plant more trees and ensure they are maintained and looked after. Whatever choice of future use it should be cost neutral for B&NES council. If there is a cafe then ensure it is a good one and located well in the space to drive trade.

1. Use it for Social Prescribing, working with vulnerable people, to create a wonderful growing space/.café with therapeutic aims

2. Keep it as a Golf Course but expand and promote the ways it is used. Bring in school groups, both primary and secondary, as part of their exercise and skills education, include it in social prescribing a above. Lower the price. use the running, both upkeep and staffing, as a training in conjunction with Bath College and other courses, e.g for those with learning difficulties.

I don't currently use Entry Hill. However if it had a mountain bike park me and my family would definatly use it as I think it's a great idea. I would also be able to cycle there so I wouldn't have to drive. Just Look at the mountain bike trails / cafe / golf course at Ashton Court Bristol as an example of how good it could be. Mountain bike trails at Entry Hill is a brilliant idea!

Given the location, the number of cyclists, my recognition of the number of Mountain bike riders in the area and a lack of communal space for mountain biking, I strongly urge the council to follow in the success of mountain biking locations all over the uk and use the space for this.

Mountain biking was a moulding part of my upbringing and the adrenaline fuelled excitement of it mixed with the exercise make it a fantastic sport for young and old alike.

If you look at the model of Bike Park Wales with its uplift system, it allows for the uphill cycling to be a choice whilst also bringing the more dedicated "Downhill" riders in from far and wide.

There is a lot of open park land in Bath and they aren't enjoyed by anywhere near as many people as a leisure facility like this would be. Charged admission is also entirely viable if required due to the ongoing maintenance that is required and a cafe or location for pop up restaurants would work in perfect tandem to the bike park as the energy expended means regular meals are a necessity throughout a day.

There's a major lack of disabled access MTB trails

Look at the success Leeds Urban Bike Park has seen! I do t need to list all the economic benefits or the health benefits by getting people of all ages active!!!



I would go alot more often if there was a bike park.

An active public space to attract all different parts of the community to come together and socialise. People who wouldn't normally always come together could be attracted by differing pursuits like mountain biking, gardening, team sports, running and walking and ultimately end up sharing the same space and becoming more galvanised as a community as a result.

This is a unique chance to introduce something new. There is no reason why bikes, walkers and runners can't enjoy the same space and have a café available to all.

Indeed, an allotment could be positioned around the perimeter of the trails.

I recommend against a traditional park as these already exist and can be located in more mainstream locations.

Look at the success of Leeds bike park - the SW has a huge number of mountain bikers it will be popular and successful and profitable.

It should be a space that is inclusive for everyone. And a space that does not restrict who can go there after it has been decided what it should become.

Leeds urban bike park was created from a golf course the concept works really well!

The problem with cycling and leisure facilities is that they bring in huge numbers of cars - I live next to the odd down cycle track and sports centre and it has massively increased the number of cars going past my house and in the area. The air quality is worse and it is less safe for my children to walk around with so much traffic. The land should be rewilded for nature with some walking trails, I would hate to see it become a big car park with cafe and not much nature.

Bike park sounds best!

Looking to play more Golf in 2020

the area would benefit massively from an urban bike park and it would encourage many more people on to bikes as a leisure activity.

Cycling is a constantly growing activity that can be done solo, with friends or family. Swinley Forest/the lookout in Bracknell is massively popular but I don't know of any other mtb areas similar along the M4 corridor

Bike park with cafe would be a great idea

we love the golf course, the deer and the amazing views.. it just needs some money spent on the greens and then promote it as its very rarely advertised.

Ashton Court Mtb trail is a fantastic facility for families, I was there today with my 2 children. Another 4 families were riding the trail at the same time, several adults were riding alone including an older lady on an electric bike.

At this time of year its difficult for parents to entice children away from screens. Mtb is an activity which can be done by many different people and encourages families to be active together regardless of the weather or time of year.



There are fantastic trails in Wales for more experienced riders, beginner trails are fewer and we would travel to Bath to experience a different trail.

I would rather it remained as it is

Would visit if MtB course

Why change it??? Question the poor running of it from owners not the course itself. Ridiculous... Poor Entry Hill golf members deserve much better!!!!!!!!!!

A bike park could bring in an income with parking charges. It works at Ashton court Bristol

Bath Council and indeed Parliament have declared a Climate Emergency.

Entry Hill could make an invaluable contribution to Bath's adaptation to this Crisis, through re-wilding, tree planting and encouraging locally grown food.

Traffic on entry hill could be a problem for the suggestions above

Mountain biking has wider appeal to a wider range of people than golf. It is more active than other suggestions on this list.

Maintaining a good wild-life friendly area. Introducing and educating children and families in environmental priorities.

Cycle trails would be a better use of ground, simone exercise coupled with a few exciting trails would be a bigger attraction than a pricey golf club made for old men with nothing much to do

I think the space should meet much-needed health and wellbeing needs of a wider section of our local community - not just golfers and dog walkers

The area is surrounded by houses on all sides. Therefore please consider that whatever it is used for must not give opportunity for it to turn into a hang out for unsupervised youth. Allotments would have my support, but I wouldn't want allotment users burning waste outside residents homes. The golf course is good but perhaps needs more easier access from Wellsway, and be better advertised.

Any use where the use of the golf course can still be enjoyed by those who rely on it! If an area can be created which does not encroach on the golf course' use too much I do not see why children/ others should get more use it. However, golfers that currently use it should not have to sacrifice their sport/hobby for it.

My priority would be to keep the space as green and natural as possible, eg plant more trees and encourage wildlife. Leisure and sport are fine but not if they involve too much built environment that would impact on wildlife. There is already a large biking facility at Odd Down nearby and allotments on Bradford Road so don't see that as a priority.

I don't object to a golf course per se, but it would be good to encourage more people through other uses. If the golf course is to be closed I don't see how B&NES could afford to run alternative activities without impacting on the green space. I wouldn't want to see more commercial use, apart from the cafe.



Other comment - I am very confused about who is running this consultation. At the consultation event there was no introductory information about the background, it was not clear who anybody was or who/what they represented and the method of collecting emails was unprofessional and not line with GDPR regulations. The only printed material available was from a residents' group - fine, but surely BANES should provide a more balanced view of the issues, options and costings.

It would be nice to have a space for youngsters to ride, and encourage more cycling in area

A local bike riding facility with cafe would be an excellent, sustainable addition to the local area

Better handrails on path to cafe for elderly

Make it a bike park! There needs to be more!

I was completely unaware of the space until the consultation at odd down, it should be used for an inclusive space which should be as wild as possible

Mountain biking has transformed the Tweed Valley in Peebles and I really think a MTB trail centre would allow the area to thrive and bring in more business revenue for all local businesses and it would make the town a more popular destination for MTB riders to visit.

local sports areas are at a premium. There are too many trees for allotments (how do people carry water?)

There is a mountain bike area at Odd Down. People Use the golf course who cannot afford other Bath courses.

With additional trees it would be a great benefit environmentally as carbon storage. Also the planting of wildflowers would be greatly beneficial to the local wildlife.

I have recently seen a post on facebook by a local head of PE teacher for children with disabilities, expressing how the building of an off road biking track (accessible for 4 wheeled bikes/off road wheel chairs) is a great way for these kids to be active and enjoy the outdoors. So for these reasons I would like to back his appeal. Thank you.

I cannot see how any of the alternative suggestions for the site can be more financially viable, apart from revenue from allotments, which is a "non-starter" as this is a land-fill site, which has been capped for methane. A number of the suggestions, especially the mountain bike one, would inevitably result in extra traffic on Entry Hill, which Liberal Party leaders have recently said that they were trying to find ways of reducing! Ours is one of the many surrounding properties whose value would be affected adversely by the inevitable noise and destruction of habitat that would come with any unsupervised activities attracting large numbers of children/young people. I am also concerned that the area, and particularly the grass, would no longer be maintained as it is currently by the Golf Club.

Make it a mtb Park the revenue will be incredible

Mountain biking would be good as it gets families together and also gets younger people out of the house

Mountain biking is a growing sport which is hugely popular in the area.

Having not played golf, I don't know much about the site. More detail should have been included in the intro



Mtb Park with disabled access trails, you will attract many more people to the area, that will not only use the mtb park, but also subsequently use other local facilities. Bringing more revenue to the local community.

There is a shortage of mountain biking facilities in the area - this would be great to fill this gap in Bath!
the area have a very good cycle set up @odd down complex

running/walking/cycling all available via the greenway/twin tunnels/ ex railway track

general park/leisure area would be open to vandalism & miss use use by various section of community

Make it a bike park/trail with some disabled access for 4 wheel mtb or off-road wheelchair

Cycle trails, walking and cafe. Tracks would need to be segregated so all could work together along with nature/activities school parties moving about. Rainbow woods is loved by lots of people so this with the addition of bikes would be great as there is plenty of space.

The mountain bike park in Leeds is hugely successful. Young people and teenagers aren't interested in running or golf, mountain bikes have proved to be more attractive.

Bike park for all members of family to use

If you adapt this space to encourage greater use, which is a fantastic idea, you must acknowledge parking. Currently only 25 spaces. Consider effects of on street parking chaos if this site becomes popular without adequate parking provision in place. The parking chaos in Combe down around the timing of skyline parkrun is a great example of a positive activity that should be hugely encouraged but without adequate thought to reality that people drive.

Bath already has other options for play spaces/golf courses and the usual sports facilities. I think the space would be of benefit to outdoor education to encourage local children to learn about the countryside around them and the opportunities it holds. A family bike park would also be a massive benefit to many people such as Ashton Court bike trails have been in Bristol, and Leeds bike park also. They can cater to all abilities and is a great way to encourage families and individuals to enjoy a fitness activity in a beautiful setting. It would also bring in employment to locals in the area.

Golf appeals to a very narrow band of people. It strictly enforces its rules on all people (and nature) in the area, not just those who voluntarily follow them by taking part in the hobby. It is a very selfish use of a very large space. Many of the outlined options could exist simultaneously instead of the all or nothing nature of a golf course. A well run cafe/restaurant/bike shop would surely bring in a larger income than a subsidised golf course and have a broader appeal.

I prefer the idea of a varied outdoor centre with cycle tracks, walking trails, and active pursuits. We need more active, fun, outdoor options for families in this area to help people engage with nature and keep fit.

Not viable as a golf course any longer. Course falls too far short of 'good' quality.

There are no other accessible and affordable golf courses in the area and this is my only access to play golf regularly

I like the idea of mixed use path



Look at the success of Leeds urban bike park. Or more locally the Bristol and windhill bike venues.

A new cycle facility would be a great use of the site

Going forward we will need more places to grow food, but also spaces for building community cohesion and resilience.

I would regularly use a Bike park and believe it would be an excellent use of the space and provide local youth with an activity that they currently lack.

Just look at Leeds Bike Park which is an amazing facility for young and old

Mountain bike park will draw most people's attention, boosting the sport and visitors to the area.

There should be a new space for the community to enjoy cycling and running

Make it a family bike park with cafe and shop

Use it for the many not the few

Many people want to start playing golf without the ability or funds to join one of the golf clubs. I started there.

More safe areas for walking are always needed and good for all ages..

If more widely publicized as a park, this could be a valuable and well used community asset.

I believe an mtb park could be really fun considering most mountain biking areas are either too old and dangerous or end up in private land

A bike park would bring in lots of money, cafe, bike hire/shop for jobs along with trial builder support. Check Ashton Court for riding and what it has done for the area.

It is a fantastic space for healthy activities like walking and running. There is already a cycling area locally and fast bikes are intimidating. A family area with café would be wonderful for a walk and coffee/lunch

Not many spaces near with a mountain bike take

I'd live somewhere safe to cycle that does involve going up to odd down

I feel like the cycle centre is the strongest use, and I'm fairly strongly against leaving it like many of the other underused and fairly bleak open spaces on the hills on the south side of the city.

Bath does not currently cater well for mountain biking. This would complement the sports ground but could be a very different environment with more trees. Similarly with walking routes. Allotments only benefit those with the a plot, which is exclusive of many who are not physically able or don't have the time. A community garden would be better and could be combined with walking trails.

Something different for bath would be great as above; like a bike park or outdoor leisure area with cafes etc...

I love the idea of a multi use site that could house numerous different activities. In fact the site work be a perfect place for for an alternative sports hub. I'm thinking a skate area, mountain bike trails, trail running, a high ropes course, climbing wall or bouldering, mountain boarding and more.



Mountain Biking Parks for all abilities are proving popular across the country, benefiting local economy, improving health, creating jobs etc - the list goes on.

I would prefer a more flexible open use as an outdoor space, so a wider range of people use the space. The Mountain Bike Park would be a new facility not available easily elsewhere nearby and beneficial provided it wasn't the sole use of the park. This, the forest school and education events could bring further income. The community food growing space linked in to the Forest School or Education aspects would make more of a community sustainability move (more community focussed than allotments which while great for individuals, effectively privatise the space from anyone else).

Other opportunities for cycle activities close by. Earlier use as rubbish tip make food growing unappealing

encourage more people to use for dog walking, picnicking and exploring

Outdoor education is an immensely important aspect of learning and development which is overwhelmingly underfunded. A facility on this site to promote outdoor activity would be a massive positive step forward. With the prevalence of mountain biking, and the generally hostile attitude of landowners and other users of bike-friendly rights of way, a purpose built facility on a site like this would be a massive draw for a large local community, as well as a brilliant introduction for many more. See Leeds Urban Bike Park for a perfect example of this model being used with huge success, or the incredible work done more locally by the B1ke network.

I feel it should become a mountain bike park as there is a hugely successful YouTube account called GMBN. I feel that a mountain bike park could bring many people from across the country to go out doors and do some exercise and have fun whilst doing it.

A combination of the above can be achieved. Leveraging the space for bikes, walking, running and a play space near café

There is no where to MTB within 1.5 hrs of bath

A mountain bike course would be excellent alongside natural outdoor activities. If both can be accommodated. I am sure mountain biking would have a much lower impact upon natural world than playgrounds and similar sterile developments.

Really would love a mountain bike facility. Mountain biking is a massive growth sport, it can bring a massive amount of money to the area. Mountain biking is very much not really catered for at all in Banes, a facility here would be of massive benefit to Banes and beyond.

A safe environment for families to use for cycling that isn't a transport corridor.

Best option for most people to access this space

This should be a community area for all local residents. There is a desperate need for those who wish to cycle safely and not cause a nuisance to others. A specific cycle centre for families in the area is a must. Nothing like this exists and this is the perfect opportunity to create a varied and healthy area for all.

Bike Park, Bike Park, please let it be a bike park!

A golf course is too niche for the position that it occupies so close to the town centre and with other golfing facilities already available (although more expensive), I would support a pitch and putt course using half the site. Being able to walk and run and possibly cycle in the space would give the maximum usage for all with an ability to walk dogs off their leads alongside this usage.



Multi use area with mountain bike park would earn money and be used by all the community

A space that can be enjoyed by as broad a cross section of the community as possible.

Can pedestrian access be provided from lower end of golf course from Entry Hill and from Wellsway

A mountain biking facility would be a great addition to the Bath City.

Looking at the Leeds mountain bike site as a possible idea I think this would be fabulous

I think this site should continue to provide a unique leisure opportunity for residents, that could be still a golf course or a family cycle centre, both have merit. I do not agree with turning it into another allotment or a forest school, there are lots of these in the area.

I would like a re-wilding programme to be introduced and woodland to be increased as I should like the deer population to be encouraged and sustained, also birds.

There isn't one legal mountain biking area within riding distance of Bath (bridleways don't count), while there are many many miles of footpath that are perfect for walking and running. Plus you have a thriving local media business that promotes mountain biking and cycling (Play Sports Network). This could be a really cool spot and mountain biking is of course compatible with other uses, but walking and jogging not so much.

growing food/ allotments would be good but does it have enough sun? is it accessible enough ? I'm not sure!

I'd like to see it tree planting as a significant share of it - we seem to have lost so many here. Yesterday I was in Shotover Park near Oxford, wonderful wild wood. I think that would be a good use for people to enjoy the space , not just golfers.

I think a family cycle centre and mountain biking facility would be fantastic and very well used by the community. It is so dangerous/scary to take children cycling on the roads, it would be amazing to have somewhere safe for families and young people to cycle safely. If it had a cafe too, that would mean that we could bring the elderly generation of our family to sit, relax and be social while the youngsters burn their energy off in a safe and healthy way. That way there would be something for all ages. There is nothing like this for biking that I am aware of in Bath but there are plenty of other golf facilities.

Anything with a price tag will exclude younger generations. It's a great opportunity to help fight the growing problem of overweight and obesity in kids and teenagers. It'll help get younger generations into a sport that normally requires a lot more support from other people ie. parents paying for bikes, travel to bike parks in Wales/Bristol etc.

A MTB park with cafe facilities (jump park, dirt jumping, down hill/cross country course) would be brilliant. Most good MTB'ing is over an hour away.

Allotment space would be good, as would a good space for kids to learn to climb/build/get their hands dirty.

Most of the options we have already in the area and I doubt it will be used well. If you turn it into a mountain bike park you will create a visitor attraction and somewhere that families can take their children to do outdoor sporting activity that they enjoy.

Golf is not an inclusive recreation as there are many who do not play it in Bath - the space could be made far more inclusive



The area is likely to be better used with a change in usage. Lack of access from Wellsway is a disadvantage for some residents. Failure to enforce speed limits on wellsway makes walking access risky.

An urban bike park is a major attraction (look at Leeds urban bike park for example). There is nothing like this in the area of Bristol or Bath and would become an attraction in its own right. It's a massive site and the bike park could be one of a number of attractions. Ashton court bike trains are used by far more cyclists than use the golf course on the same site despite no council funding.

Whatever the future proposals, this site should be used to maximise the benefits for nature and should consider an operating model that is not dependent on car transport. A mountain bike route might make sense as people could cycle there and it would take pressure off the countryside where mountain biking can cause damage.

Encouraging cycling is essential for developing a healthier society. MTB is typically accessible but good trails are few and far between in bath.

Get Bath city Council and entry Hill organisers heads together to get the course in a better course condition and stop penny pinching

I would love to see more green spaces In Bath: walking trails, parks, etc.

I don't currently visit, but if cycling facilities were there I would visit frequently.

I believe that mountain bike facilities are not currently provided for in the city while all the other activities have some provision. Mountain biking would be great for a younger generation and would put Bath on the map in the South Wets. It's a very exciting idea.

The large student population in Bath would undoubtedly use the facilities and this would encourage them to commute to the University by bike - which can only be good.

It was built as a community golf course and will cost more to turn it into something that other than what it is than to update it

we need more places to ride locally

The golf course should be marketed better

Would support anything that allowed open free access so u could walk through one end to other instead of walking up the polluted wellways

Please keep it as a golf course! We have lost Bradford on Avon GC which only leaves the big, expensive courses

I agree that the site requires multi -use to attract more users - maybe a mini-golf since Victoria Park is so popular. As a parent with 2 boys we love to use the outdoor space. I feel parents with young children especially will benefit from a buggy friendly cafe and play areas for all age groups. I would also agree to a skate board section / mountain biking for older children etc. Lets make the fabulous site for all ages!

A park that supports walking and cycling, encouraging mobility will retain the context of the leisure park.

I take my children out on their bike every Saturday at mtb centre would be good. I also enjoy biking with my friends and again would be great to have these facilities close to home

Having visited the urban bike park in Leeds and seen what vibrant, well used facility it is, particularly by local young people and families, but also visitors from a wider area, I would strongly support a similarly inclusive model.



Plenty of trees and other plants to balance the pollution levels of the the Wellsway

We visit Bath often to look around and shop, it is a beautiful city. As lovers of outdoor spaces and biking, we would journey to use if a family bike park and MTB park.

I didn't realise you could go just for a walk. I thought it was only open to golfers. It is a beautiful wooded area and with lots of nature and wildlife. A lovely fitness trail and running path/park would be great. I think a bike park would not be suitable as there is already one very close by. The council could do more to promote golf to keep its existing use e.g. golf instructor on site, more people might be encouraged to take up the sport.

A multi use area would be nice, for both bikes and walkers, although separate trails may be needed.

I am a long term Bath resident of over twenty years, keen cyclist, and outdoor enthusiast. I am also a founding member of the Dyson MTB club, with organised after work rides every week throughout the year around the West Country.

Most of the options suggested in the list already exist in or around Bath, whereas the Bike Park idea would be an exciting addition to Bath's outdoor leisure pursuits. The location is convenient for any residents of the city, but also outsiders, given the good road and rail links. It also benefits from proximity to the two tunnels greenway, and the BMX and road cycling tracks just across the road.

The long term success of Aston Court MTB trails in Bristol, and more recent success of Bike Park Wales in Merthyr Tydfil should provide ample evidence of the benefits and growing popularity for these sorts of facilities.

A mountain bike trail course with at least one course for disabled riders (quad bikes) as they are not widespread and local disabled riders would greatly benefit.

Mountain biking, forest school and outdoor education would only be suitable for a few people and bikes would be very anti social for non-mountain bikers. Preference would be a gold course under a different model, perhaps run by a commercial entity which may actually advertise the facility and promote it or a park areas for the entire neighbourhood to utilise.

Some are not mutually exclusive - running trail and MTB trail could be compatible if done well. Park and allotment too.

There is nowhere local to bath for MTB. A new bike park would be great for locals and would bring in people to the area for daytrips and short holidays. The kids will also have somewhere to spend time and keep fit and active. MTB and all other cycling disciplines have been proven to help mental health and improve well being so a new bike park can only be a good thing all round!

Golf actually provides a healthy activity and unfortunately quite exclusive. Entry Hill is a rare location giving a spectacular and affordable place to play golf without being in a club.

it is already a fairly wild space. It could potentially be a model golf course for intergrating nature and a sport that occopies a lot of green space. It could be marketed as such. It isn't a long course so doesn't take hours to play. It could be a test model for the future of a more environmental approach to golf.



Alternatively it could be rewilded to allow for maximum biodiversity. With links to other wild spaces creating green corridors. Bath is already a green city, but could be much more ambitious in linking everything and creating a really green city that allows nature to flow into and through the city.

Keep it as a golf course. Change the maintenance, upkeep and awareness (With schools) and it will thrive

There are currently other leisure/sports areas within 500m, and the golf course has clearly not been working recently. I would favour a green space, with space managed for wildlife, see below. this is compatible with the cafe/park idea and with the allotments idea (if restricted in area and fertilisers/petocides/chemical sprays prohibited).

Range of options but primarily support maximising 'wild areas & tree planting -whilst encouraging access

cycling is a great sport and will entertain people of all ages

It should be rewilded with some outdoor amenities e.g. walking, jogging trails. A bit of kid /youth space. Do not add huge parking spaces.

Please it would make so many people and young kids and teens of all ages so happy and a great space if this place was turned into a mountain bike park

Golf is a game for all ages - gets your legs moving and your arms swinging which equals good exercise. Good for your health as you get older - course of 9 holes encourages one to play more often - saves NHS money on caring for ill people; paying for gyms, de-stresses (saves NHS money), beautiful scenery. Good cafe. People walk their dogs. Meet other people for conversation - keeps one in excellent spirits.

The space would be used more people from a diverse range of ages & interests if it was a multitude site. Cycling on increasingly popular but many feel it is not safe on the roads especially for children. The heavy use of Odd Down is evidence of the popularity of off road cycling facilities.

Cycling facilities - particularly for families / off road and for teaching the various forms of cycling are few and far between. A cycle facility that forms (a) teaching environment, and (b) is a feeder to some of the bigger bike parks would be an amazing facility - and can surely combine with a number of the other possible uses (i.e. it doesn't need to be single use)

Cycling/ Mountain Biking is still one of the biggest growing outdoor sports in the UK. However there are few places where it can be done in environment that is safe and promotes the sport to beginners or less able bodied riders. Changing the use of this area to a multi activity or Cycling Mtb park will allow a range of outdoor users to participate in these sports without being on congested roads. Building mtv trails capable of supporting off-road wheelchairs would make it only one of a handful of sites in the UK attracting additional tourism to the area.

Having seen the popularity and success of urban bike parks in Leeds and Sheffield, and knowing the burgeoning bike culture in the Bath region, I know a bike park on the Entry Hill site would be a brilliant and well used facility, that unlike all the other potential uses listed for the space, is not currently available to Bath residents.

I would certainly visit if it is a bike park as nothing around similar

You could combine ideas, for example a bike park with area for other activites/kids areas etc. Holden Forest near Exeter is a great example.

There are enough cycle facilities at odd down playing field but dog walkers do not have any safe gravel paths and are despised there when walking in the safer areas older people find exercise and socialising are beneficial results of dog walking but banes appears unaware of this

I am a south glos resident and regularly cycle to Ashton court to mountain bike. A facility in bath would certainly encourage me over to bath and would result in me spending money in the BANES region.



Depends on the operating model, it should be accessible to all

Only support an activity that does not produce users arriving by car to participate in. Such as enjoying an open space with walking trails . Have some areas set aside for wildlife .

A community park with cafe.

The bike park would provide something new and different for Banes residents. All the other options already exist in the area

It's a sensibly priced sporting facility which is already in place. It has a successful and friendly men's and ladies section. With greater advertising it would be a very successful facility.

The model of Leeds Urban Bike Park demonstrates the positive impact on the local community introducing many new families and individuals to an exciting way of keeping fit. I would agree with the current membership of the Golf Club, it seems to have been poorly managed and left isolated as a centre for physical activity.

A mtb park would be accessible for all ages.

Bath and its environs is well serviced with golf courses. I would prefer something to bring a new set of people to Bath such as a mountain trail bike bike suitable for children and adults

A variety of uses would bring more people of varying ages to use the space which is under used at present. It should be possible to find a use which encourages more use by local residents and visitors and does not involve a cost to the authority.

There are no places in and around bath to mountain bike but there are to play golf.

The return of this space to a more egalitarian use, and supporting inclusive outdoor activities will have social and health benefits far outweighing those of its existing use

I would only support its use as allotments or community food growing space if this was done with the primary focus being on protection of biodiversity and carbon capture. For example, absolutely no pesticides to be used anywhere on site, large areas to be left for trees and wild flowers, organic growing methods only with a ban on peat based composts being brought in.

Outdoor gym equipment

Playground for older kids

Something like rainbow woods but bigger and better

Bike park facilities would be great, useful for all ages/abilities (see Ashton Court in Bristol)

Getting people exercising in a wild natural environment in the heart of the city where a bike or pair of trainers is the minimum expense has a wide variety of benefits. A space for cyclists where you aren't confronted by walkers, dogwalkers, runners and cars regardless of your right to share a space would also encourage many who are currently nervous of cycling in Bath the confidence to do so safely.



Nope

A Mountain Bike Park would tie in nicely with the other cycling facilities in Bath ie the Cycling track at Odd Down and the BMX park

It would be great to have more safe spaces to take young kids and adults on a good bike ride / trail rides / running.

Golf has lots of options away from this site. Walking has lots of options away from this site.

Allotments have lots of options away from this site.

Play spaces have a fantastic array of options already.

Biking has no provision without the accessible use of vehicles for transport to limited facilities. Other than Bloomfield road BMX track or bridleways way outside the city, young people need safe places to take calculated risk. If we don't produce a generation of risk takers we'll not progress as a society.

I would be most interested in a multi use park with mountain bike trails, a community cafe and walking/running routes integrated with biking. There are a number of parks which follow this model outside of the Bath area which my partner and our families always live visiting because of their appeal for different ages and activity levels, and we love that they encourage people to get outdoors and try cycling at different levels and in a natural setting, and can cater to a diverse family group.

Any area that could be useful to students as a safe place to walk/run/bike & experience the outdoors.

I'm firmly support the using the entry hill site as a mountain biking park and cycle centre. Similar setups have been huge successes such as in Leeds or Ashton Court in Bristol. I believe it encourages people to be moved active, provides accessible activities for young people and can be integrated to also provide space for walking/running/dog walking.

A mountain bike park for Bath would be a brilliant addition to an area lacking such facilities.

The future use needs to be aimed at all age groups eg mountain bike area would have limited appeal

I ride Leeds Urban bike park a fair bit and another similar set up somewhere like this would be brilliant for when I'm in this part of the country, and I'm sure many will feel the same.

Leeds urban is a massive massive hit and what better way to get people my age doing something better with their time other than a bike park. Quality stuff.

If a mountain bike park does not go ahead, a smaller course such as a Pump Track could be considered. These are very compact.

Bath area has no facilities for mountain bikers, loads of footpaths & running areas, but nothing for MTB outside the flat, gravel canal paths.

I think the space is best used for a range of outdoor activities and Cycling is great for inclusive exercise. Just look at the good Wheels for all are doing. An urban MTB centre on the lines of the one in Leeds would be great for locals and draw people to Bath.



I am a cyclist and a regular user of the facilities at Odd Down. Our two children also have used those facilities to learn to ride as a safe space. While Bath has great hills, the opportunities for mountain biking are relatively limited and it'd be a great way to complete what could then be a complete cycling centre of excellence (maybe even a bridge across the Wellsway?). I would expect there to be space available too for forest school and outdoor education facilities.

Mountain bike park would compliment the cycle park across the road at Odd Down

Look to Leeds Bikepark, Ashton Court Bike Trails and on a bigger scale Bike Park Wales for how popular mountain biking is!

The closet decent mtb park is bike park Wales! I think bath would benneit from this, there would be Alot of potential to hold races and competitions as well as recieving good sponsorshio

It would be so brilliant to have a local mountain bike bark, I feel that it will help encourage the community to get outdoors and try something new and fun - mountain biking is not only a way to get active, it creates a community and promotes a healthy, active lifestyle. We really need something like this in the south west as up north there are lots of facilities as such.

I favour forest school/outdoor education, but only if it is open to all, not just private schools.

Golf is just too small. There are other places in Bath to play golf cheaply .

I would visit Bath more often if it had Mountain Biking facilities

We're a not-for-profit organisation called Experience Community CIC based in Yorkshire that offers adapted cycling for disabled people. As part of our activities we run off-road Mountain Bike style cycling on specialist adapted handcycles and recumbent trikes. We work a lot with Leeds Urban Bike Park (we are moving our organisation to the bike park in 2020 subject to funding) and we also run sessions at other parks and visit blue and red mountain bike trails at centres such as Coed-y-Brenin, Llandegla, Sherwood Pines and Gisburn Forest. In order to build disabled people's confidence in off-road cycling, suitable trails need to be built near urban centres so that people can learn skills and practise with the equipment.

Leeds Urban Bike Park (LUBP) is an ex-council owned golf course which is now much more utilised by walkers, runners and cyclists and strives to be inclusive for the whole community. We fully support the development of a family cycle centre and mountain bike park. The uses listed above do not need to be exclusive - LUBP also has a cafe, walking and running trails and Forest School activities. Outdoor education, other sports activities and community food growing could all be included in the site (as could allotments but this takes space away from the wider community).

As the leading organisation in the UK for providing off-road adapted mountain bike activities for disabled people we would also be happy to assist in any way we can to facilitate an inclusive Family Cycle Centre and Mountain Bike Park through consultation and advice if required.

The golf course is not really accessible for younger people due to cost and time. The terrain would be ideal for an MTB area (cycling) and could be a world class city based park if done properly. Cycling is accessible, meets the needs of many ages and fits the criteria needed to reduce air pollution and vehicle use.



Mountain biking is a growing sport and the locality to the large YouTube channel Global Mountain Bike Network would likely encounter large support and indirect marketing from them. It may also be suggested to make the tracks accessible for 4 wheel disability buggies to ensure the greatest outreach. Trails for walking is also a good idea as the current climate needing housing is slowly reducing the amount of accessible green space for recreation.

Regular site for park runs would reduce numbers running in other parks. Nature trails supporting wildlife would be beneficial to local schools for educational trips and for local residents and walking / birdwatching groups. Also would be good for older people such as U3A to hold meetings if a separate building besides the café were available for bookings and for education trips (eg for packed lunches and poor weather).

Have a look at Bike Park Wales or The Wave Bristol, excellent year round out door activities that encourage a healthy lifestyle and mindset. They create community and attract a diverse array of people.

An accessible bike park would be an amazing replacement

The uses that I would benefit from the most area park, running and walking trails, outdoor education and family cycle/mountain biking. However it feels that Bath has a lot of these benefits already, so while I don't use the golf course, it would be my preferred use based on the fact that golf is not a particularly accessible sport and Entry Hill could be run in a manner that encourages greater diversity in participants for the sport.

At Friction Collective we'd love to see a MTB centre with disabled accessible trails. We worked closely with Cannop Cycle centre and Rough Riderz Gravity X project to support their trails designed for the lesser abled cyclists and put together promotional films etc to get their trails open.

We need this golf course

A mountain bike park is the least preferable given other suggestions would have a wider impact.

A family cycle centre would be more preferable than a mountain bike park.

Providing land for growing food, and re-wilding some of the land for well-being and education is the best fit with B&NES climate emergency declaration.

In the last few years this area has lost many green spaces, Cross' building on a beautiful meadow, Sainsbury's building on an open field and the development of housing at St Martins Hospital on an open green space. Britain has lost thousands of acres of meadow land. We have wild life on Entry Hill deer etc We need to preserve the wild life and wild meadow land especially now to raise awareness of the plight our planet is in. Every little bit helps!

I would travel to visit if it became a mountain bike park.

I don't visit this are, but me and my large group of bike riders do visit several other bike parks all over the country very regularly

Golf course doesn't work so should move to a new sport (cycling is often called the new golf!)

Having a mountain biking and cycle centre would offer something the bath does not currently have. There are already play parks, leisure centres, running areas, golf courses. This would promote another form of exercise not currently available in bath.

A mix of a bike track, walking/running path and allotments would be ideal. It should be put to use for the many, not the few, who could quite reasonably travel a short distance to any pay to play course. I understand several offer very reasonable rates for those on lower incomes. There are enough parks in



the area for small children to play in, so something designed for a wider range of ages would be ideal, especially as it would bring them together during a very age divided era.

I feel accessible trails for Bikes, Walkers and Runners would be a great addition to any of the other uses

There are very few safe cycling spaces in bath, and even less for mtbing due to most land being privately owned or nature reserves. This would help to be balance it. Should also build separated cycle lanes to it from different parts of the city so people don't drive to it.

a cycling facility would support and encourage sustainable travel modes. It also promotes healthy living and sport. Many areas around the country have shown that a mountain bike park can bring visitors and income into the area which can encourage supporting business and spending in surrounding areas. I, and my friends, travel from Bristol to South Wales, Hampshire, and Wiltshire to existing MTB parks, and would do some for this one if it fitted a similar level of facility.

I would like to see somewhere people can relax, learn and is open to all. The plot is quite large and could support a few different options

A mountain bike park with accessible trails for less abled riders would be great

Cycling is hugely popular, support it and grow it!

Bike Park Wales is used by 1000's of MTB riders every week, a daily Pass being £45 It has a fabulous cafe and well thought out trails for all abilities. "however" it's in Wales! A location in Bath would attract a huge following for sure..

Would be good to see a bike park which caters to everyone including disabled riders who need wide trail access for 4 wheeled bikes

If you were to build bike park it would be brilliant to build a trail accessible to 4 wheel bike, enabling disabled kids to ride aswell.

Based on the popularity of south wales mountain bike parks such as Cwmcarn, Afan, Bike park wales, Forrest of Dean and also Windhill in Longleat, there is clearly a large population of mountain bikers who are keen to travel large distances for good bike parks. Many people based in the Bath and Bristol area will show strong support for a Bath based bike park. A park in this location would give myself an opportunity for a weekly ride after work during midweek rather than travel to Wales at the weekend.

Anything outdoors which allow users to enjoy the beauty of the area is great thing.

Could the site not be improved to perhaps accommodate additional activities eg cafe to increase use/visitor numbers

I would prefer to see areas rewilded so that children can learn to reconnect with nature rather than a conventional play space

Golf appeals to a very small demographic group. The site could be used for more diverse activities which would appeal to a wider range of the population. Any of the outside activities suggested would be great and appeal to a wide range of people.

My friends and I spend a lot of money when mountain biking, equipment, spares, accessories, clothing, food etc Have you hear of a mountain bike centre not doing well? See Forest of Dean, Ashton Court. Cannock Chase, Halden Hill, Bike Park Wales etc. The model works for public owned land.

Lots could be combined, Cafe, bike trails, walking and running, educational and community food and trees.

There are so many cyclists in Bath and nowhere for them to go safely apart from the canal path. A mountain bike centre will pull in a huge number of families and outside visitors as outdoor sports Bath is very lacking in, apart from walking.



I feel there are enough golf courses in the UK. Making it a leisure/sports/running/cycling park would give more people the opportunity to get out and keep fit. Golf can be a niche sport.

There is a lack of bike trails that people of all ages can use, so a bike trail here would be brilliant. Keen cyclists will travel some distance to a good facility

A free, public mountain bike course (similar to Ashton Court) would be a massive boon to the area,.

It's been a golf course since being an urban tip, so stop changing stuff that's not broken. Bath is becoming a disgrace unless you're a student.

I strongly support the idea of a mountain bike park. This would give people from Bath, Bristol and even much farther afield a destination to ride purpose built trails. Younger riders would also benefit hugely, including my son and a large number of his friends

Put at least 1 track open for handicap mountain bikes 3-4 wheels and offroad wheelchairs

A mountain bike trail system with assessable trail features for both riders with disabilities and recreational riders.

I think it just doesn't make sense as a golf course, it's too large a space which makes no financial sense. Maybe you could turn part of it into a pitch and putt course/driving range. Like 'Top Golf' concept.

The rest of the large site could be used for recreation, leisure, mountain biking and other activities which would benefit the whole community rather than just a very small selection of community who play 9 hole golf....

Maybe it's worth working out what the average age and number of members who actually use the course... because I feel it's an asset (space) which could certainly be developed to accommodate a larger section of the community and benefit more! Isn't that what the council should be about... benefit the many NOT the few!

Bike park seems like a great idea, more activities for the kids to keep them entertained and off the streets.

I think this is a great idea and will take mountain bike traffic off of the local foot paths

If the greens had been maintained to a higher standard more golfers may have continued to use it.

Enduro mountain bike and wide sweeping trails for bike tag along and trailers so young ones can feel a bit of speed in their buggies

I have a 2 year old and there isn't enough hill stuff all cycle areas are mostly flat and boring after 1 visit

Hills are for riding down, not spoiling walks...

We're a keen Bristol based family of cyclists who often travel to odd down for both the BMX and road circuits. A mountain bike facility would be fantastic!

Access for children and young people with disabilities or separate sessions for cycling as my son can't go on the road.

I believe a family bike park would be hugely successful, just look at Leeds urban bike park and Windmill Hill bike park. Encouraging people to get out on their bikes and live healthier lifestyles.



It would be more inclusive to the public

Something different like MTB facilities would bring people in from further afield,

Mtb park with special trails for the disabled kids to enjoy

I enjoy cycling and outdoor activities.

It would be amazing to have some mountain biking trails in the area

A combination of cycling/ mountain bike centre, with access for disabled riders like where I live in the Forest of Dean.

A café. Walking/running trails in addition to the cycling trails, like at Coed Y Brenin in Snowdonia.

Mountain biking is exceptionally popular, combining all of the above would make great use of Entry Hill.

Often visiting the area. A bike park would be a great asset.

Build the trails, be a pioneer for the dying golf course owners in my area.

Why not a mtb park that incorporates a cafe, walking trails and a play area. These are complementary uses of the space, that also give space to wildlife.

Bath has traditional parks but no dedicated mtb facilities.

MTB park with accessible trails for all levels of user, with a forest cafe and walking running routes around the perimeter would cover all the needs of the area. The local schools could use the facilities for out door sports learning which is urgently needed given the health of our population plus the centre would bring in significant amounts of funding for the area.

I strongly support a cycling/MTB facility, but please make it stand out as a truly inclusive venue. Facilities must be made for less able cyclists to enjoy this sport. At least one of the trails must be able to be used by a MTB quadcycle or trike. I can't wait!

If you look at Leeds and their new bike park you can see how a similar scheme has proven an absolute success. Would be great to replicate something similar here to get families and people of all fitness out and active. It would generate significant funds to the local economy

Given the climate emergency that we all face the space should be used with resilience building and development in mind. Food production, rewilding, community development through connection with nature. Education and support in these areas for the entire community. This would be exciting, relevant and inspiring so many of us struggling to know how to best cope with the challenges we face in the near future.

As a keen mountain biker with friends in the area I would use a mountain bike park facility when visiting the area. If planned properly and there is enough space it might be possible to fit in a few walking / running trails around the perimeter.

A cycling centre would be fantastic for children and adults and would bring great revenue and visitors to the area, especially so close to the cycle path.

A MTB with a set of blue runs would be good, a beginners bike park set up, makes good locational sense with the near by bmx and velodrome, a run designed for disabled users would be good as well.

A mountain bike park would be great. A really emerging sport for all ages keeping people out in the countryside and having fun.



Entry Hill is a perfect place for a permanent Forest of Imagination

See Yorkshire Sculpture Park for reference

The course is excellent and is fabulous value for money and if the cost was to be increased

More diverse activities please. Bringing the community together and opportunities to enjoy this beautiful open space

It is a well known golf course in the locality. Poor management, including advertising/marketing and under investment in green keeping are the reasons it is underused.

Mtb is life

Mountain bike track, accessible for all (including disabled) and a cafe

Bath already has plenty of cycling, running, walking, and playground facilities. Also allotments around the city. You can see, from the large group of people commenting that it is an important facility with an aging population. Both young and old enjoy playing golf.

Mountain bike trails for disabled users also

Due to the clay in Bath mountain biking all year round is hard having a purpose built course would be amazing for the area

A mountain bike park is inclusive of all age groups and abilities, could also be trails for wheelchair adapted cycles. Gives youths somewhere to go and promotes healthy sport

Cycling enthusiast who would love more spaces to ride near the city

Need to consider how this compliments Odd Down. Eg having a cycle track on a hill would be good training for cyclists who only currently cycle on flat at odd down. Keen to see it used to be a good place to walk the dog with plenty of poo bins. Also like the idea of exercise space for walking, running and exercise.

Bath really needs a place for trail and downhill bike riding facilities as there is nothing like it in surrounding areas.

Biking would be a gd change

It would be wonderful to see access to be made for people from all paths of life.

A family and mountain bike trail centre with an uplift would generate a huge amount of money for the council and be well received by residents

Mountain biking has become so popular more trails are needed for disabled riders. I only know of 1 trail which caters for this.

Would be great to see a mountain bike park similar to Leeds Urban Bike Park with trails for all levels, accessible trails for 4-wheel disabled MTB bikes and coaching facilities like those offered by Pedal Progression at Ashton Court/Leigh Woods. Could be combined with walking/running trails similar to the Bath Skyline route.

Bike park!!

I strongly support the idea for a bike park.



I think golf is too exclusive for somewhere so close to the centre of Bath. The space should be accessible to a wider community.

I feel that the most under-represented facilities available locally should be prioritised

A venue to ride would be excellent and encourage many from outside the area to visit.

Urban mountain bike Park would be excellent

If running a golf course is no longer viable then the land should be kept a green space with facilities which encourage other leisure activities for all age groups

If the space can be used in a progressive, forward thinking way, then all the better. I went to university in Bath and lived in Odd Down for a year. Having a local mountain bike facility would have been amazing. I still live within a reasonable distance that if the quality is good enough, I would travel for.

I would love there to be a mountain bike centre as can stop off on the way to visit family and friends in the are

Mountain bike centres like the urban one in Leeds are a huge success and bring people to the area and encourage fitness, add in some walking and running tracks and a cafe/bike shop plus planting prehaps some fruit trees and you could easily tick many of the suggested future uses.

An MTB track with access for outdoor education/forrest school would be brilliant.

The proximity to the OddDown cycle circuit and BMX track make it an ideal location.

I'm sure there would be lots of support for an MTB track with Offroad.cc and GlobalMountainBikeNetwork being Bath based.

Outdoor space to encourage everyone to be more active. Growing food is ok but really if you can get 75% of the local kids on bikes then your upbrought children will look after the local towns and villages

Thought needs to be given to not damaging the natural environment which mountain biking would do, also to the noise and impact on those of us whose properties back onto the golf course. We do not want it to deteriorate into a place where drug dealers hang out either.

There are many young and old people in Bath wanting an accessible and easy to use mountain bike trail centre

Mtb4life

I would travel to visit a purpose designed and built mountain bike park.

My Grandsons ride at the Bath BMX track and I go mountain biking with them at various woods and would love to have somewhere else I could go with them .

I feel it would be best used as a community space with the added function of helping to clean the air in Bath (i.e. by planting more trees/wildflower meadows).

Having some mountain bike options in Bath would fill a big gap and being so close to the Odd Down race cycle track seems to fit really well.

We travel all over the country visiting moutain bike parks it would be nice to have one near bath where we used to live

Think of the wildlife and local impact before you try to save money



There are so many golf courses locally that closure will have little real impact (and note I play the course 6 times a year or so). Something sport related for the wider community would take advantage of the location and be much more accessible and used. I think the idea of bike trails/park is excellent. This could be in conjunction with a cafe, walking and running trails.

We currently go to the BMW track with our kids and their mountain bikes when visiting grandparents in Odd Down. A bike park would be so much better.

I'd visit the area if used as a bike park, otherwise I have more local facilities.

Trail centre all day long

I'd love to see a Mountain Bike Park in Bath! I think it would be a fabulous and innovative aspiration - check out Leeds Bike Park!

<https://www.mbr.co.uk/news/leeds-urban-bike-park-368084>

A bike park could also include a running/walking trails facility and a cafe

There are many Mountain bikers locally who have to travel to Wales to go cycling. A local site would reduce travelling and the associated pollution while encouraging younger people to get out on bike is a safe off road environment

Do not wish to lose this excellent facility to Bath. New management to promote use of facility.

Urban bike parks are a growing asset to many cities, and I for one would travel to ride there and pay to do so.

The park would make a great family cycling area, a safe jogging/walking green space and forest school.

There is no safe green space suitable for mountain biking in Bath.

I feel that the options:

Park with cafe

Outdoor education

Community growing space

Leisure / sports

Play places

Could all be gained under the change of use to a bike park and cycle centre

I do not support cycling/mountain bike option as there is a cycle track at Odd Down playing fields nearby.



Allotments is a wonderful idea as I hear there aren't enough. Personally, I would make frequent use of a good cafe there- but I think it is important to ensure it is professionally done. Many people who live in Bath are pretty into nice cafes with good coffee- I would certainly go there at least weekly if this were the case! I also thinking running/walking trails is a good idea. Space for outdoor education/forest school/play area is a particularly good idea as there are never really enough safe and pleasant outdoor spaces for children.

Although we (and English family with 3 young children) now live abroad, our family with still lives in Bath and we visit at least 4 times a year. Previously we have lived in Sheffield which has an urban bike park, and I have read about the successes of the Leeds urban bike park, and also Leigh Woods and Ashton court in Bristol. Accessible, legal and safe bike trails that are designed for all the family to ride would be the best use of this land. A cafe with bike parking would return some money. Thanks for putting together this consultation, reading and taking account of my views!

Its a green space so should remain so.

It would be good to see the use of this site broadened so that more people can make use of it for activities that would not impact greatly on local residents.

Why spoil a well loved successful golf course when good advertising and management are all that is needed. Plus increasing fees and provide a pro so people can once more have lessons like I did 10 years ago.

Spaces should be mixed use. Mountain bike trails are of main interest due to growing popularity of the sport and mean that local users wouldn't have to trek to wales for their activities. This can coincide along with other trails cafes and use of the space to improve health and appeal to many more than just golfers.

I regularly travel to Bristol to visit the Ashton court mountain bike trails and it can be seen there that mountain bike trails in a city have been a massive success as has Leeds urban bike park and I think would be a great addition to the city of bath

The south has a massive shortage of MTB centres. I currently travel from Dorset to Wales(bike park Wales) due to this. A destination in bath would be hugely desirable. Especially if it also had accessible trails along with more advanced options

Think a bike parkwould be grate my 8 year old would be keen to visit and myself gives local kids something to focus on rather than getting up to no good could also put ina disabled run

I think the golf course has been poorly advertised over the years.

Leeds urban bike park

Cycling is up and coming around the UK, and needs further support to boost the success of young individuals. It's evident however, that less-abled children and adults, are not able to access many cycling venues, which could be a big boost for morale for both the young and old, but also put Bath on the map for accessible cycling venues.

As a student mountain biker, I would really appreciate having a good set of trails that are easily accessible from the town centre. Currently there isn't much riding nearby that holds up well during the winter. When I do get the chance to ride, it's usually a big trip to Wales or at least a 25min drive to Windhill bikepark. It would be nice to have something else that's close to the centre that could easily be used for study breaks etc.

The current golf course would be much better utilised if the greens & tees where kept to a better standard. In recent years the greens have been awful.



Huge lack of official mountain bike spaces in Bath despite the geography and the number of riders in the city. Would give people a space to ride their bikes that isn't on private land.

Accessible to all

Also plant more trees and wildflower meadows in some of it

Has been a successful golf course to many people over many years. With better management it could continue to do so

I am not sure why this area can not be shared by golfers and all. I have never felt unwelcome walking or using the facilities at the golf course. I do not support any project which will bring traffic into the area. We are already organising a petition to the traffic which now uses our road as a rat run and the parking issues and speed. This area is an area of calm and peace and should stay as that. The golf course area is big enough to have paths, more trees, flowers and allotments without major change. It can be shared , it should not become a them or us senario. No more traffic in this area!!!!

The project in leeds turning a former disused space into an urban bike park has had huge benefits to the area attracting visitors from around the uk

The space must be protected as it took so long to get it to this mature state with trees and wildlife. Nothing invasive must be done

Although a great hobby for golfers, this game is rather exclusive. I'd rather this fabulous open space be used by everyone in the community

Biking with young children can be difficult and limited in choice an accessible venue within driving or train distance would be great.

I think it should be accessible to as many people as possible, for everyone's enjoyment, not just those who enjoy sport. So I vote for a space for relaxation which includes a cafe and with the possibility of the inclusion of a sports activity. However, not to the detriment of others' peace and calm.

The area needs a bike park

Somewhere safe to cycle for families would be great.

Leeds has an excellent example of a successful urban bike park. The topography of the site lend itself to this type of operating model.

Should definitely make a bike park

The area would really benefit from a sports/leisure facility and with the terrain there it would make a great cycle and trail space for the community.

Walkers and golf do not mix, to dangerous

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Bath lacks good quality cycling areas and this would be a great location. It could be as part of a wider scheme to include other family friendly spaces.

Pedestrian access/accesses from Wellsway if area not used as a golf course.

We currently travel to Swinley Forest (Similar distance) to Mountain Bike with the family most weekends.

We hire bikes for friends, use the cafe and visit amenities.

With our modern sedentary lifestyles and kids glued to screens and phones, we need exciting options and bike park would be this.



Must be kept as a golf course

Make a bike park. Be great fun. People would love it

We are a family with two young boys who cycle regularly. We would relish the opportunity of using these facilities on our doorstep!

I would travel to Bath with my children to make use of a family cycle centre and mountain bike park. It would be great to also incorporate a cafe, play spaces and other things if there is space.

Any area that encourages the wider public to get outside and exercise Has to be a positive use of publicly owned land.

If enough space it would be great to have a park with playground, mountain bike and running trails around it, and a cafe of course! These are all things I think anyone could use. Allotments, forest school and outdoor education would only be used by a smaller number of people - though perhaps a small forest school could be incorporated alongside the other aspects?

bath needs a mountain bike park

This could be an incredible space for outdoor activities, I would suggest mountain bike trails along the same lines as Ashton Court and Leigh Woods in Bristol, free to use and maintained by a community of locals. This would leave plenty of space free for walking paths, a cafe, play spaces and all the other great things on the list! This could be a wonderful space to encourage more people to enjoy life outdoors.

Coming from Bristol that has lots of cycle paths and mountain bike routes this is something that Bath is lacking. With the Bristol to Bath cycle path being so accessible this would facilitate travel without environmental impact. The potential of such a facility can be clearly demonstrated in Leeds urban bike park. I would certainly travel from Bristol to use a Bath urban bike park regularly as would a number of like minded mountain biking friends.

I regularly mountain bike with a local group, and I know of numerous other local groups. It would be so good to have a destination that we could actually cycle to rather than (ironically) driving to go do some mountain biking.

No

I think it would be excellent to have a new mountain biking centre in Bath, it's a rapidly growing and every popular sport.

Should provide activities for families and teenagers. And outdoor activity that residents relying on walking and public transport can easily get to.

More local MTB spots would be appreciated, I work in Bath so a ride after work would be great

I have lived in Bath for 20yrs and have four children. We don't need a golf course here. We need an outdoor area for young people. There is lots for below 12yrs but we need to do more for the 13 to 18 years. It seems a mountain bike park would add to the other cycle facilities in the area and would get a lot of use. Cafe would also help.

Leeds Bike Park is a great example to follow

I would travel to bath if there was a bike park there as I often pass by on the motorway for work anyway.

This would be a great opportunity to create a space like Leeds urban bike park but in the south

This could be a superb golf course with a proper professional company running it

golf course too exclusive



NOT MOUNTAIN BIKING, IT WILL DESTROY THE AMBIANCE AND BRING THE WRONG SORT TO BATH

space needs to be opened up to a wider community use. There are many other golf courses.

Access to the outdoors is important for public health - The facility could be used to make a large, positive, impact on local communities by combining a number of activity types.

As an example, Ashton Court in Bristol has a mixture of walking and cycling routes, bridalways, and dedicated mountain bike trails of different skill levels (with the 'blue' trail recently being refurbished to make it a safer environment for people to learn, or for young children and elderly to enjoy the outdoors)

There is already an established community of mountain bikers in Bath whom regularly travel to Bristol, South Wales, and Stroud. Likewise for local population centres such as Bristol, Swindon, and other conurbations.

The benefit of mountain bike trails is that there is a healthy amount of volunteers willing to donate time to trail maintenance in return for access.

One concern is the potential effect on the already terrible traffic problem in Entry Hill. Any solution should not exacerbate that problem. Another concern is that yet another space taken over by dog-walkers would result in some anti-social behaviour.

Apart from use as a golf course, all the above can work together in an integrated way to make an interesting leisure facility which encourages a range of sustainable, healthy and planet friendly activities.

It's a local community asset as it is and should be promoted more No

Re-purposing the golf into a mixed recreation centre including a mountain bike park would be hugely beneficial to the quality of life and health of the people of the region. The large area currently taken up by the golf course could offer a much more inclusive facility that can be used for several of the purposes suggested in question 10. Examples of successful local authority commissioned mountain bike parks include Leeds Urban Bike Park and Ashton Court in Bristol.

It is a steep hilly location and with the cycle track and BMX park close by it would be an absolutely fantastic use of urban green space. Golf is not that popular these days and MTB is so accessible on pretty much any kind of bike. My husband is disabled but he has an off road e-trike and it would be fab to have somewhere close to home we could go as a family with our two kids (we live in Frome so very close). Running and walking trails and a cafe would be brilliant too and there should be an adventure playground. During the week there is no reason why a forest school and outdoor education could not operate from the same site. I think that would make a fantastic use of great urban green space that everyone could enjoy.

If you look at the effect Leeds Urban Bike park has had on the local community/area, and apply this to what it could be for Bath. There really is no other option.

Look at the B1ke park network and the Leeds Urban Bike Park has done for their local areas

With the size of the site, it would seem that almost all of the above could coexist quite happily, there for pleasing the maximum amount of people.



A mountain bike park in bath would be an excellent draw to bring people to the area and would also improve public health and give young people a hobby Mountain biking is a rapidly growing sport. Having a local trail centre to bath and bristol would be perfect and allow riders to spend more time and mk eye in their local areas rather than regularly driving to wales and other good destinations. Look at Windhill bike Park or Forwst of dean trail centres, they are continually busy throughout the year and are gaining popularity. I also support the idea of using space for education and other leisure activities.

Ideally this would be an open space/leisure facility that can be enjoyed by the maximum/widest proportion of the public, making it too niche or prioritised for a single sport is going to send it down the same route it has now, single sports fall out of popularity (i.e. golf) then the space is rendered useless and a drain on resources.

Check out Glencullen Adventure Park in Ireland. It is a former golf course:

<https://www.thegap.ie/>

As a local resident, would like to see the space used and cared for, which I think the golf course is, but open to other uses. My main concern would be that if it was not looked after it could just be an area for unsupervised youngsters to hang out, which can lead to trouble fuelled by alcohol (had bad experiences in Bristol)

This is a huge opportunity to reassign the usage of this green space with the city of Bath and could be a combination of any of these proposals. Anything but a relatively useless unused golf course please.

A multi-use facility for cycling, walking, outdoor pursuits and education would be a great use of what is a very large space

B is a young man who lives in supported living with 24/7 support. He enjoys accessing the community in the Somer Valley and in Bath and particularly enjoys walking in safe places and Forest School.

We need more safe cycling (car free) areas in cities.

Cycling is the new Golf but appeals to far more people, Mountain biking is a great activity for all. Off road cycling should be encouraged, its much safer for children of all ages and their parents.

Bath needs bike trails. Perfectly hilly city without any proper biking that isn't tarmaced

I've travelled to Bath previously on the old railway cycle route. If there was a dedicated urban bike park I'd stay and play. I've specifically visited many places which have developed bike parks

Bath has a massive community of mountain bikers, which regularly commute to hugely successful projects such as bike park wales, flyup 417, forest of dean, swinley forest. all 40+ miles away. Entry hill golf course is perfectly situated for a bike park, which would bring huge income to the area as well as encouraging local residents and young people to spend less time in front of the TV and more time enjoying the outdoors!

More than one purpose would work if designed correctly.

I would love for there to be more happening for the community in this amazing space, Forest School, Community Growing, Playground, Cafe, Mountain Bike facility are all great ideas.

I am a mountain biker and they is not much locally.



I don't see the volume of Golfers using the course to justify it's existence as a Council owned facility

There are many avid mountain bikers in bath who would love a facility such as that proposed above to ride. It could also draw riders from else where to Bath as well as encourage novices to join our sport.

Re-planting this area with woodland would reduce the ecological and wildlife impact of this area of land whilst supporting the local economy by creating a bike park that people would travel from all over the region to visit.

Woodland and Wild Flower spaces.

There are a lot of mountain bikers in the Bath / Swindon / Bristol area and further afield that would purposely travel to a well made bike park (We frequently travel 2hrs each way to ride various locations so it won't just attract local people).

A dedicated area would be so beneficial for all, especially since the sport is growing rapidly. I've been riding for 15 years and have seen a lot of change since - Please keep up the momentum!! :)

I think to have a local mountain bike park would be fantastic as it would be a constructive use of the space for the local youth (my children included) as there's nowhere for them to go in Bath and hanging around in local parks seems to annoy other users. If combined with trails for walking and running (with or without dogs) then the whole family and community can make proper use of a great space and facility. Mountain biking is such a growing sport in the SouthWest with trails at Longleat for example and people travel to the area to use it so it would also draw more people to the local economy and raise funds.

Odd Down Cycling Circuit and BMX track seems to be a great success. Why not follow that example? Gets the young to exercise.

Green space is important especially for cities and big towns, they are being lost at quite a rate, these spaces are very important for people's wellbeing mentally and physically

This could be a great cycling facility for individuals and families

There's a golf course at Victoria Park that's never busy.

Bath really needs a second parkrun.

Family mountain biking trails, outdoor space for families, a space that can be hired for outdoor birthday parties would be fantastic.

I feel that a lot of these ideas could be incorporated into 1 idea, however it is important for walkers, runners, families and mountain bikers all to be able to use the area without conflict between trail users. Maybe a Walking route around the edge with play parks with a running route just inside it then a xc mtb loop inside that with the remaining area dedicated to downhill mtb trails, giving each user group clearly defined area whilst making good use of the space available. A Café would be a great addition too and enable interaction between user groups.

Diversify its uses. Anything cycle and walking based will be good to see



Bath has a strong cycling community as the great reception to the Odd Down facility has shown. It would be great to add to this and encourage more to get on board with this environmentally beneficial and healthy activity

It would be great for it to be used by the wider community, not just golf. As a golf course it's only used by a small section of the community.,

I'm not a local, and am not familiar with the site, however I am a volunteer at the Suki's Scorpions and a committee member of the Bristol Shredders, a children's mountain bike club based in Bristol. Having a dedicated mountain bike trail so close to odd down would be of huge benefit, and open up many opportunities

With a growing off road cycling market I (and I'm sure British Triathlon members) would like to see integration for cycling to any development including trail riding suitable for mountain and cyclocross bikes. A mountain bike park alone is too specific as there are other forms of growing off road cycling.

Really it needs to be a public space for all so golf (which clearly isn't viable otherwise this review wouldn't be happening) and allotments wouldn't really be suitable. You can do a nice mix of the above - community garden in some form would be easy alongside a café and forest school/ education centre.

Selfishly, a family cycle centre would be lovely (we live cycling) but not sure about the hill and some would argue that Odd Down facilitates that to a point anyway.

Opening this up to a wider community is a great idea I think a bike park with running/walking trails and cafe would allow much more people to access and use the site

Lack of facilities in Somerset for mountain biking - xc is an Olympic sport with no local opportunity for youth to get involved in it.

I feel that it's vitally important to encourage mountain biking at entry hill to enable people of all generations and abilities from beginner to advanced to use the space to develop some excellent World class mountain bike trails whilst enabling a mixed use within the grounds . The site is big enough to allow community vegetable growing and lease to run a private bike hire and trail centre like windhill bike park on the longleat estate. Both of these options could easily run side by side with separate running trails. The lease of the bike trail park would enable the community to ensure it brought in profitability and would make the cafe a lot busier for mountain bikers using the park . The extra revenue from the cafe would enable the council to charge a larger sum of rent and this could also be leased out as a private business. Not only this but a bike shop on site would also bring in extra cash if equipped with decent stock. Alternatively the shop could be run by Julian house cycle scheme and enable those out of long term employment the opportunity to take part in a paid role within the shop after completing a course at the Julian house cycle store in central Bath. Local schools could also benefit from enabling discount rates to use the bike park keeping kids from becoming wayward and run a mock due to boredom. This if managed in the correct manner by a few key businesses could be a real asset and draw to the local and wider community. The wider community especially for mountain bikers as it's unheard of to have the possibility of being able to ride excellent trails so close to the city . A city break won't mountain biking trails designed to a good detail such as bike park wales (but smaller in scale or windhill bike Warminster would be ideal. Or another solution would be to approach the owners of wind hill bike park and ask them if they would be interested in having volunteers help build the park whilst learning and developing skills of mountain biking and having the shop be managed and run by wind hill but with a shared responsibility of Julian house to enable all of those to benefit. People travel nationwide to ride mountain bike trails and done correctly could enable a vast array of different tourism into the city with the locals also massively benefiting from having it so close by. Another part would be to add a very small amount of camping pods on the grounds to fit in around of the ideas suggested above



and make it into a truly wonderful experience for a weekend break of one day riding and one day exploring the city. Another thing to be run privately enabling much needed revenue into the park. Managed correctly and leased properly to the correct business person it could be of a world class status to the city

Be great to see a focus on outdoor sport space, especially a bike park for all abilities.

I have ticked support for several as I would see there being potential for multi use.

Cycling brings so many physical and mental health benefits, but the nearest mountain bike park is in Bristol. Would be great to have one in Bath. With the track at Odd Down Bath could be THE cycling destination, bringing health and wealth to the city.

Do not cut the trees down!

N/A

As an active cyclist, you only have to look at the success of places like Ashton court and Leigh Woods in Bristol, or Windhill Park at Longleat. It would allow residents of Bath to ride local without having to take journeys to other areas. Also most of the other options already exist in the area.

I think you should turn it into a space like the ones run by incredible edible Bristol. They're so great! There's too much stuffy and family oriented stuff in this city already. Let's help people to broaden their somewhat narrow horizons a bit.

Would visit the area to use a good mountain bike park

Well maintained course ideal., with upgrade to cafe as a destination facility. Add other sports like tennis. Family and community type club with soft play or child friendly activities.

A golf course takes up a huge amount of space and is only useful to people who want to play golf. Many of the other options could coexist on the same amount of land and benefit a wide range of people from all walks of life.

Would love to go on beautiful walks here. A refreshment stop would be a bonus, as would a dedicated place for kids to play/let off steam!

There are enough golf courses and often a game for the elite.

This beautiful space has huge potential for being a family fun area to bring our children to. There's the road cycling track but no safe off road tracks for our children. It'd be lovely for walks. The cafe would do well, and be a warm place for a cuppa post cycling

I teach cycling in and around B&NES, changing this site to a Cycling orientated facility would be the missing link that it is required with the existence of the cycling facilities at Odd Down - what a great idea!

MTB trails would be great, with loops to suit all abilities, beginner to Expert! A large pump track for BMX, scooters and for MTB use would top it all off! Ps I will help you plan and design It. Coaching sessions for kids and a small fee to use will make it a great outdoor cycling centre.

It should be a multi-use green lung for the South side of the city.

Leeds Urban Bike Park has been a major asset to the area, bringing together cycling opportunities for a huge range of riders. It's plain to see that the facility attracts people from a cross section of society, and there are lots of teenagers and older children there. Offering such an inclusive facility that encourages physical activity and promotes cycling - and may help people learn skills that allow them to ride as commuters and choose to use their car less



- fits with the corporate aims of every Council. Attracting outside visitors and with it income seems like a likely additional outcome - Leeds has even attracted international bike companies in the making of promotional videos. I hope that Bath will take this opportunity to provide a similarly successful and positive facility.

Strongly support mountain bike park

We currently travel from Buckinghamshire to Wales and the Forest of Dean to use the mountain biking facilities at weekends. Whilst there we stay in local hotels and eat in local pubs. If there were a facility closer then we'd definitely visit regularly and contribute to the local economy.

Live in Foxhill, there's already cycle track at odd down. Make it a place for nature

Mountain Bike Park and Trails would be an excellent use of the land and get more people active in this growing sector.

Cycle Centres and Bike parks are popping up in my local area, over the last 5 years I can think of 5 within a 20 mile radius. They're a great way to cycle with my child, away from traffic, well surfaced and with no hidden dangers. I have introduced her to mountain biking in a controlled way, no miserable slogging across churned up fields or random unrideable bits. Bath has fantastic scenery and loads of other leisure facilities but nothing really like this. You could attract visitors from the surrounding area.

Would love to see a more nature based approach to the site - making it wilder and educating people about wildlife

I think a mountain bike trail would provide many people the opportunity to get involved in a fantastic sport. Currently two of my boys love mountain biking but are so limited as to where they can ride.

I feel there is enough provision for forest school and outdoor activities with rainbow woods and the many other woods around Bath. As well as many parks and community spaces for allotments. A flat park would be better suited for these options.

Entry hill being hilly is a unique opportunity to set up a mountain bike trail, one I hope we don't pass up on,

The site needs to be able to be used by as wide a section of the community as possible. It should not become a gathering place for illegal activities or threatening groups as unfortunately other open spaces have become (eg memorial gardens in Oldfield Park, or Sandpits in Oldfield Park). This should be clean, open and welcoming. A decent cafe, trails, wild areas would be ideal. There is already a Forest School in Rainbow Wood and growing food for community use sounds great but without regular attention and maintenance this will quickly become disused. Allotments would preclude use by a wide variety of the community.

Hope it will have a natural environment community use and care will be taken to control amount of dog walking.

Entry Hill Golf course has the potential to support some of the activities above and valuable habitat for wildlife. Creating a wilder park or nature reserve would provide opportunities for people to spend time in nature which would benefit physical and mental wellbeing.

Such a fabulous location should be opened up to more people

I think my answers best fit what's needed in the local area

Very strongly support the idea of an outdoor mountain bike facility, particularly if this is suitable for all levels of abilities.



It would be great to make Entry Hill a mountain bike facility, with easy trails for children to learn on and more advanced trails to allow people to progress. There is a lot of beautiful cycling around Bath but this would make an amazing space to introduce people to the sport. Running tracks too, it would be great to give people a quiet space to exercise away from traffic.

Having both cycling and running facilities would encourage self and partner to come to Entry Hill.

Given the current set up is not commercially viable, can't see how forest school, play spaces, trails etc is going to solve this problem? Allotments and community food growing space are a bit dubious given that this land was the city dump for decades, not sure you will be ticking the organic compliance box here. As a resident, also would be unhappy with something overtly commercial that would pull in more traffic.

a natural MTB trail/walking setup similar to Ashton Court would work well here and support the *many* cycling groups who currently use Conkwell Woods etc by permission.

Many of the things I strongly support can be integrated together.

Golf is a dying game, young people are not interesting, if you want to get children out into nature and active, then forest schools, running trails and cycling/mountain biking trails are the best solution

A golf course is not accessible/valuable to the whole community - one of the strongly support answers, a community focussed solution, would be perfect for odd down. The area is sorely lacking in places to go and things to do within walking distance - hardly any coffee shops, shops in general, activity centres. It's just a lot of housing and a Sainsbury's. There is SO much potential for it to be a thriving area, fun for residents to live in. Other areas, Widcombe, Oldfield Park, Bearflat etc all have their own little high street and a little community feel but Odd Down is, again, just a bunch of houses.

There is a lack of driving range in the local area. Also the hills allow for a perfect downhill BMX trail.

So many of the stated options would require intensive supervision in order to protect the quality, beauty and essential peace of the natural surroundings

As a golf course it's only used by a few. But if it changes use ie giving it back to nature and using it for education and walking trails more people will use it.

It would be good to have a family area where parents and children could walk - exercise dogs etc.

As a resident, I wouldn't want anything that would incur extra noise levels.

I feel the area would best serve the community by diversifying the activities the space offers. There are few organised outdoor activities in the Bath area where I occasionally work and visit family. I feel the area should offer activities for all ages and be sustainable, additionally offering more jobs to locals by being a dynamic space. I particularly like the idea of bike trails and cafe, maintaining some natural habitat alongside offering exercise, relaxation and fun for all.

There is a group of very committed and loyal golfers who have played here for many years and some even work in the cafe. Golf is a great activity for both physical and mental health and should be encouraged, especially for the older generation who have time to play during the week. For those who live on their own, the golf club becomes a place to find company and friendship.

I have a 2 year old and have no close cafes to go to to meet friends, no nearby playgrounds or places to walk that are buggy friendly

Please please keep this as a green area and consider those whose houses back onto the golf course. We would still like to have access



Too limited for space for any worthwhile mountain biking? Unlikely to remain as tidy if turned into allotments, and soil is unknown landfill so probably contaminated.

Bristol and Bath have a dedicated cycling and mountain biking scene, a bike park would be well supported by people from locals to much further afield. Should definitely be on MoveGB like the leisure centre in town is as MoveGB is designed to help encourage more people to get more active and try new things.

I think that it should include access for lots of people, not just, say, families, but have appeal to a broad cross section of the community

I would love to see the course embraced and developed, especially by offering on-course coaching to increase user levels. Perhaps get involved with local schools to allow free coaching with kids on the course and at the approach course. Then open a junior club for after-school & weekends. This will encourage new users both kids who will carry it through into adulthood but also parents who may be lapsed golfers or may pick up some clubs for the first time. Female participation in golf should also be encouraged as this is often neglected by private courses. Golf as a recreation is declining in part due to lack of access to facilities, especially as a child. The approach course is a fantastic introduction to golf and people should be encouraged to develop from there up to the larger course at Entry Hill. Entry Hill has the potential to become a vital community facility but it requires investment and nurturing. Please take a look at this case study for a golf centre local to me that is thriving - <https://www.walesgolf.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/01-membership-portmore-golf-club.pdf>. England Golf can also provide support - <https://www.englandgolf.org/club-support/membership-growth-retention/get-into-golf-clubs/>

A forest school, golf course or allotments limits who can use the space. We've already got 2 parks + a cafe. There are already loads of outdoor sports facilities in Bath.

As a golf course it is a great asset to the city of Bath and is perfect for encouraging beginners and casual play. It would be a real loss to the city if it was to close. For players such as myself it would mean traveling at least 45mins to the nearest equivalent facilities at Bristol or Trowbridge. I cannot afford and would not be welcomed as a player at Bath or Landsdown golf clubs.

As long as its kept as green space that can be used by everyone that would be great,

There should be an emphasis on the climate emergency. So, activities and education about biodiversity and healthy outdoor living should be prioritised.

All of these ideas have potential. However, I should think the most cost-effective and appropriate plan would be an education programme that teaches young people to play golf. Most of the ideas above would be taken up by people who already use the outdoors. If golf is in decline, might this be a good opportunity to reinvent it, make it more democratic, change the image of an elite sport practised by businessmen and bankers? In Scotland, golf is played by everyone. Golf is an accessible sport with good coverage in the media. It is not aggressive, and gives people a beneficial walk in a beautiful landscape while perfecting a skill. It needs a better image. An educational campaign with a great course on which to practise could provide that.

I'd like to have the space accessible to all. Allotments and golf are too specific.

I think we already have good cycle/ running routes so feel as though we don't need anymore. A cafe would be good amongst outdoor play or forest schools. I think the space would be used well by families and children, some parking incorporated would encourage use/ helpful for families with children.



I would like a peaceful and tranquil place to go for a quiet walk/picnic (but no BBQ's as they are very smelly and polluting). I would not want cycling in the park as it makes it difficult to walk when there are cyclists (as is the case on the Bath canal path) and I think it would make it too noisy and crowded (I wouldn't want it to be like Centre Parcs though happy for there to be a playground). I don't think there should be golf due to the risk of being hit by a ball! It would nice if there was a cafe cooking food that was grown on the site.

An bike park, like Ashton court in Bristol or Leeds urban bike park could attract a lot of visitors and help improve peoples fitness.

I didn't actually realise you could go there unless you were playing golf. Something that everyone can use, enjoy the natural environment and be active would be great (and let local residents know about it)! Whatever it is needs to be maintained, not just a vanity project.

Muntjac deer visit us in Entry Hill Park - we really don't want their habitat at the Golf Course disturbed too much. Also, our fox family here survive on rabbits from the Golf Course, especially when the cubs are young. A great wildlife habitat which must be destroyed.

There are enough private golf courses around for those into golf to access. This space should be open to more members of the public to use and enjoy.

The area needs to be rewilded, it is the perfect place to show commitment to the climate emergency

Need to get more people using it, not just a few. Bath doesn't have a mountain biking trail area - the landscape would be perfect for this, also running/walking trails - with outdoor gym areas. Bath has enough golf courses, and play areas. And most around this area have large gardens - so don't need more allotments. Need to get people out of their cars.

The course has always been underused due mainly to a lack of investment and advertising. It's as if the current management group doesn't care! Certainly with improvements in these areas, the golf course could thrive.

We need to make it as a space for nature with wildflowers, nest boxes, a swift tower, invertebrate boxes etc.

Bath already has wonderful parks, playgrounds, bike tracks etc. This is the only Golf course.

All ideas that bring families out into nature; especially children, especially growing things and learning about wildlife. A cafe is a great meeting point at the centre of this. Walking, running playing areas are great; mountain biking tracks are more disruptive to wildlife; re-wilding needs to take centre stage here. Maybe an artists centre? But everything must be done in such a way as to use this space for habitat for insects and birds, especially. And to help children understand the importance of that. Although they are better than us at that already. What about a children's committee to help steer provision for wildlife? Trees, wildflowers; as many as we can plant. Wonderful idea.

Increase in Traffic on Entry Hill Site would need to be considered, entry to any future Facilities from the A367 / Wellsway should be considered as Entry Hill is not suitable for increase in traffic

What do you mean by another model ? Unclear question

As mentioned in previous comments - my son enjoys using the golf course.

Have a green space that is free and open to everyone not just golfers, bikers, dedicated athletes or sports persons, organisations or specific users.

Certainly include a children's play space with equipment as well as some simple keep fit equipment for adults

Bath has a lot green space but little that can be navigated in all weathers. It would be great to be able to draw people to a mix of healthy outdoor uses in all seasons.



As a school we are working hard to get out pupils more active. For some pupils that includes being encouraged to cycle to school. A mountain bike park could help us develop those healthy habits in an exciting and challenging way. A wheelchair accessible mountain bike trail, like "launch pad" at the Forest of Dean mountain bike trail centre could be a fantastic solution for the school. If designed well a mountain bike trail centre could sit alongside a cafe, trails for walking and running and some forest school space.

we've already got a cycling course in Bath

I live very close to this area (and have for 17 years) but have never visited this facility. It sounds like a good opportunity for a community leisure space.

It would be great if more people can use this space. We walk the dog locally we exercise outside we have two teenage boys, please come up with something that lots of us can use

It needs to be something that everyone can use

I think the space should be left to be reasonably wild with tracks and trails, probably some more organised spaces for children's activities and some cultivation. The space should be as flexible as possible if it is no longer to be a golf course and appeal to a wide range of people and activities. A cafe would be a nice addition but not essential.

The Council should keep the golf course and promote its use by trying to attract more users by advertising and targeting beginners and occasional players by way of social media, radio, newspapers, noticeboards and leaflets.

The golf course should be kept in order for the Council to continue to provide a good diversity of sport, leisure and recreation. This course is unique in that it's the only Council ran golf course in the whole of the Banes constituencies, all of the changes that Banes Council want to make to the course can be found or introduced at many of the other nearby or local open spaces, i.e. Odd Down.

Please keep the peace and tranquillity which already exists on this site, to not change the habitat for the many species of animals that live here. Otherwise it will just be turned into another rubbish dump by recreational users who do not respect this lovely piece of countryside that exists in the City.

In response to the falling of Membership of the Entry Hill Golf Course

I have played golf at Entry Hill for over thirty years for a large part of that time we had a dedicated Greenkeeper groundsman, Dave Williams and he did an excellent job. Playing home and away games with other clubs and they would comment on how well the course was kept. Once Dave Williams retired, we have had a succession of agency workers, in the main had no idea how to look after the course. In particular, the greens that were covered in moss in the winter and no grass in large patches in the summer.

The fairways were often not cut and visitors and regular Players would lose golf balls on the fairways in the long grass. Most of the bunkers have builders'



sand in them, which, when wet is impossible to play out of.

Several of the fairways are in need of drainage ditches to take the excess water away into the lateral water hazard between the 7th and 8th fairway.

To summarise the course has been allowed to deteriorate to such an extent that the Membership has fallen away. We currently have a good Greenkeeper but, the fairways and Bunkers need attention if we are to increase players and Membership.

You should also take into account that Deer Badgers, Fox's and other small mammals live on the course and coexist with the golfers quite happily.

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Bath needs to retain an affordable golf course, Entry Hill has matured over 30 years into an excellent facility. We don't want a repeat of the experience at the Sports Centre, where we have lost multiple Badminton and Squash courts to be replaced by a Bowling alley which is rarely used.

Would prefer an inclusive space that facilitates public access. Not sure that it's big enough to be a mountain bike trail facility and that could conflict with other uses. But perhaps investigate a cycle route through it? A natural public park gets my vote.

Bath is in need of a good mountain biking area there is nothing nearby and this is a great opportunity to help kids get outside and there is no better sport than mountain biking for people to meet new people and make new friends

I would add that with the cycling/mountain biking option, security of bicycles on the premises is a prime issue. Further, there are known issues with cycle thieves waiting to follow people home from local mountain bike centres, which would prevent me using a local centre. Also, from experience, it is essential that cycling and other activities be strictly segregated for the safety of the non-cyclists.

As it won't get much sun, leafy tree trails would be best suited to the site

Cities need green open areas

I like it's use as a golf course, but if it could be adapted to a more accessible outdoor space for families that would be fantastic. A dog walking park with a cafe and play spaces for children would be amazing

Golf is too niche a pastime for this public land

I think it is important to maintain a pleasant and attractive environment for the local residents.

I am concerned at a potential increase in traffic on Entry hill which is already overloaded with speeding cars/lorries - despite the 20 mph speed limit. I am also concerned to protect the attractiveness of the area.

With the heavy traffic on Wells Way. I think it is important to have a green lung in that area of Bath.

Options which encourage exercise in nature, or more planting of flowers/trees/vegetables would be preferable to options which don't.

Golf takes up a lot of space relative to the number of people who use it (mostly adult males). Greens are not managed for wildlife



Above all else, we should consider the most environmentally responsible use for this site. Reforestation, wildlife-friendly planting, educational spaces and places to grow food should be the primary focus.

I have never used the golf course and I live 10 mins walk away. I have lived there for 30 plus years since I was a child.

It must be 100 years since Bath had a new park. This is a unique opportunity to create something that our forebears might have done to promote public health and well being. Parks, especially if they include interesting paths and planting, are an amazing free asset for all people to enjoy. I think important that the site is simply parkland open to all NOT something given over to an activity which by definition excludes different groups.

Keep it as an open undeveloped space for all to use

A good mountain bike centre would be excellent for the area. Currently I travel to Bristol or Merthyr Tydfil for mountain biking. If managed well these incentives can bring in lots of money, work and health benefits to the area.

I rarely visit the space but am a keen runner so would welcome the opportunity to have a reason to run there.

I think it would be great to build a public walkway from the golf course to Alexander park, where children can cycle and prams can be pushed. This space could be used to create a safe cycle path from the top of the golf course, down greenway lane, into Alexandra park and into Bath town.

Inclusive community space for all ages and abilities to enjoy is preferable

For an excellent example of a well built and well used mountain bike site close to a large urban population see the Leeds Urban Bike Park.

Mountain bike area with cafe would be fab! Great for healthy children

Forest park with Mixed use mtb walking play park forest school tree planting. Bath doesn't have enough trees or forest and this would be a great opportunity to create a public affordable space

We would support all such initiatives and are delighted they are being considered.

Although there are some smaller parks nearby, I think it's a great idea to create a play space, similar to Royal Victoria Park as with 2 children aged 2 & 3, we have to travel across town.

I think as it is quite close to odd down sports ground it would be more beneficial for people if it offered different things. You can go walking in the wooded areas at odd down, there are cycle paths and BMX tracks, football pitches and other activities. I would be inclined to use the area if it offered something not really found elsewhere. As a mum of 5 aged 6 and under anything that can keep all 5 happy would be amazing as I'm sure a lot of parents would agree.

I live on the road parallel to the golf course but do not play. If the golf course is not viable, a community space (of which many of the above ideas could exist together).

The family mountain biking I am less keen on as the odd down track and BMX area is only along the road and I'm not convinced it could be safe to run/walk pathways with children shared by bikes.

The space must Must remain a green space and not built on!!



Park with cafe to this side of bath city would be greatly used as this area lacks this.

Odd down sports ground already hosts 2 cycle track facilities so more cycling is not needed

To open up to the public as a green space alone would be wonderful.

I haven't played Golf at Entry Hill for many years, but thoroughly enjoyed the course when I did play. I'm unsure whether the course's popularity has decreased over the years. I wouldn't be too upset if it were to stay as a golf course so long as it was busy and popular with visitors.

However, if the course is experiencing a decrease in use for its sole purpose, I would strongly support a change for a multi-use green space going forward.

The idea of using this green space for educational purposes, and to encourage the public to use the area to keep fit is an interesting idea.

A Mountain Bike Park would be incredibly popular both for locals and those further afield and willing to travel.

Food growing, tree planting and re-wilding would be fantastic uses of this land in productive space with lots of potential

Geography suits mountain biking

I would like to see multiple uses for such a large area. It looks like it has a similar area to Victoria Park so there could be room for many activities. A mtb route like Ashton Court would be a preference for me.

The more facilities available to families the better. I'm not sure a bike space is necessary with Odd Down just around the corner.

No

didn't know was open to public. let's get young people outdoors

I think good growing spaces are really important. The only reason I can't support that on this site is that I remember the site being used as a tip for household rubbish during a long dustbin strike in the early 1970s. I assume that it is therefore too contaminated for food growing

I think allotments would limit the number of people using the area. Far better to have space for all

Mountain Biking is a rapidly growing sport that all can enjoy, Ashton Court in Bristol has it's Nova trail that is well used and set up for all level of riders, it is however a long way away and requires a long ride or a car to visit if you live in Bath.

A Bike park would be well used all through the year, by individuals and groups. It could be easily combined with walking trails if it was well marked.

I think the area should be dog friendly

We live Hawthorn grove and would love a space for all ages with plenty of outdoor seating and accessible paths so everyone can enjoy outdoor environment which is good for mental health



A forest school with outdoor education centre for all ages and abilities would be very inclusive too

Increased noise pollution. Cafe's are essential - with loos. I wasn't sure what 'trails' meant. Keep it natural - less signs the better. Paths are ok. Bikes are stressful.

I think having a mountain bike area is a good idea because we already have 2 golf courses and we don't need another

* Overall I would like to see it used for variety of uses. A Mountain Bike Park would seem to suit the terrain but could this co-exist with other uses? - I am not sure. I wonder what role a Family Cycle Centre would fulfil which Odd Down Cycle Track does not.

*Not enough information provided re Forest School / Outdoor Education - I don't know what these might be.

*A north facing slope doesn't seem like a good location for allotments / food growing. I think these would likely detract from the visual amenity value of the land and wouldn't be an asset for Bath, only for the lucky few.

*Leisure/Sports activities - I wonder what sport would work here.

*Play Spaces - what does this mean? - lots of children's apparatus?

*Walking and running trails fit with a park-like landscape and the elevation differences make for some lung-busting challenges. A more fitness trail could work.

*Current or future use as a golf course sterilises the land for a single use - it has and would put me off visiting.

Could this be a location for another Parkrun in Bath, or maybe a weekly running event of a shorter distance

Mountain biking is the best and will bring alot more money in

It is a unique setting for a golf course and is popular despite the high prices. Expanding the cafe and providing a play area and some walking is certainly possible.

Running trails already exist in the area. A space structured for outdoor activities / learning that are currently not offered would be beneficial to the large number of families as well as the two universities and many schools

I have selected things that I believe I or my family would use

I agree this area could be put to much better use. I'd like to see concern for supporting wildlife at the forefront of any developments made. A free Bus service with convenient stop covering areas from Bear Flat to Combe Down/Odd Down would really encourage people to leave cars at home and visit the facilities there.



I think that a bike park that is closer to people who bike will greatly help people develop in their biking skills and also increase the amount of people who want to mountain bike more and learn.

We need to preserve and enhance our green spaces. For the health of the planet, the preservation of it's creatures and plants. In doing so we enrich our lives and care for our mental and physical selves.

Cycling is a huge growth area however Bath's narrow streets make it harder to enjoy cycling around Bath. Places like Bike Park Wales are growing so popular that people are travelling there from all around the country, why not have people not travel so far by giving a fantastic bike park in Bath

I think the most flexible spaces to offer free leisure activities to Bath families should be the highest priority.

The area already has several playgrounds and parks. I'd rather see money spent on improving these than creating another substandard one.

see below

More trees, ideal space for more rewilding and helping to meet climate targets by planting more trees.

A mountain bike park would support the fast growing mountain bike community in Bath

Mountain bike

There is strong community support for a bike trail

Mountain biking is popular and would be used more

Lets keep it as a green space open to all Bath residents

The only decent golf course in bath available for everyone.

A mountain bike park would make mountain biking safer in the city, as the trails would be safely and properly made.

A mountain bike trail would make the golf course more open to younger people and more exciting

Plant LOTS of trees

Any changes to use must take into account there are bats, owls, deer, badgers, foxes and other wildlife that flourish in that environment any changes could dramatically alter this

Mountain bike trail would be great

Golf course doesn't offer a lot especially with poor weather.

The above can all exist together other than the golf course.

it would be nice if it would complement the facilities at odd down (and not be the same). It would be nice if it was something more like Alice Park that was more of a destination with a cafe, spots to hang out and walk around separate from a play or sports area. A table tennis table near the cafe would be what I would enjoy.

As a local resident entry is a fantastic space being used for a single use purpose. I think it's time to diversify this space and open it up for more than just golf.



Please address the need for people to interact with nature and don't develop the space away from nature. Eg don't build lots of concrete paths or tennis courts. Please use the opportunity to benefit nature as well as people. Please use local vegan and certainly vegetarian food in cafe.

With a busy city centre beneath, and many activities elsewhere, I think this space should be reserved for nature primarily, with the opportunity for outdoor learning and relaxation in harmony with nature for both kids and adults.

-education about environment really important to get to carbon neutral by 2030

-outdoors for as many as possible improves health

-part of it as a completely wild space would be good

With imagination I think it can both have walking trails and a mountain bike course all with a cafe.

This decision will really impact on the community and is a good opportunity for the council to show its commitment to the environment.

People would benefit from being able to exercise/study/grow things in such a beautiful green valley.

I have played irregularly at Entry Hill since it opened. It accommodates a much greater diversity of golfers than most of the private courses that exclude many due to price and dated rules that no longer are relevant in today's society.

There is a climate and ecological crisis, B&NES have declared a climate emergency this is a chance to act now. We need to see a very progressive a large tree planting programme to sequester carbon and absorb pollution. Plus we need to see wild flower meadows. Trees, trees and more trees please. We could even involve the public in the stinging of the trees. How wonderful for mental health and to take an active role in fighting climate change.

Its already a Golf course and a good one at that, its simply badly managed and not operating to its full potential.

Multi use area with mountain biking/family bike trails and walking would be fantastic. Look at the Afan and Cwmcarn centres in Wales, which we regularly travel to from Bath. Great examples. A good cafe/visitor centre/bike shop on site would be fantastic.

Whatever happens please make it accessible in some ways to disabled people! We like leisure activities too!

A bike park would be an amazing asset for the city

This is a opportunity to create a multi-use space where a mountain bike course can co-exist with Forrest schools, play spaces, outdoor education and other trails. The only bad ideas are those that restrict the public from using the space (allotments, golf) where there is a very limited number of people in a very large, central space.

I encourage the council to figure out ways where lots of activities draw a diverse group of people to maximise the use of the space rather than limit to just 1 or 2 ideas.

Possible to include a driving range rather than a hole golf course.



I have plenty of places closer to me that provide a park with a cafe for example. I am single so the only one I would go to from the above list is affordable golf. I love playing golf at Entry Hill. It seems to be Liberal Democrats policy to alienate mid to old age people so that kids have another place to visit or for families to have coffee.

Would be nice to have a cafe to do work in (being a student) whilst also having green spaces and benches for that in the summer

I think Bath has a few lovely parks and plenty of cafe's already so this wouldn't be a priority. I think it could be a MTB/cycling park that would give Bath something that it doesn't already have. There would be good transport links already on place with the odd down p&r and plenty of regular buses from the town centre which is great.

The site would work well as an mtb/cx park due to its proximity to the Odd Down cycle centre, the topography makes it an ideal choice, and this could easily be combined with dog walking and trail running as BCC have done at Leigh Woods in Bristol...

All sounds good but Mountain Bike Park is the best option

Changing use will not guarantee greater participation. Also, not sure that turf will withstand more abrasive use such as cycling / running, given how easily it churns up as a golf course.

Keep it a golf course

If golf is not included all efforts should be to ask the help of other clubs to offer municipal facilities for young and concessionary users.

Many local schools do not have access to decent outside space and children's sports have been banned from the Glasshouse, let's keep this an accessible and usable space so our children value the outdoors.

It needs to be leisure facility. Dogs should be banned. Don't agree with allotment or community growing

It should be for all

Since it's a big space it'd be nice to mix several activities there: allotments, café, education, playground for kids, etc.

I find the course and cafe pretty good as it is. It provides a good game of golf for those who might not otherwise be able to afford more expensive golf clubs. I think you would be taking a great risk trying some other form of organised leisure activity, particularly if the reason for change is to save or make money.

I think there's room for more than one of these options on this site! Golfers already well served elsewhere. I would like to see the council consider "enabling" small business to develop options here rather than spending lots of council cash.

It would be fantastic if this venue were open for activities that are more varied and appealing to families.

There is a perfectly adequate space not far away at odd down playing fields that has facilities for children / cycle track, bmx cycle track, cafe , space for walking , football

Golf MUST be preserved at Entry Hill. Open to different operating model, especially a shared use facility.

I would like to see many more trees planted



Needs to be for good young families and older.

Can there be a cut though to the bottom for the cycling

Mountain biking will destroy the ambience of the area, harm the wildlife and de value my house, for which I would seek compensation for. there is already a bike park in the area, we do not need another one. The park is a haven for wildlife.. a bike park would be detrimental and would promote more cars, would not be sustainable, and would not be a carbon neutral arrangement.

My 12 year old son & I are VERY STRONGLY IN FAVOUR OF A MOUNTAIN BIKING TRAIL. We say this living adjacent to the course and are not worried about extra traffic, more people and changing the peaceful nature of the course.

My son took up mountain biking 4 months ago and is addicted, he has become like an old fashioned child, out everyday at 9.30 am and not returning until dusk, with a packed lunch and water. He is outdoors, cycling to the woods around Bath from Combe Down (Conkwell and 'Dirt Jumps' down by the canal in Larkhall) up and down massive hills, building and digging new trails, filming & videoing with friends. He has become super fit and strong, is independent but away from town & shops, can be trusted to stick to timings and call me when needed, he has an interest that isn't a screen, he independently fixes his bike by following You Tube when inevitably a tyre pops every week or a brake or gear breaks. He has found a gang of like minded friends. He loves the thrill of jumping, tricks and speeding downhill. In January he will enter his first competition.

He now has an ambition and focus (visions of touring Europe on a bike!).

So on behalf of my son and his friends - who know they will probably be too old for it by the time a trail is built - Please, please, please, please, please, please..... turn Entry Hill into a Mountain Biking Park.

But also Councillors, please be brave and make it challenging, not a tame young kids track, and also affordable. The young people of Bath REALLY REALLY need this, somewhere fun and healthy to hang out with mates, instead of being in their bedrooms or in town. I have 3 teens and my son is my youngest, I know how important keeping them occupied is. Yes, of course, please put in a really good car park and access, don't destroy the area, please don't devalue my house (!) etc etc, but this would fulfil so many criteria. Many of your suggestions above would only benefit a few limited people (allotments, Community Food etc - all very worthy, but gardens round here are huge - and not used for growing much food). Forest School and Outdoor education? Most schools round here already have Forest Schools - school budgets are so limited that they couldn't afford the transport to drive kids across Bath to use the space anyway so it would sit empty for most of the time.

Trails for walking & running could be incorporated with the Mountain Bike Park & a also a park.



The other brilliant place my son goes is to Wind Hill, in Longleat Forest which is run by Bike1

<https://www.b1ke.com/b1keparks/windhill/> - this is £10 per day or £90 annual pass. Very expensive, but awesome tracks, except we have to drive them to Longleat and leave them for the day, which is terrifying, but again they are having the time of their lives. If you build a park, please make it much cheaper than this.

You have the power to make a really good decision, be forward thinking and create something that could really get the many young people of Bath moving, and getting fit, riding across the city and up to the park (or being dropped off in the car!) Riding all afternoon, or after school.

Thanks for reading

It would be nice to see a shared use space with a very strong emphasis on restoration of natural biodiversity enriching planting, of shrubbery, trees , wildflower and grasses in order to address habitat loss in urban areas and the need for pollution mop up and carbon capture . The space could include walking paths and a cycle route through it for travel and leisure that takes people through a natural environment.

We would be happy for any of the activities.

All options other than golf course are supported in the area to some extend already

There is already a cycle track at Odd Down. With the limited access to the course if there is a cycle park how will access be made? With Sat Nav our drive has been used to attempt to access the area. We have had children attempt to negotiate a steep drop off our garden onto the course on sledges. My main concern about a bike track is noise and access. The valley echoes and magnifies sound very successfully.

I presume that many of these options could coexist quite happily - ie community food growing space plus forest school plus parkland plus biking. It's a large space

It's a wonderful space that can be used to get people into the outdoors. I tend to favour places that can allow younger/family users but with nature as a focus rather than additional playparks/sporting facilities, which are well catered for in the area.

I strongly support use of green space which will enable children to play in nature in a safe environment, reconnect families with nature and will be accessible to all regardless of income (golf is quite a niche sport and we already have other golf courses available in Bath)

The answers are based on where value would be added to developing opportunities for visitors during non-peak seasons, while benefiting residents.

It is a gem that for some reason only known to "Worst" is being proposed to close . With proper business acumen it could be a Goldmine. How many World Heritage Cities have a potentially great golf club within walking distance of town???

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It is an amazing golf course. I learnt how to play golf there with Tip Tapley and my grandma.



Too many comments to enter here but will voice them at one of the meetings

It's all very well saying 'make it into a park' but there would need to be further development like walking trail, outdoor gym etc to get a wide range of users, rather than, as happens in the 'park' near my home which is mostly used by drug dealers!

As a nearby resident I wish to preserve the peace and quiet offered by having a golf course or other activities which would not attract a noisy clientele. Also at present it feels relatively secure but that could be threatened if a different client group attended.

See previous answers. If Bath were to lose the golf club, I think it would have a negative impact on the physical and mental health of those who do use the club.

need to be careful what the area is used for as it could attract more cars onto entry hill which already suffers from a high volume of traffic and would also be in conflict with the council's green ethos and targets

Additional visitors will result in more cars (mountain bikes are transported on cars) in and around the Entry hill area (traffic is already a problem) which goes against the council's target of reducing pollution/emissions etc. Uses such as a mountain bike park will also create more noise and scare of the wild life.

I hope that it doesn't close

I'd like it to stay as a golf course serving the community

Entry Hill golf course provides a 'stepping stone' into the game of golf for all ages, it is open to all at a reasonable cost, if you an absolute beginner clubs can be hired. It is where I started playing some 30 years ago, It is easily accessible and affordable, sadly the green fees on other local private courses are expensive. I firmly believe Bath needs this golf course.

Please keep as a golf course

better run golf course

Remember there are LOTS of trees there which help with climate change so keeping them is a MUST!! Don't chop them down please !!

Bike park would be good as mtb is a sport me and my friends all want to get into but can't as there are no locations near.

As a golf course it is a very good facility for physical and mental exercise particularly for older users

A multi use space would be nice so that all age groups and abilities can use some part of it.

It must support the golfers of all ages who rely on this activity well into old age, as their regular exercise.

I have played at Entry Hill for many years but have seen it steadily deteriorate over the last few years through lack of maintenance. Not by the green keeper who does his best with limited support. But it is still a very good course to play.

More trees. Rewilding project

Golf course needs to combine more outdoor recreational use for families.

National Trust run a similar difficult terrain facility at Prior Park and have access and promotional initiatives far superior to Entry Hill.



PLEASE make provision for cycle paths through the space that link through Vicky park this is a chance to make safe cycle ways across the city. I can't get my kids safely to the river path from Camden.....so we DRIVE!! Madness. Also don't just go all or nothing with one use. Combine lots of things - you absolutely have space. Paths for bikes. Paths for runners and walkers. Some growing. Loads of trees and re wilding. Community space. Come on council it's a climate emergency think creatively.

We live immediately opposite the entrance and would need to be reassured about additional traffic and access problems on an already over stretched piece of road.

All you need to do is advertise to the thousands of students . So many advantages for them but they need to know its there

Not taken much notice of the golf course, despite living less than a mile away to the point I didn't know it was council owned.

There are other woodland areas in Bath for kids (Rainbow woods) sustrans 2 tunnels etc for cyclists. Keep this space as a quiet space.

Mountain biking is a very large industry around the south west of England , With GMBN a large mountainbiking network being based in bath , locals , and people from far and wide will for sure use these new facilities if they become available , and I truly believe this will be brilliant at bringing money into the local area aswell as giving young people something to enjoy in their free time

Needs to be an activity not currently available in the city and be open to use by a wider section of the community. Not just a use for a few people.

Golf can be played all the year round every day over the whole age range

I'm sure golf would thrive if money was spent on the course to bring it back to how it was 20 years ago. I have spoken to many golfers who have said exactly the same.

Urban bike parks and cycle centres have been proven to hugely enhance the surrounding community and have appeal from toddlers to 90 year olds

A fantastic idea to encourage more active and healthy lifestyle for bath (+surrounding area) residents

Just make it a beautiful open breathing space. There are a lot of fumes from busy roads nearby.

The Site represents an amazing opportunity to create a world class Urban Bike Park that would attract visitors from a wide area as well as providing an excellent facility to local residents

I support any proposal that maintains Entry Hill's green space and wildlife, so a park with improved cafe, trails for walking and running would open up usage to more people without significantly impacting on the environment. A forest school, outdoor education, community food growing, or maintaining a golf course could be integrated to provide multiple usage of the available land. I believe that activities such as mountain bike park and allotments and play spaces are already well served locally.

Try promoting this great course for once and look at ways in making this golf course a viable profit making entity instead of alternatives. After all in the end regarding it's carbon footprint , this is a big green area so why change it . By the way , are you going to shutdown all BANES concerns not making a profit within the Bath and surrounding areas , i wonder .

North facing slope is not ideal environment for any further planting. Mixed use would encourage a broader appeal and use.

This should be open to all not a limited use site. With a focus on wildlife.



Feel it's currently underused and needs to be easily accessible for more people. People from Norton Radstock more likely to visit as a park than travel through traffic to Victoria park

Needs to be eco friendly and not increase traffic in the city. It is already a nightmare parking near the park.

I have friends who play golf at Entry Hill regularly and really value it. It would be a real shame to loose the golf course.

BANES controlled by the Democrats who wish to appear to be pro-active and innovative even when there is no great public clamour for change. It's not broken, but let's fix it anyway.

There is room for the establishment of play areas (which might encourage younger families to the club) and leisure trails. This would not interfere with the daily life of the club.

I like it as it is

I wouldn't mind a golf course under a different model as the principles stay the same. We don't need more walking running cycle spaces as the cycle track is nearby

All the above facilities are well served in the local area.

It could have a mixed use so mountain bike trail and cafe and patk...

It is a conservation area. Any ideas that do not disrupt the natural, calming environment too much would be welcomed.

The use as a golf club gives good sense of community interaction and exersize for residents that are increasing in an aging population

I feel it should remain as a golf course. It is great for learners because it is only 9 holes, and you don't feel out of place like you would at proper members clubs. It would be more popular if it was advertised better. There is already a bike park at Odd Down. It is quite a steep sloping site so not really convinced by other uses.

I love to mtb

I am I young mountain biker but the arnt any trails in or close to bath and thus could bring a whole new aspect of tourism in to the city.

Looking for more mountain biking in the area

Mountain biking is a health and fun way to get people active. There is a big mountain biking community in Bath and the bike park at entry hill would be a great addition to baths attractions

Bath and Somerset has a huge cycling and mountain biking community in all age groups especially teenagers and youths. Building a bike park here would be a massive attraction to the city of bath and lots of people would come from a all around to visit.I personally know loads and loads of people who would really benefit from this as it would also give kids something to do locally instead of hanging around in streets. Opening it up not just for park experienced riders but have a wide range of trails for any age and any ability would be a great source of enjoyment and fun. It would also stop people having to find woods locally to build in which can annoy land owners and result in these areas being shut out to public.



I hope you take my points into account as mountain biking and all round cycling is a great activity which anyone can enjoy for fun or for fitness. As you can also see is many places have already benefited from opening parks such as this.

Thankyou for taking the time to read this!

Kind regards,

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I think the mountain biking community in bath is great as we have world famous GMBN (global mountain bike network) based in bath and many people who enjoy mountain biking

I am an avid mountain biker and believe that a Mtb part between Bristol and bath would be well utilised by the local community. As a young family, we love going to the Forest of Dean as there is both Mtb and beechurst and it works really well, but somewhere closer to Bristol/bath that is similar would be great!

I'm a keen mountain biker and there just aren't enough facilities in this area to encourage more people into this sport. It's an excellent way to keep fit and ideal for families to do together that isn't expensive.

Ashton court/Leigh woods is an excellent example of a brilliant trail suitable and encouraging for all abilities.

outdoor sport/activity would be a benefit to the city and the local community

I can see the potential for Forest school/education for part of the space. Allotments definitely it helps with the issue of buying veg in plastic bags, and is good for exercise and fresh air. As would part of it used for walking and exercise with plenty of bins for the inevitable dog walkers.

There are already plenty of play parks, golf courses, and other facilities in the area. Walkers can use 100's of miles of footpaths. Families can use the cycle path. There are very few places dedicated to mountain biking in bath and NES and their use is dependent upon good weather. A well designed mtb facility will bring money to Bath as it is a growing sport. It is popular with all ages and keeps you really fit

It needs to be well done.

I have never visited because I thought it was a private club. I'd love to go and walk there

If it doesn't stay a golf course I would like to see it planted with trees and rewilded. .

It works as a golf course and with a bit of advertising at the university's I,m sure it would increase the membership.

Statistics suggest that those who might previously have been attracted to golf - are more inclined to get on a bike.

Look to make it 6 hole course as quicker game is future of golf. This would be easier to maintain and better play experience.



What the heck is a mountain bike park? Just give kids a safe place to bike around recreationally.

Much needed space for family cycling

There are a real lack of leisure amenities over this side of Bath. My son is autistic and loves Playing in outside spaces.

Keeping this as a wild space would be great as parks are the lungs of our city. Planting more trees possibly, re-wilding certain areas.

There are very few play and play courses in the area. People of my age are encouraged to take exercise and yet facilities like this are being taken away. All that is needed is better promotion to make it profitable not change. All of the suggestions made could be accommodated at the site next to Odd Down cycle track leaving Entry hill to continue without the cost of change of use.

Needs to remain a green space for community use. Must not be sold off or used for development.

I wish the golf course to stay the same - it always seems busy to me. The cafe is always busy with non golfers. Why change something that is not broken - the problem today is that money dictates- the more people playing golf the less problems to the NHS as the walk is good for the individuals playing.

The area should be used for physical activity - it shouldn't be used as allotment/food growing space as this would restrict its access and make it less of an asset to the local area.

It's a lovely setting. I'm glad housing isn't a priority.

It would be great to have family friendly off road biking space

Whatever option is chosen, it needs a better cafe

It should remain as one of a very few public owned golf courses in Bath, it is far better than Victoria Park!

This is a golf course with a long history. The other facilities mentioned already exist elsewhere in Bath. Please keep the golf course going but with better facilities to attract others.

As this site is sloping, there's a variety of uses it could have. If it becomes a mountain biking area, it MUST be safe for people who are just walking in this lovely place. Allotments at the flatter bottom part (only) might work but this is not an ideal site (probably too shady). I'd support more forestation with native trees, which would add more interest to walking areas.

Bath is severely lacking in places where you can legally go mountain biking. There are not many bridleways and no mountain bike parks nearby. My son and I would come here frequently for mountain biking.

Where we live on the Wellsway there is no safe walk with children to a play park or green field/country walk. It would be great if some/most of the ideas above could be incorporated into the new plan for this space.

If you change the golf course that's fine but you have to keep a driving range or a smaller course however making it a trail running/ cycling park is a good idea

Definitely biking as there are no mountain bike tracks in Bath but there are already all the other things. Or something challenging for teenagers.

My family and I are within walking distance but aren't interested in golf so haven't visited.



We would like an outside space for playing, whether that be ball games, climbing, adventure park, go ape style high rope walk, boules or another family friendly free open space with access to a cafe and free toilets.

A bike track is not needed because of odd down two mins away. Lots of families that could use the space rather than just golfers.

I have children and am always looking for good places to take them

There is little opportunity for golf in Bath. Parking at The Approach golf by Victoria Park is limited. This facility is something for the older generation & those younger too, but perhaps one place that is child free

I think it would be great if the area could be a space that people of all ages would want to go to even if thats by creating a space that has different elements catering for those ages but that come together. Living in Odd down having a good cafe in an attractive setting would be lovely. I know there are some tennis courts in Odd down but I dont know how to access them. I would love to have the opportunity to learn to play tennis or other sports that we can then play as a family.

Community growing space(this would probably be odd down not Foxhill) already have a cycle place in odd down.

Create another space for family to visit instead of targeting niche group

We are a family living in the area and have never visited. We would love a space that could be used by families and some of this options are great and offer something different to not just local families but all bath families. A playspace with cafe would be great because at present we only have Alice park or Victoria park. In addition some kind of splash area would be great as nothing like that in bath.

Any other course is prohibitively expensive so the council should maintain it as a golf course.

So many people i know enjoy playing golf at EH, it seems such a shame to give up such an asset. The course is compact but really quite challenging and this is a draw for golfers. Surely investment could turn it into a revenue and profit generating facility? With the course layout and greens already in place it would be such a shame not to capitalise on the existing assets? If people saw the clubhouse as a valued asset, a destination that attracts non golfers and people enjoyed the experience it would attract more. How about a clubhouse further into the course with a cafe and view over Bath - that would attract golfers and non-golfers alike - a destination. The entrance needs to be better in welcoming people in - tell people its there! If money could be invested in the Tee-off areas, golfers would feel they are in a valued quality space - the kinds of people golfers are would respond to this subliminally. So i would support investing to raise the quality of the whole experience so that higher fees can be charged. Don't forget the massive advantage of the golf course being inside Bath with a huge catchment of golfers - if keen golfers knew they had a quality course on their doorstep they may chose it more often, before heading outside of Bath.

I would also support possibly adding one of the ideas suggested in the survey to coexist with the golf course as a way to improve revenue generation.

Keep it a golf course, cheapest green fees in bath, great for beginners, get what you pay for, innocent no judgement round of golf and perfect for locals who don't want to go to lansdown or bath golf club.



A green park with trees and natural vegetation, with suitable trails for running and walking would be ideal for me.

Advertising the space more will increase visitors as will making it about the community.

Important to maximise environmental & wildlife habitat potential due to widespread habitat loss throughout the city. This would be useful educational resource and also encourage outdoors activities other than sports which already have many facilities.

Wasted forgotten space I didn't even know it had a cafe and was open to the public thought it was private

The course is great, but needs to be run by someone who knows what they're doing. GLL do not specialise in golf courses and have not managed the course well. The council either needs to invest more in the facility or find someone who will.

This is a great facility, and golf is a great way for people to maintain fitness and be outdoors. It's really disappointing that the council and the golf course operator have made virtually no effort over many years to publicise and encourage greater use, only to now decide that it makes sense to spend money destroying a perfectly good facility. Whilst some of the proposed uses are good ideas, it would make far more sense to invest a smaller amount in promoting the existing facility, to at least see if user numbers can be increased.

Within reach of lots of schools. Could be great resource for the whole community.

I love mountain biking and we need more places to do it that don't need a car to get to

There are enough cycling facilities

wonderful piece of green space and must be used more than it is presently; there are plenty of other golf courses and offerings for those who want to play.

I like that it's a golf course

I would come if the space were a bike trail

could be part allotments, part mountain bike space and part outdoor education

I work for GLL. I pay to use the facilities like all members.

Golf and using Bath and Culverhay sports centres are what I am paying for.

The golf course is not used very much, and there are other attractive golf courses in Bath

The golf course is a good for a large number of people over 60 as well as younger. There is no advertising to get schools & universities to use

The many residents of the surrounding and overlooking houses and the golf course use have coexisted happily for some 38 years. While I appreciate that participation in golf is declining perhaps a new operating model can breath new life into Entry Hill. I'm aware of one local (experienced) golf professional who might be interested in exploring this. If such private enterprise was contemplated then I suggest that suitable covenants need to be put in place to prevent any future unwelcome changes of use.



An alternative proposal to create a public park with trails for walking and running, making use of an improved cafe and parking facilities, would also be beneficial.

With either proposal it would be essential, for visual and safety reasons, to manage, lop and fell (as appropriate) the trees on the high ground behind Hansford Square, and better manage the tangled undergrowth and bushes here. They were planted some 38 years ago and have gone wild.

This has been and will always be a world-renowned golf course. Certification as a site of historical importance is required for the Entry Hill Golf Course.

Allotments and food growing would give land over only to few.

I feel there are a lot of local children's provision and an area of peace and quiet in a busy area is beneficial

The mountain bike trails at Ashton court are so important for many people's first steps into cycling, exercise and the outdoors, this could be a great facility for the bath residents, especially as the nearby bike parks at Tidworth and Windhill are both high level and can be intimidating.

It is a lovely course but there are two issues. The first is that not many people know about it and it would be busier if it was better advertised. The second is the cost and I have heard a few people say they are disappointed that there are no reasonable monthly subscriptions available.

Community provision of this golf course is extremely useful and broadens what the council provides. There is a lot of park space and allotments already, but the course could be better maintained and advertised to attract more players.

All options sound good. I'd suggest the best plan is to look at which ones can be included making the best use of the space.

Have played golf at Entry Hill for over ten years. Not sure what is meant by a "different operating model" but as local private course fees are prohibitively high small increases in fees might be acceptable.

Safe, managed and maintained mountain bike trail route through the site will, aside from giving a unique opportunity to ride legally within the city, also could provide riders a safe off road access route up and down between the Bear Flat (with its Two Tunnels links) and the Odd Down Cycle tracks (Road and BMX at the Tumps). Which itself needs a basic Mountain bike singletrack adding to its perimeter to widen its appeal and maximise the use of the space.

Adding a crossing point from the top of the Entry Hill (Golf Course trail) across Wellsway, that gains access to the grassy slope up the back side of the Odd Down cycletrack/Tumps site, would create a genuinely joined up bit of thinking and mountain bike / walker friendly leisure infrastructure.

The majority of the space needs to be accessible to families at low or no cost. With optional extra activities eg cycling, dry ski/snowboarding, outdoor education

The main reason why the use of the golf course has declined is due to lack of organisation and relatively high pricing for a small 9 hole golf course. When the course had a Secretary, matches between lots of local golf clubs was a frequent event and the course was kept in far better condition.



In my opinion, the family cycle centre and bike park would benefit the community the most as the cycle centre could link with local youth clubs like sulis scorpions and educate younger children about cycling off road which has previously not been possible in Bath. I also think that having a bike park would bring people in from far and wide (see Windhill in Longleat as an example) which would benefit both the area as its being used and the businesses around.

A golf course that is affordable is essential for those of limited income and it should remain

I think a mountain bike park would be great for whole of the community. It would attract a wide range of people of all ages. It would provide an opportunity for people to try out a new sport improving their fitness and skills in the great outdoors. It would attract people from outside of Bath and benefit the local economy and promote tourism.

I think it is great that you are considering to re use this valuable outdoor urban space for the benefit of the local community. Developing it as an area for mountain biking would make it accessible for a much wider range of Bath's citizens than it is in its current form. Many others and I are already avid mountain bikers and this would encourage and help us develop our passion for the sport as well as giving the opportunity for others to be introduced into this fast growing sport. Ashton court in Bristol is a great example of the success of an urban mountain bike park.

This course used to be so popular but unless it's run as a golf course and not a poorly maintained grassy area with no pro golfer running it it will not succeed.

A multi use community facility could be achieved, without one use being overly dominant.

I am a mountain bike rider and often drive to purpose built trails in Bristol, Forest of Dean and South Wales. Having a local mountain bike trail would mean I can enjoy my hobby without driving anywhere!

Turn it into a haven for birds and wildlife. Use it to teach young people about caring for the natural world. It is their future.

It's a great quiet space at present but my issue with turning the space into a bike park would increase traffic around the local area and a mountain bike parks tend to just end up looking like a muddy field

I have moved from Leeds which had an engaging bike park for my children. It got them outside and active and is a celebrated success. However now with few facilities my children spend their time inside addicted to screens. There is a whole park filled w play stuff already. R woods has great running facilities. Generally all kids feel bored by outdoor learning and gives them a negative impression of outdoors as they feel forced. Bike park has an attractive cool factor for kids.

I believe an outdoor activity centre, such as a mountain bike park, would greatly benefit Bath and its residents. Leeds urban bike park is an example of a bike park within a city that is thriving. As well as having beginner trails, to attract a wide audience, it also has more technical trails for more experienced riders. Bath has a large mountain bike scene, but due to lack of funding or permission, many spots have been unable to thrive as much as other cities. I believe with the right funding entry hill golf course could become the hub of Bath's outdoor activities.

Bike park gives a fun and engaging activity. Better than play park etc as is fun for all ages and can be progressive so there is always something new for everyone to try. Would recommend going for a urban bike park not trail centre as is more inspiring and keeps interest unlike trail centres



Family cycle centers such as the one at ashton court encourage use of the land, get more people out and allows people to have access to the outdoors in a more exciting way!

A bike park would provide a fun, addictive and active activity for children. This would provide an alternative for young kids like myself who without exiting sports turn to video games. I know many people of all ages who would be interested. Look at the success of Leeds urban bike park for reference.

The cycle track at Claverton is always booked and looks quite intimidating ie for professionals only. A mountain bike trail that incorporated a forest area and cafe would be amazing and totally inclusive.

Already stated

If you must have cycle tracks , have separate tracks for walkers. Dont have mountain bikers or skateboarders - keep it as an area.for leisurely activity

Make it a family area to encourage children to play outside and walk around. A cafe is always welcome.

It is important that the site remains green space because of the terms of the World Heritage Site inscription and its management plan, and also the Council's Green Infrastructure Policy. I'm keen that the space encourage the enjoyment of trees, flowers and wildlife. Fairly thick tree cover would be needed to help users to enjoy the illusion of being in a wild place and in particular to mask the traffic noise and fumes of the A367 and Entry Hill (where traffic will increase as housing developments mature). Some paths or trails and play facilities would be all right, but not to the extent where the feel of the place became regimented.

The site would not be suitable for food growing or allotments because of its previous history; and there are already good cycle &c facilities on the other side of the Wellsway. The Cotswolds Conservation Board should be consulted, as the AONB is just next door.

There needs to be a good mountain bike park for both the family and pros

Would travel regularly to visit if a mountain bike park were here.

There is already a cycle track in Odd Down and many pitches for football, rugby etc in the immediate area.

Golf has been played here for decades and the area should be kept as a public golf course.

two kids local we would love child-friendly facilities

Dog walking area and forest like Primrose hill

Why should typically rich white men have control of the green outside spaces. turn this into a wider use facility.

A family cycling or running trails would be great as dangerous to cycle around the roads near here and living on a hill cycling possibilities not easy. There are already allotments nearby. We will lose some of our running /walking trails due to sulis meadow development soon - so keeping green spaces to run/walk/cycle would be a great idea,

This is the only (proper) golf course in Bath open to the public to enable those less advantaged to play golf. The private clubs are expensive and elitist and pretty much unavailable to beginning or those less well off who want to try golf. In contrast there are numerous local facilities for the other activities



mentioned in the survey, e.g. Alexandra Park, Skyline walk, Rainbow woods, Firs field, Wansdyke path, Victoria Park etc. I think it would be unfair to deprive those less well off golfers of their only local facility merely in order to give others more choice.

I only support a change of use if the option of retained Ning as a golf course is unviable in the long term - sports (like life) has peaks and troughs and by not having a readily accessible golf course to the city the sport of golf will diminish for sure - needs good promotion / publicity and made available to the schools

It's a healthy activity for people of all ages. It's affordable compared with other golf clubs. It's the only handicap rated public golf course in Bath.

I would be adverse to making it a cycle park as that would involve bikes on that area of road which is already very narrow and in most parts, only allows one row of traffic

Leave it how it has been for the last 30 years

A rewilding project for this space (or part of this space) would be great for educational purposes too. It could showcase regeneration and be used by universities to look at succession and see what species come back to this area. Perhaps rather than just allotments a community garden/orchard could be planted with permaculture principles and then this could be used to showcase permaculture principles.

There are so many kids living within walking distance - would be great to have a space they can use, along with an organic cafe and community growing space to supply fresh produce for the cafe.

The current use as a golf course means that few people use the space. Changing it to encourage a wider usage not only will help preserve it as a green area but also provide an attractive area for people to meet and exercise.

There needs to be more low-cost sporting options, open to everyone. Golf is too elitist and limited. Bike trails with different levels of easy-difficult would interest much bigger numbers of people and the hilly location is perfect. Alongside would be opportunities for outdoor education, forest school and play spaces.

Mixed leisure use for the whole community would be best

Golf is an inherently exclusive pursuit because it is dangerous for other users of its space. I have never understood why the council felt the need to be in the golf business.

The views into Bath are lovely on the site. It is an island of calm within a busy area so preserving this tranquility is important.

In these days of 'green' considerations, we support allotments and outdoor education for all. Please be mindful that we have noticed a vast increase in traffic up and down Entry Hill and that the entrance to the golf course does not have good sight of the road.

There are a lot of cyclists in Bath that have to travel by car elsewhere to enjoy trails it would be good to have some friendly family trails and more expert trails to use on the doorstep to make the sport more accessible for those in the city

A cycle centre with a mountain bike park that could cater to riders from all abilities would be great. A pump track would be a great addition to this as takes up minimal space and is something that all people can use. We have a lot of riders in the local area.

no



Transport is one of our biggest challenges of the future - we need more people riding bicycles and ways of introducing young children to the sport. The area, not just Bath is badly need of facilities. Whilst there is a small club and track at Odd Down, if we are to claim ourselves as a sporting city we need better BMX facilities - both racing and freestyle. BMX is the best introduction for children to riding bicycles and is proven to help challenge the bigger issues in society - anti social behaviour, obesity etc. We need a proper Bike Park!

It would be a place for kids to get out side and not smoke or do drugs

I believe many of these ideas are already in place in bath, but a mountain bike park would be a new thing for the community, allowing many more people from the thriving mountain bike scene to visit.

Please keep planting more trees and allow for Banes to be more resilient for food security with more community growing food plot.

youths of this day need someone to go and do an activity that involves them not on the streets doing bad things and a bike park would. prevent this

Providing a local mountain bike trail centre would cut down on emissions, as currently enthusiasts drive to Bristol, the Forest of Dean and Wales. It would be a great place to develop youth participation in cycling and other healthy outdoor pursuits. It would be a strong asset to Banes.

I think a space to encourage children in particular to engage with their natural surroundings, learn to care for the environment would be good for both physical and mental health and good for the planet

With the boom in cycling these past 5-10 years, BANES has had some successes (eg Odd Down) in meeting demand - but not with mountain biking trails like where Leigh Woods in Clifton.

Growing cycling interests in youth, they normally ride in street or car park which is very dangerous to all. Kids need some open space to enjoy rides and also adults to anticipate. There are many successful sites in Forest of Dean.

i have a concern over more traffic on Entry Hill Drive

Make it a nature park, mountain bikers will drive there causing more traffic chaos

It would be great to have some where to safety exercise on bike with your children.

A mountain bike part would be FANTASIC!!! We don't want or need a golf course.

Think it would be great to have an outdoor space for children . My kids are too old now but would have been fantastic to have a space like that on our doorstep.

A family cycle park with walking/running trails sounds great.

I really think that having a family cycle centre and mountain bike trails is a really good idea because it gives people something to do and to get outside and stay healthy

a winter sports place would be an asset for for bath with cafe, trails trial

We have a lot of allotment space and a community growing space fairly close by. Waiting list currently not that long. The children's play park however is heaving on nice days. Huge bouncy castle and carousel now take up area previously used for picnicking and relaxing. A bike trail would be great not sure I know of another in Bath.



Golf is too narrow a pass time, surely encouraging a healthy mix of quality facilities would attract a wider range of people to value this space.

I'd like to see more people - especially local people who could walk or cycle there - able to benefit from this beautiful spot

It's pointless right now when compared with other golf courses around that are more open to the general public these days. A bike park would be a really positive venue and would encourage even more use of bikes in and around the city.

Urban bike parks are an amazing and accessible meand for young children and adults to learn or enjoy riding bikes. An amazing way to encourage outdoors life, health and fitness.

The cycle centre and MTB park would be different and have little impact on the environment and could be offered in conjunction with other activities in the hill.

An area that gets young people outside is really important

From having seen mountain bike and bike trails elsewhere they are hugely enjoyed by a high number of people and as this site is so steep it seems an ideal use for it. That said, I'd like to think you could achieve several of your ideas in the same site.

The wild life, families of deer, birds and squirrels would be disturbed if there were noisy activities going on. The ground is not suitable for allotments, very few level sites. People have many other sites to visit for running or walking around Bath but there is nowhere other than Entry Hill for people of lower incomes and on pensions to be able to have an affordable course to keep fit and healthy.

The council declared a climate crisis! Let's make this valuable space work for all for our futures.

More interested in something open and available to all with limited if any areas costing money

Recognise need for greater scope of activity.

Only that a park would be a great thing to have here - the nearest is Bloomfield which is a long way to go with small children, or Combe Down, same. If it could be a bit like Alice Park that would be great. Everyone uses Entry Hill as a cut through in Bath, so am not convinced traffic would increase.

I would love to see a trail/mountain bike trail through the park - so important for kids, families and others to connect with nature and on a bike just adds to the fun. It could be a dedicated trail or all shared with walkers - maybe with some 'skills' areas similar to Fineshade woods run by Forestry Commission - Entry hill is such a beautiful spot for it.

Thanks, Alison

Any future use needs to consider the impact of how people travel to EHill golf course. The traffics volumes along Entry Hill have significantly increased over the last 5 years adding to pollution and regular near misses between drivers. As There's no public transport down or up Entry Hill visitors will be walking, cycling or driving an increase in the latter would not be acceptable!

some of these could well operate alongside the golf course if the course wasn't open all the time, such a shame to destroy whats been built there, but fully support a change to the model and a more proactive golf club, which i understand was previously the case

Cycling is a massive growth sport and a great outside sport for kids and adults alike.



I think that a space like this can be used by a wide range of different activities if managed the right way. It is a varied space with a range of different features and many of the uses above could be incorporated together.

I don't think it needs to be one use - there's plenty of space for e.g. a Forest School area, play space, running/walking/cycling

The space could accommodate multiple leisure activities with a cafe in the present 'clubhouse' with parking.

The provision of a mountain bike facility would enhance the already excellent cycle links and provision locally and benefit a large mountain bike community.

Why have you put under a different operating model? Why have you put golf last? Golf involves walking, playing for all ages, it is a leisure and sport activity, outdoor activity and there is a cafe. Golf covers more of your requirements than any other suggestion and attracts people of all ages every day of the year.

As one of a number of mountain bikers in my company in Bath, I know that a lot of staff would love the idea of having a local bike park within riding distance

If advertising is done and the price is good. More people will play/take up golf

It should be left as a green forest area, as unaltered as possible

Mountain bike trails would be fantastic and add to the brilliant cycling provision in the Odd Down area.

Leave it as an open space, as it is already. The good thing about the golf course is that it is unobtrusive, and incorporates many trees and some walkways. The Cotswold Way runs right through the golf course already, so it is already used for far more than golf! I feel very strongly that every green space in a city should not have to pay its own way! As for your possible new uses, there is a large playground in the nearby Royal Victoria Park. If you want leisure and sports activities, you have (or did have) the Rec, before that was handed over on a plate to a rugby club owned by a millionaire. All of the other options mentioned here are completely devoid of detail. For example, what does "trails for walking and running" mean in practice? Lots of crappy signage and infrastructure? If so, why? Also, are you proposing that the *whole area* would be turned over to allotments (which is surely a form of privatisation?) or to community food growing? If so, please explain why you think that would be a good idea. Without that detail, this (so called) consultation is just a sham.

Under what different operating model

Bath is really lacking mountain biking facilities, they spent load of money on road cycling but nothing on mtb

There are enough parks with cafes in Bath, and enough play spaces. I'd like to see other activities supported, e.g. mountain biking, traditional craft.

It's a Golf Course, it's to play golf on. It appears the powers that be have already decided to close it.

Something that everyone can use will be great. I don't personally play golf, but would love to have something close by to enjoy.

All the options other than family cycle mountain bike are well supported locally

I just think there are so few areas where you can ride your bike off road on trails near Bath without risking getting told off and I think a bike park would be ideal for both children and adults to ride there



I have to travel far to ride my mountain bike, To have one in the city would be great

As I have stated in my previous answers, I have not been/yet to visit Entry Hill Golf course. However if it were an outdoor space for Mountain Biking/Running/Walking, I could see this being much more beneficial to others and myself. As a resident of Bath, I am aware of the lack of walking and biking areas within a short distance of where I live, this area as a cycling/walking/running space, would be fantastic

please don't build on it

I'm only interested in a bike park everything else on the list is already in bath or nearby ! And I'm constantly having to drive elsewhere to ride my bike a well made and maintained mountain Bike park can be very profitable and brilliant for community and kids (and big kids)

keep it as natural as possible whilst also supporting and promoting outdoor activities

Seeing how popular Windhill bike park is and how many bike parks & pump tracks are being set up all over the country I think this is exactly what Bath needs. Is a great way to get kids and adults on bikes out doors and learning new skills whilst keeping fit.

The options given are not detailed enough to know what is proposed and the impact this would have on the space.

Moors valley country park, near Ringwood in Hampshire, may offer a model that incorporates most of the suggestions above.

We need better outdoor facilities in Bath. There is limited co-ordinated thinking around such facilities.

There are already parks with cafes around bath. Some that get little use. I feel this space would need a purpose, with limited cycling in the bath area the site would be perfect for both cycling and running. This group of users care about the areas they are visiting and would help with the maintenance and keeping the area beautiful.

Please creatively use the site whilst retaining the green benefits that could easily be lost forever if it were built on/developed.

It would be good to connect the nearby cycle circuit and BMX track at the Tumps to the new proposed cycle track if poss to gain better utilization for all?

It is very rare to have a municipal golf course like Entry Hill, one of the few examples of a municipal golf course in the area, this would be a shame to lose

Very few local bike riding around for mountain bikers and there is a huge biking community in Bath. It's a sport for all ages and easy for many people to get into

There is a huge cycling facility in Odd Down which is very underused.

Make Entry Hill golf course prosper by telling people about it. Thousands of students out there who are oblivious of it. They can rent clubs and get there by bus but they need to it is there and welcomes everybody

A bike centre can add additional facilities for different types of riding which are missing at Odd Down. With both facilities you could create a and excellent cycling hub which could also easily incorporate running and walking. The hub can be used to train and educate children.

Mixed use would be best – I'm a passionate mountain biker so would love to see an mtb circuit there, but this is a fantastic space and it would be nice to see it being enjoyed by loads of people, with different activities.!



I think a mountain bike centre is a brilliant idea. There could be both MTB trails and running/walking trails installed to cater for a wider audience. I would travel to entry hill to go mountain biking as there aren't really any trails near to us in Chippenham/Bath area. I think the community use is also a great idea but to bring in people from further afield trails for biking/running/walking is a great idea.

Doing more for the community and making it more accessible to residents by using it for more activities is the best way forwards

Current layout is for a golf course and any real changes would probably mean the closure of the area as a golf course. Entry Hill golf course is the only public golf course in the region and is an asset for Bath. The main issue seems to be that the council don't want the costs associated with the golf course, and the operator isn't interested other than collecting membership fees, money generated by the coffee shop. There should be a properly constituted golf club open to all residents and the general public. The costs of ground maintenance should be paid by the club from membership fees and revenue from the coffee shop. There should not be any lease charges from the council as this a public amenity.

Leave it as it is.

golf is supported in a number of sites around bath cycling is experiencing a huge growth and we have the opportunity to make Bath a go to location for track and off road the are a number of specialist outdoor experience forest school locations around bath Brookers wood etc that have been delivering their product for ages and have it mastered allotments always end up looking scruffy with patched sheds and untended plots and is a community food space any different to allotments

I think the golf course needs greater promotion - particularly with schools, colleges and universities to encourage a younger introduction and engagement in the sport. It is just not promoted and needs a different operating model. Many young people cannot afford to belong to the large courses in and around Bath. Entry Hill is just superb for beginners and extremely challenging for the better players.

Although golf is a great game it is a shame that such a nice site can be used by only those that play golf. It is not safe to have it for both golfers and non golfers and makes sense to turn it into a park. There must be direct public transport to it however.

The site would seem prime for some mountain bike activity but with good social provision and catering for those who might want to give it a go open it up to the community make it a meeting point for people

There are many trails for walking and running around Bath, I would like to see more opportunities for mountain biking. When the bike park at Longleat opened it became the most profitable park for the operator in England, so there is strong demand in the area.

Profile of cycling could be raised on this side of town.

Being built upon an old community dump will limit what can be built upon the land

There are no off road cycling places in bath a mountain bike trail centre is needed and this is a ideal location

I regularly pass bath visiting relatives and as a regular user of family cycling trails I would be extremely happy to have more options on safe places to cycle as a family.

Mountain Bike Parks are proving to be popular across the U.K. attracting visitors who also tend to spend money on local services such as cafes, pubs, b&bs etc. A well run MTB Park can also be used by schools/youth groups, stag/hen/birthday parties, groups catering for people with physical & mental health



issues and the general public of all ages. Well run MTB parks tend to be busy all year round, generating a good return on the investment. Also provide local jobs.

Strongly in favour of cycling and mountain biking facilities

I am a regular amateur golfer. This course is suitable for all abilities. I wouldn't be able to play golf if I couldn't use this course as I can't afford to join any of the clubs in the area. It's a challenging course in beautiful surroundings.

It should remain a golf course. I do t know what (under a different operating model) means

Wide ranging health benefits should be the core use

Many older people find it is advantageous to play sport and these people cannot afford to play on other courses. We are saving the Council money from its Social care budget.

The lack of golf only membership. This is an ex council refuse tip with a very limited depth of top soil, trees are very shallow rooted, there is also a lot of movement on fairways. At present the the Radon gas points are not at risk from interference but open this course up and those monitoring points will need to be protected from the general public (golfers respect these points) These points do not endear them. selves to allotments, outdoor education. Urban mountain biking would need to be closely supervised to protect and conserve this valuable woodland asset with its diverse wild life.

A space that encourages people to enjoy the outdoors as naturally as possible would be beneficial so close to the city. It would be great to encourage wildlife and not to add to the hard surfaces or built structures on the site. Reuse and renovation of the current buildings, with low impact designs would be important.

it would be good if the golf course remained but other activities perhaps were added at different times to make it more feasible

I think an mtb park would bring many visitors, business to the area and provide a great space for relaxation and recreation

I feel strongly that the facility should remain as a golf course. All the other options would require financial investment with little return. Any available funding should be used to retain and improve this amazing asset within this lovely city of Bath. All other open spaces are maintained for non paying users while it would appear that the upkeep of Entry Hill golf course is being ignored. Until I know what the different operating model is I prefer not to evaluate this option.

I would travel to Bath frequently to use a mountain bike park and/or Family cycle centre.

Needs advertising and good marketing to encourage use as golf course. Currently nothing is done to encourage use

Having seen the Leeds Urban Bike Park (which used to be a golf course) and how successful it is it seems like a great model. So many children and teenagers use this and also with their parents on bikes - it's great for people's health and gives younger people something productive to do. You could also fit in walking and running trails so a broad spread of different demographics can enjoy the landscape. Build a decent cafe on the site plus a bike rental / bike shop and charge for parking but make the trails all free and this would be perfect.

Strongly recommend the consultation speak with Leeds Bike Park about their work.



Trails for walking and running should be separate people strolling wont always be expecting runners to whiz past them.

There is more golf played than is recorded because GLL memberships are not solely for golf. The fees charged for golf are very low and most regular golfers would pay more for a golf only membership. The condition of the course and the facilities do not encourage new players and the course is not promoted properly. The management is undertaken as part of a catering and social events department: sporting or fitness expertise or interest is not involved in either promotion or provision on the golf course. It is a proven fact that golf, properly promoted, encouraged and taught, improves mobility and fitness for all ages by gentle exercise in the open air and also social interaction. It can reduce reliance on social care, which is a huge part of any council's budget and can be prescribed by the NHS for rehabilitation and improving mental health.

Keep the space green and clean for future use, the landscapes are beautiful and must stay protected.

I don't know the place but get lots of activities there for many groups. There are so many golf courses out there and not much of the other activities you asked about

MTB trails in Bristol are popular but limited. Something a little more epic would be a big draw.

Make it accessible by bike rather than somewhere people have to drive to.

Safe spaces to cycle are imensly important to encourage families and any age group to get on a bike. Mountain biking or similar is a fun way to Create challenges in a small space that promote good mental health, fitness and socialising. Needs a bike rental place attached and invite local volunteers to maintain trails.

I don't know if it's needed

There is a severe lack of mountain bike centres with facilities anywhere local to Swindon.

The mountain bike industry and sport as a whole is booming. It's suitable for all the family and all ages. Combine it with a cafe and skills area and you're on to a winner

It is increasingly hard to find good value and accessible golf courses and it would be a great pity to lose one as significant as entry hill.

Growing up in bath as a keen mountain biker was great exploring to find/ build our own trails but often led us to going on to private land and riding places we probably weren't allowed too. having a local bike park so close to the city center would be a great opportunity for young up and coming riders and would actively encourage many to try out the booming sport

I think any change of use should fit with B&NES's commitment to reach carbon net zero by 2030. This means careful consideration of options with respect to carbon emissions and carbon sequestration/removal. Could some of the land be used to generate green electricity, eg using small scale wind arrays or solar arrays? Could local food production reduce food-related emissions and improve food security? Could more trees be planted, and could some of these be fruit trees in the form of a community orchard? Thought also needs to be given to green transport to the site.

Mountain biking is fast becoming one of the most popular sports in the UK. It is also a really fun family activity. Just look at the success of Pedalabikeaway in the Forest of Dean.

I strongly support the idea of mountain bike trails, this would be amazing



I would come to Bath more if there was a family bike trail me and my wife could enjoy and have food/drink and a off road mountain bike I could use as this is my hobby.

When I first joined Entry Hill the greens were immaculate and the course was well maintained. The current green keeper does his best but often the equipment is either unavailable or not working. In the summer it needs at least two full time workers. I understand that in the winter the green keeper only works three days a week? We used to play several other clubs home and away but due to the poor state of the course most dropped out. If it's a question of money then I would be happy to pay double the current membership as long as the course was properly maintained. I currently pay £15 per month, to join a private club e.g. Saltford would cost about £100 per month. Many of our seniors are well over 80 and still very active, one is 88 and still races up the last stretch to the clubhouse and he is also a volunteer driver for the RUH. Ashton Court golf course has recently been butchered. It boasted 36 holes but the best 9 holes have been adapted for Footgolf and 9 holes on the Plateau have been lost. Not everyone can afford to pay £1000 a year and it's very sad that so many municipal courses have disappeared. Entry Hill is about the only one left. There are plenty of other places for mountain bikers and being so steep would not be suitable especially with the poor drainage and would also be dangerous for running. As for allotments or growing space don't forget it was a land fill site and no doubt full of toxic waste so I certainly would not eat anything that has been grown there!

Bristol, Swindon have areas for learning mountain biking / family trails, Bath has none of those.

I would like to see it open, free access - whatever it becomes. It should be kept as wild as possible. There is already cycle facilities at odd down, which is why I don't support that option

I'd fb love to have a place to use my bike with my kids

North facing slope poor for growing fruit & veg

It's a large area in which to walk of road near a large residential area. The fields in Southstoke are going to be built on in the near future making that area much less attractive for walking. People need empty accessible green spaces to relax in.

I love cycling, especially off-road, and it would be great to have more for me in the area!

There's an amazing active community locally, but many sports do not have a legal space to take place forcing long-distance travel or illegal activity. This could be the perfect venue.

Have a look at the success of Aston Court/Leigh woods in Bristol and the Leeds Urban Bike Park

Opening a bike park would be great as the nearest bike park is over an hour away, but even with this seeing the number of people who from Bath make the effort to get there is surprising.

I would travel to Entry Hill if there was a good bike park there, and stay for tea/coffee/cake/dinner etc.

What about keeping it as it is, or is that not an option?

A mountain bike park would be a huge boon to the local area. Just look at places like Bike Park Wales and Swinley Forest to see how beneficial it can be.

IT WOULD BE GREAT TO HAVE SOMEWHERE SAFE AND FUN FOR FAMILIES TO RIDE THEIR BIKES TOGETHER.

A mountain bike park would be great



I live next to the golf course

It is the perfect venue for a bike park and there's plenty of demand in the area!

Family activities such as cycling, walking, and other sports activities would be my preference. It will encourage residents and families to spend more time together and be accessible for the whole community. Looking at the success of places such as Ashton Court locally in increasing activity in people of all ages, genders, and backgrounds, it would be great if there were somewhere similar in Bath!

A bike park would attract so many people to the area. there's a massive mountain bike scene in Bath and surrounding areas. there's a mountain bike magazine and youtube channel based in Bath so would get very good publicity

We need every opportunity possible to encourage cycling and around Bath - for residents, kids, commuters, visitors - for the future.

Rewild the land, plant lots of trees, encourage biodiversity, use to teach people the importance of reconnecting with nature and why we need it.

I love mountain biking. In Bristol we are lucky enough to have Pedal Progression who look after the trails at Ashton Court and offer a great bike hire and coaching service. If there was something in Bath, I'd definitely ride there too.

A Mtb park would be great, encouraging people to have fun and fitness at the same time

I would prefer the space to benefit the widest possible range of people, rather than being exclusive (allotments etc.)

There is no shortage of golf courses in the area but never enough places for families and young people to cycle safely. An MTB course, family cycle paths and perhaps a community garden would be a wonderful use of the space.

I strongly believe a mountain biking centre could be truly great for Bath, not only by bringing in much more money to the City but by increasing its green image

Mountain biking is a fantastic activity that helps keep people fit but also a great social activity as well. Centres in south Wales and the set up at Ashton Court are incredibly popular. Having a new place in Bath would be fantastic

The area could do with a MTB park

It is the only 'full size' golf pay and play facility in the area. It could be a place where children learn to play the game at the same time as enjoying the outdoors. Other golf forms such as frisbee golf or football-golf could be included.

Multi use outdoor activity venue with a café using home grown produce that becomes a destination in its own right - perhaps using it as a project to upskill young people who are NEET? Run outdoor activity workshops for all ages, outdoor but covered space for yoga / mindfulness.

BANES has declared a climate emergency and now needs to put pledges into action. This piece of land offers an unmissable opportunity to create a green space which puts wildlife first. We could rewild the space to encourage wildlife, build a community hub for learning and growing projects, which help educate the community about how to protect and nurture wildlife in our urban environment. We could have a community growing space growing vegetables and tree saplings. It could be fantastic! I am currently illustrating all the insects native to Bath. I would love to run community art projects about insects and to have an eco hub in Bath to work from would be totally amazing!

Most people will drive their bikes here creating more traffic issues across the city



Many more trees, and rewilding / nature increased.

The area should 100% remain a leisure area. Perhaps creating a mountain bike area with various trails of differing skill level would be an amazing use of the space.

I think it's a great place for beginners to try out golf in a safer space than a full course and would be a real shame to lose it

This would be a fantastic opportunity to make a city nature reserve

With a little more financial input this golf course could be made into one of the best around Bath.

Bath is already well served for parks, cafes, forest school (rainbow woods, bath city farm, smallcombe woods), play parks (Bloomfield, Alexandra parks nearby), allotments etc. A mountain bike park would be truly unique and encourages local riders away from other well known but more contentious riding spots...

Bike park or running / walking routes would be great in this area. It could turn Bath into a hub for cycling.

I think the notion of a family cycle centre has plenty going for it: the terrain at the site lends itself naturally to that use. There would be scope to include walking and running trails as part of the remit, and there would also be space for outdoor education facilities too. The parking facilities at Entry Hill are limited; I'd like to see the site linked with Odd Down, with access via a toucan crossing on the Wellsway

There are already multiple golf courses in the area, it would be nice to use the space in a different way that promotes healthy living and is accessible to the average person.

There are multiple golf courses nearby, but the nearest mountain bike parks are in Bristol (40 minutes by car) and Swindon (50-60 minutes by car).

knowing this was built on reclaimed land that has to be regularly assessed for gas escape any food growing would not be a good idea and we would need to be very clear it is safe to use for young children

There are lots of golf courses in Bath and Bristol and surrounding area, but not many hubs for families to use woods and forests

Looking at the example of Ashton Court near Bristol it would be possible to create a shared use area for many different users, such as cycling, forest and play areas, and walking/running trails within the same space which would grant a broader range of people access and enjoyment to the site

Forest School/Outdoor Education/Community site would provide much needed support for mental well being. Child and Family Hubs have been closed, the venue could also provide before and after school support for families. These suggestions support education, a cleaner environment, mental well being and exercise for all age groups.

Bath is crying out for a mountain biking option and this site could be ideal!

There are way too many golf courses in Bath, and the Council should let the other private courses provide for demand from golfers.

Outdoor activities that can work together

Site probably too small for a mountain bike park but a small pump track for younger kids might work.

It should remain a space that is open to everyone to use.



Cafe cycling and other walking/ running would be great

Trail centre would be good as nearest one is Bristol

A bike park in the centre of the city would be a great asset especially if its combined with trails for running and walking

I would not be able to afford to play golf if this course closed.

Some rewilding is this space is needed to address the climate emergency

Given the topography, close links to the Two Tunnels, the Odd Down Race Track & BMX track and the issues I have seen with friends driving miles to use MTB parks I think there is huge synergy in establishing a MTB park here. It would also allow planting of 1000s of trees.

Of note an MTB park with cafe and Forest school is possible but there is already a Forest school up at Rainbow Woods. We should be looking to bring something unique to Bath that is sorely missing.

Bath does not need more allotments where people with gardens get more space to grow veg.

With clever design, this could be useable for many more people than it currently is.

I support leisure activities as long as they don't involve infrastructure/buildings. The current cafe needs improvement but it is a low-key building which doesn't detract from the beauty of the green space. There are very good cycling facilities already at Odd Down Playing Fields and The Tumps.

Rainbow Woods is just a few steps away and is great for dog walking etc. There is an outdoor children's play area, lots of space and coffee available at Combe Grove Manor across the Riad.

It is important that youngsters and lower income people have an opportunity to play golf without having to shell out enormous sums to play. Enhancing the current facilities by adding additional activities would be acceptable but not at the cost of the golf club.

We should do everything we can to encourage people to get outside and exercise.

People do not necessarily need to have their time organised ,so wild soaces are vital too, along with mixed use pathways etc

An alternative access off wellsway would help reduce excess traffic in entry hill

This space should be open to all communities. It should stay an open space protecting wildlife. I agree school children should use the space for Forest school but communities should come together with mixed use

The cafe can be used by anyone- perhaps it needs advertising more.

All points mentioned above are already catered for in the area. Odd Down Cycle track/ Rainbow Woods etc.

Play spaces shouldn't be planned for an area that was previously a rubbish dumping site.



This area must be kept as green space, the wildlife is abundant, we often see Deer in the trees, we cannot loose anymore parkland, the birds and wildlife as essential.

Would be great to have another park to walk around

THE COUNCIL IS LOOKING TO CLOSE PLAY AREAS AT OTHER LOCATIONS , SO WHY SPEND MONEY ON ANOTHER ONE

please leave as it is

Why not just leave it as it is for the local bath people that have used it for years. Everything else suggested is available close by! If it ain't broke, don't fix it comes to mind.

Change entrance access away from Entry Hill

The soil is thin and sits on compacted refuse as the site was used as a rubbish dump for many years. Potential for uncovering hazardous waste, sharp objects and releasing trapped methane. Therefore unsuitable for allotments and community food growing.

I think any redevelopment should aim to maximise accessibility. The provision of activities for people from all socio-economic backgrounds and of all physical abilities should be made to feel welcome.

The golf course is a fantastic facility and we should encourage more use of it

Coming from Glasgow, a city which has been designed with accessible parks for the community, I feel Bath fails at providing large, mature and natural accessible spaces for families and people who enjoy cycling, running or walking. There is obviously Victoria park but this is only accessible by car for people who live in the South or Bath. With the growing problem of obesity in our population, I feel natural areas with mature trees and varied landscapes, need to be provided for the public, perhaps with some facilities for families, to encourage a healthier, happier, more outdoor lifestyle. The area has mature trees already, which is the perfect setting for play areas, cycle paths, walkways and nature trails which would keep people interested.

It's necessary that BaNES provides activity for all ages. The younger children have plenty of well equipped play areas but young people and the elderly need an activity to keep them fit to save the NHS money by keeping us all healthy.

What does "under a different operating model " mean ? I'm very happy with it being a Golf Course , but wouldn't want floodlights for a night -time driving range for example , or anything that directly impacts on the wildlife that share the space . A mountain bike park would result in the grass surface being churned into mud , and maybe extra noise from spectator events . We love our green space , please don't ruin it .

There is no need to change the use of Entry Hill it is the only 9 hole golf course in the area that has handicap status . It just needs adequate upkeep, promoting and the valuing of its hard working talented staff. Your survey is heavily slanted towards looking for alternative uses for Entry Hill rather than the improvement and promotion of the existing facility

This golf course is an amazing asset in the city of Bath and enjoyed by many, not just the young, but people of all ages. It's an opportunity for men/women, of all ages to enjoy nine holes of golf, be outside, socialise and exercise, Something we are being told non stop is so very important. There are so many spaces in Bath that can and do cater to all the other activities listed above. Why the council would even consider taking away the only nine hole golf course in the city makes me so angry. The other privately owned golf courses around Bath are unaffordable for me. I am a member of Entry Hill



golf club, and play two or three times a week. The social side, exercise and enjoyment are an important part of my life, and the same can be said for many others I know.

I would support any use which maintained the trees and grassland without attracting noisy activity such as a child bike park or ruined the grassland by building a mountain bike course.

Why change

Entry Hill gives many people a lot of pleasure . The older players have a wonderful chance to keep fit. Many play into their 80s. There is a huge cycling facility very close by with lots of space for games.



APPENDIX 5 – Question 11 – Text Answers - Do you have other ideas for future leisure uses at Entry Hill Golf Course?

Other activities supported in 10. could be complimentary and there is potential for an urban 're-wilding' of the site to increase its biodiversity and support related health and well being activities.

A "Well being park" providing an "adult outdoor gym" using natural materials as possible. A sensory garden for use by children as a discovery tool, and disabled and physically and mentally ill to aid overall health and recovery.

Whatever the final use, it would be excellent if this opportunity were used to support nature - increase biodiversity, air quality, etc.

City Farm, Education Space

Keep it the same.

To ensure the land is made fully accessible to the community of south Bath and is well connected to existing green spaces especially Lyncombe. Would like to suggest that whilst some car parking be made available, especially to enable access for disabled and elderly visitors, cars should not be allowed to dominate the site as it often feels at Royal Victoria Park and Alexandra Park.

If it is possible to develop a core team a second parkrun for Bath would be fantastic

Ensure that to get it used that you open up entry points in all the corners to allow and encourage local families to walk through and enjoy this important facility. with imagination bees could be established via beehives and local apiary societies could help and support this. I believe there are enough cycling facilities close by at Odd Down (even though I am a keen cyclist myself!) it could and should become a facility that everyone can enjoy without the risk of cyclists all over the course.

As above, some sort of climbing/obstacles activities in part of the area away from the re-vamped golfing facilities. They would have to be interesting and challenging enough to draw in people of all ages though. Biking is less suitable as the terrain is possibly too steep in places for family cycling and not large enough for keen mountain bikers who have plenty of countryside already in which to exercise their interest. One of those specially designed courses for bmx style bikes, jumps, turns, gradients might be an idea. But not motorised vehicles which would not be fair on nearby residents. At the very least it should remain heavily treed and some sort of parkland, so I am encouraged building on any of it is listed as an option.

dry ski slope and paintball

There could easily be a community space which could be used for classes, meetings and events.

No

Outdoor ski slope for skiing and snow boarding.



If the golf course was managed more actively more people would use it as they used to do. Surely this would be more cost effective than charging its useage. An alternative would be to hand it over to the National Trust to manage. They already manage Prior Park, with free access to residents using the discovery card.

How about some kind of academy, as a place to develop skills

Bikepark all day long! It would be such a successful business! The community just keeps getting bigger and bigger.

Rewilding and foraging resource.

If the golf is continued, could there be scope for walking routes as well, and perhaps certain times/days/events when golf is briefly suspended in favour of walking?

Wild Space

No

Big climbing, exploring area where you can run around, and an outdoor basket ball court.

Outdoor performance area for theatre/opera

MTB

no

no

An amphitheatre for outdoor shows and and events in the summer. A big film screen. I feel that some of the area could be used for dog training/agility/flyball. There is nothing like this in Bath and it is badly needed.

Keep it as it is..advertising its use

I'd like it to remain as a golf course.

Community Centre, Cafe, Encourage local groups such as WI, Scouts & Guiding Community, A local choir could all benefit from using this space and encourage engagement with the local community.

It is quite a wildlife haven, with deer. That should be retained in some parts, with other parts given over to other activities, such as children's adventure playground, provide walking and cycling paths around parts of the area, with seating areas

Make it a unique Sculpture/Nature Park with active play, creative learning facilities and a focus for Climate and Biodiversity awareness

Perhaps there's a way that it can function as a multi use space ? StAndrews Old Course in Scotland (the home of golf) closes down on Sunday's and becomes a public park.

The site would be perfect for inclusion of a dry ski/snowboarding slope. These prove immensely popular for young people.

A community led unitive using the space to focus on starting to address the climate and biodiversity crisis.

None at this point



A managed woodland with walking trails to encourage native species of plants and animals, improve biodiversity and reacquaint people with nature.

no further ideas than were given in Q10, but please don't encourage more traffic!

Soft play and outdoor adventure park and cafe

Outdoor pool!

Ski slope was muted but we need to reduce traffic on Entry Hill - already a death recorded B4 700 houses @ foxhill.

A greater emphasis on encouraging people to try out golf, so taster sessions with the support of a golf coach etc are needed.

Meditation centre

Bike park

No

No

no

Skatepark area

NO

It's a nice golf course

An accessible walking/cycling/ picnicing space for families and residents/schools to use would be great. Something that could incorporate nature trails, bike trails and possible host events for local community. Could there be any collaboration with the avon wildlife trust to develop areas on the site to develop it into an urban nature reserve with ponds and woodlands with a cafe? like Willsbridge mill in Bristol - they also use the site for weddings/celebrations and educational events - forest schools etc. It has huge potential.

I would have liked to have seen an option to turn it into a mixed woodland which can still cater for many of the above choices

A lovey big park would be great. Maybe with a pond to support wildlife.

No need to reinvent it at all

I'm really surprised bath doesn't have more outdoor workout equipment, this would be great to see

Clay pigeon shooting.

See above

I think areas left just for wildlife should be high on the agenda as much as spaces and activities that benefit people.. and some will do for both!

Leave it as it is, drop the price, make it completely user-friendly, increase parking so we can all visit frequently!

I feel strongly that the area should be accessible to people of limited mobility and wheelchair users

yes see 10 above



Yes, my dream would be for B&NES to forget it exists and leave it alone.

An improved golf course

Possibly use or link the depot site to the north for additional sporting/ leisure use. It has a good flat space for a hanger for climbing which could also provide zip line or high obstacle course activities on entry hill.

No

Do independent survey of wild life there at present, by Bath Natural History Society or other. THEN plan routes or whatever

See above

Uses which take the above very serious issues into account

Sporting hub eg Climbing Centre; indoor golf practice area; BMX park

Somewhere kids can swim or paddle during the hot months. There is no outdoor swimming in Bath. Play areas designed for children aged 10 upwards. Challenges with death slides and large zip wires.

no

No

I think play spaces should be natural play spaces

Community Wellbeing Hub where outdoor space is used to the full by a range of people and the building/cafe used for wellbeing courses on a range of topics designed to improve the general wellbeing of the community.

No

See above

If nobody much uses it build some affordable accommodation. Maybe refer to your housing department or Curo to see if it's necessary at all.

No

I would aim for as many leisure uses as possible: imagine a space where kids can play, and learn about nature, while their parents run or grow food, and their grandparents walk and sit in the cafe.

I'd prefer housing. It would be galling for people to live outside Bath and have to commute in past a bike trail facility. Why not cater for real lives and allow key workers to live in the city, at the same time reducing the need to build on the green belt.

Please see 10. above

Dry ski slope

The top area is relatively flat which could encompass an open air pool, for example. A daytime pedestrian access between Entry Hill and Wellsway would also entice passing trade. The space can be used for a diverse array of activities without major upheaval.

A true cycle/pedestrian path from north to south and east to west



No

This could be a ski centre and mountain bike park.

No

Dry sky slopes

No

While skiing is perhaps not the most inclusive sport - is the site steep enough for a dry ski slope?

As above. We would be interested to know more about any plans for the cafe as we would consider taking an active role in its development.

Not applicable

Build a Velodrome and proper big bmx track.

Outward bound style activities for adults, emphasising participation over competition. Fun and games for grown-ups. It could become the place in town to go to for a chance to try for yourself some of the skills you see others do on the telly Under expert guidance of course.

no

If not a bicycle space, keep it open to the public.

More variety of leisure options to make use of space better

See question 10.

Perhaps a tree top activity centre utilising the trees already there. Something like moors valley country park in the new forest would be perfect for families

Free crazy golf, free outdoor gym equipment trail, play equipment, tennis courts, table tennis tables, toilets, cafe, maze, sensory garden.

Dog walking area, human and dog agility tracks, open air gym / exercise space.

if golf were to remain it would require investment and better management

A LIDO or outdoor swimming pool with cafe and leaving the green space for other activities (some of the above options would be suitable).

As well as general sports and leisure perhaps a ski slope as there is not one for miles give the kids another hobby.

Outdoor activity centre with zip wire and climbing course and an outdoor gym for all ages.

Outdoor gym, yoga/tai chi area

Retail park like longwell green, with shops, gym, restaurants

Part used as a driving range

Forest tree top walks and bridges and swings and tree houses



yes. These are drone sports (flying toy helicopters through obstacle courses by remote video), segway adventures, and outdoor exercise kit on the running trails.

Rewild the area for wildlife and nature.

MTB park with disabled trail

Bikes!!!

No

Skatepark

Just a bike park would be great

Consider options that deliver wellbeing through exercise, experience and community.

No

Rewild the area for nature to be enjoyed with walking trails and woodland playground.

bike park

Add some all access trails for disabled riders too, they're something that massively needs to be encouraged

No

No

Run Permaculture courses. Link with mental health groups and providers .

Zip wire . Wild flower meadow to keep it natural so biodiversity doesn't reduce because of drastic change of use

An attractive entrance from Wellsway, the current gates are unsightly and always covered in litter

Mountain biking

Previous comment is the most important in my view.

Cycle centre

(1). A community amphitheatre for local productions and events (schools and community groups etc); (2) a petanque/boules court; (3) outdoor gym equipment for all ages; (4) outdoor spa

I am fully in favour of a mountain bike trail centre but with the inclusion of a track for 4wheeled bikes for the less bales riders. This is something that can quite easily be adopted and give the park something quite unique, that can also generate revenue. The MTB industry is currently beyond thriving with no sign of easing up. The more accessibility for bike parks is encouraging people to get out in the fresh air and exercise which can only be a good thing for all.

My sister is a carer and occasionally takes a residents up to the area, who thoroughly enjoy it. It could possibly become a shared space, perhaps with a protected area, from which the elderly may enjoy the surrounds!

Spilt use on different days of the week - that way the golfers could remain and more public access, outdoor education etc on other days.



No

Parkrun! Mountain bike loop with a flyer over to Odd Down BMX and road circuit.

N/A

MTB trails, dirt jumps, all that good stuff

Pathway for people who walk up the Hill

NO. Please keep it as it is.

Mtb Park or racing car track

Just mountain biki

Nope

Make it a bike park/trail with some disabled access for 4 wheel mtb or off-road wheelchair

A walk/ cycle bridge over the Wellsway would be great avoiding the horrible roundabouts, to link the Odd Down sports facilities.

Consider supporting businesses opportunity for whatever the purpose of the site. Visitor revenue can boost local economy and local businesses

Follow the forestry commissions example and include walking and horse trails.

Wild nature conservation area, areas to grow food, organic cafe, space for a drop in center for community education and support for the disabled.

A small driving range for a true multi use park and to mollify existing users.

It makes logical sense to be placing a Bike Park their as Bath is linked to the cycle path massively meaning you're more likely to get people cycling to the bike park instead of driving. Also it is a different activity from the likes of golf where there are thousands of them across the country

None

If a cafe is built, please incorporate rooms in the building that can be used for community meeting spaces.

Bike park / shop / cafe

Is there an opportunity for a quiet route, ebike route up to Odd Down?

Mtb park sound great

A Residential community farm for children from disadvantaged homes. Similar to Jamie's Farm in Box. Working with schools where outdoor life could become part of the curriculum.

No

No sorry

Pedestrian access is important to improve accessibility and reduce carbon emissions. There is potential to provide a pedestrian link across Odd Down which bypasses significant sections of the Frome Road. A pedestrian crossing on Wellsway would enable this. This could extend to Perrymead and Prior



Park. This would provide a pleasant walking route around the south of the city, a major benefit to people who currently have to contend with Frome Road to travel east or west.

See previous answer

Bushcraft (linked to Forest school), wild camp in summer nights (youth/school/scouts etc), Parkrun

building reserved for toddler enjoyment and fun

No

MTB PARK!!!

No

N/A

Woodland trail more trees croci natural bluebells daffodils etc

Ensuring walkers with families and dogs can use it safely and enjoy the views of the city.

Bike Park

A park with a running trail around perimeter with cafe and dog friendliness throughout.

Children's. Play space and walking trails

No

Wildlife woodland development

Not at this time.

Mountain biking would be my preference!

A good example are the Western Park jumps in Leicester.

Off-road running, "Survival of the Fittest"-style obstacle course, outdoor fitness training.

Create a modern and futuristic Central Park and ride. Ideally an improved gold course though more of a rival to bath golf club but undercuts them a lot in price.

Maximise it's potential for tackling the climate emergency through natural systems (e.g. tree planting, carbon sequestration through the soil)

An MTB park would be well used but does not require the whole space. The trails can readily be integrated with other uses.

Big MTB park with jump like similar to BPW or FOD

None

A mountain bike park would be amazing and it could be a joint activity center for mountain bikers, walkers and dog walkers, playground and trail runners. We Mountainbikers love to share with our folks



A park sounds great

No

nope, just mountain bike

Retain its park like serenity

Golf!

DON'T BUILD ON IT

as above

It depends whether you can build? I think Bath is missing things like a climbing wall.

Ski slope?

Skatepark for those who ride bmx and skate

How about fitness park or 'boot camp' alt all times of the day and for all ages?

No

Night time trail with lights - lots of European cities offer this and it's great! The possibility of running activities in the winter would be great.

MTB Park all the way!!! (Please!)

no

Driving range.

please don't reduce it's biodiversity or increase it's carbon footprint

I think it would make an excellent urban nature reserve, with the grasses turned over to wildflower meadows and natural scrub and the trees allowed to mature. A large wildlife pond could be placed at the bottom of site (it is naturally v waterlogged in winter). This could be a valuable haven for wildlife, including pollinators (e.g. bees) and dragonflies and butterflies and moths.

Re Wilding & education on tackling climate change

Rewild it.

Nope

The club has golf clubs for hire - why are young people not encouraged through schools to take part. Remove the outdated notion that golf is an expensive sport for a few.

Mountain biking please

Wildlife conservation area

Please please liaise with British Cycling type organisation and your local clubs



No

Any leisure activity is the natural environment created here ,not a payed for experience activity which will encourage people to drive there, do their chosen experience , and drive back home.i would like to see some wild areas with trails around the site. Not the construction of a cycle park.

Half mtb half golf

Those ideas above seem comprehensive

Mtb or bmx park

Leeds urban bike park is an excellent role model for this type of space. UK is also crying out for a decent dry ski slope facility.

'Rewilding'. This would provide the very best means of protecting biodiversity and carbon capture, as well as, providing a great site for a forest school, outdoor education, walking and running paths and an excellent area for scientific study. For good reasons to rewild land, please look for the 'Why Rewilding' and 'Examples' page on the 'Rewilding Britain' website.

NA

Cycle park

No

No

No

Urban bike park for the next generation.

Bike park with disabled access would be brilliant

Children centre, with baby clubs, breastfeeding group, hiring space for local community activities (yoga, dance, language courses, birthday parties, ceremonies), a library..

Outdoor activities for the whole family.

It's such a good hill and would work well for dry skiing (although that wouldn't be so good from an ecological point of view).

No

Student housing, like everywhere else of course.

see above

Nope

An accessible bike park

A mid-level mountain bike park with the opportunity for all levels to enjoy themselves would be an excellent choice.

A hybrid between golf and another activity could be interesting. For example, 5 par-3 holes, a driving range and another use for the wider community such as outdoor education or public park



Plant more trees.

Mountain Bike park with facilities for special needs children such as 4 wheel Kart tracks.

Make it a mixed use MTB centre with excellent local produce cafe for all and walking trails and picnic spots

a 'Mans' shed stocked with tools and run by a local charity or repair cafe to reduce social isolation for people with additional needs. It could double up as a bike repair/maintenance area, forest school and outdoor education HQ. HQ

No, cycling sounds great

No

Playpark with waterpark included. Fishing lake,

Leave as is?

No

Mountain bike course please.

No mtb/cycle centre is the best one

No

No

MTB trail system

Mountain biking do it

See above

No

MTB Course sounds good.

MTB trails

Go kart track

Zip wire in addition to mountain bike track with a wild flower and parkland area in place of hole 1 and 2

No

No

MTB facilitates accessible for disabled and people with special needs.

Mtb

Accesssble MTB trail for disabled users

No



MTB park is ideal.

See above plus a venue for cooking the produce grown and support in adopting a plant based, locally grown, healthy diet. Collaboration with the Community Farm in Chew would be positive. They have considerable experience in sustainable organic food production. They offer workshops for all age groups so a model like that can work in Bath

Public tree gardens, like a bigger version of the tree bit in Vicky park.

Just not a wasted space of a dilapidated golf course!

The cafe could be improved and perhaps improve the marketing of the course

Cafe facilities, encouraging young as well as older and less able to enjoy the space

It should remain a golf course for the local community

No

No

None

No

No

Bmx track

MTB park with disabled trail

Cafe with kiddies play area close by. Plant lots of trees. A dedicated mountain bike track. A dedicated walking/running track. And also a community food growing area clisis

Re-wilding nature space

Mountain biking please

Planned community rides to meet new people

MTB Park all the way!! Do it well enough and you'll boost the tourism brought to bath too

Mountain bike

Mountain biking place

Mixed use sport / outdoor / nature / biking combination of options above.

Maintain it but leave it alone

No. The bike thing is great idea.

No...



No.

See above

No

A 'community hall' of a decent size would be really useful

Urban freeride park

Better Leisure have never been interested in managing this course as they know nothing about golf hence the gradual deterioration in the standard of the course.

A mini arboretum with walking/running trails, space for outdoor educational activities, picnic spots etc.

No...see above. Don't vandalise a beautiful area and drive the families of deer away

A leisure park, crazy golf, tennis courts, ice rink, etc

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No

NA

MTB park

Alternative golf and encourage more wild life

Just make it a shared space for both walkers and gardeners and golfers. Nothing g should be built here that affects and impacts on existing residents. We are already victims of mulberry park , Sydenham and university traffic.

Perhaps split with say 3 or 4 golf holes and the rest as a park and wood land

Sports & leisure

With car access from Wellsway a Recycling centre for exclusive use by householders

Bike park with full range of lines for progression, so local kids can learn basic skills and go on to be very advance riders. To enjoy progression.

A bike park

No

You've covered a lot of great options, I love the idea of it being very inclusive and a real benefit to the whole community of Bath and surrounding areas.

NA

I very much support some controlled, specific activities, but would love to see some areas open and free to use.

No

No



Plant more trees

Rewilding case study and education

This could be a wild space where wildlife can thrive - birds, butterflies, moths, insects - all within the urban setting. As a resource for parents & children, wildlife enthusiasts, nature lovers & photographers. As the climate emergency becomes real for most people, they will value green spaces where they can appreciate what can be achieved in a community space with informed and carefully planning.

NA

Nope

Only as a golf course

Tree planting

I think the options above cover all I could hope for!

Park run?

No

Arbouretum

Let's encourage green and eco living. Food growing and tree planting and perhaps a centre for meditation and alternative practises such as yoga and tai chi would be a very positive addition to the city of Bath. Health and wellness of being I believe should be the way forward for this space

Allowing cyclocross races and training in the winter would be great

Mountain Bike Park

Perhaps a community workshop where people can use tools and have help and advice on DIY, Home improvement, Car and bicycle maintenance etc

Bikepark

I'd like to see significant 're-wilding' of the land to help the council meet it's carbon targets, and provide ecological habitat, with significant tree planting

No

No

Arrange and put on activities for all age groups like cyclocross, football soccer schools, a basket ball court, all these and many others bring communities and people together

More trees please

Parking for commuters displaced from bear flat maybe park and ride?

no

NOT housing



Trail riding / walking park

Develop nature areas with associated education opportunities

None

Parkrun course

Nature reserve or outdoor space for children and others to learn about the environment

N/A

As above

Can we have a climbing wall facility. It's a massive hole in the Leisure provision in Bath. There would be loads of use by students and residents.

I'm mostly here as I think a bike park along the lines of the setup at Ashton Court in Bristol would be a huge asset to Bath, and probably tempt me over to Bath too.

Definitely not a golf course

It is important to include a link to tie the site to the existing facilities at Odd Down Sports Ground

Same beginner trails for cycling could be used by of road fell runners

Outdoor dry ski slope + other compatible activities as already indicated.

Sculpture park like Yorkshire sculpture park

Some areas left wild and not open to public, to encourage wildlife

Really just open green space. Needs very little doing apart from removing the Golf signs and introducing some trees and wildlife and potentially some pathways.

Nature trail/tree trail

Rewilding to create a nature reserve with a cafe/ nature based education centre. Trails and natural play features could provide plenty of opportunities for people to enjoy the site free of charge but also generate some commercial income via the centre/cafe to fund maintaining the site making it sustainable. Such a plan could include space for and activities to benefit people's physical and mental wellbeing. Rewilding would benefit local wildlife including Bath's internationally important bats and contribute to improving air quality within the city as well as responding to climate change with natural solutions.

Skiing

Performance stage for outdoor theatre and music

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Yes, the lower section should be converted to residents parking spaces to offset some of the problems caused by the Bear flat residents parking scheme. Best to solve that problem first before the next grab at the amenities enjoyed by residents.

Perhaps build a bridge linking the site with the Odd Down Playing field site to join the usages and make both sites accessible.



no

More trees

Wild wood forest play. Rainbow woods is fantastic and it would be great to see more play areas like this as they enable the children to play and use their imaginations too.

No.

tree planting

Wellbeing Centre, eg outdoor activities such as yoga.

No, I strongly believe that its use as a golf club is by far the most valuable asset to the community and it deserves to have more investment and advertising to put it on the map.

nothing noisy as sound travels and reverberates through the valley, and nothing that would attract night time activities. How do the losses compare to the upkeep of Victoria Park? If losses are small then why not leave as is as it has turned into a very attractive area that has no negative visual impact on the area and is a great amenity for golfers and walkers.

Create a lake for paddle boarding, canoeing, or water activities.

Would the café space be big enough to run events, workshops, community gatherings in?

Sculpture park?

Re-focusing the development of Entry Hill towards coaching and youth participation will help secure its long term future and should not be discounted as an option.

I would support community food growing space, outdoor education or forest school activities (though not an entire school), walking and running trail. Baines needs to be thinking about community and the climate emergency when considering what to do with this space. And trees!! No cutting down any more trees!

If the course has to close then I would support a MTB park as an alternative. This would hopefully discourage the unlawful use of footpaths for MTBing in the Bathford Hill and Bathampton Wood areas. The bike park should also be accessible to all with a range of green and blue runs for family and beginner riders, accompanied by a red/black run for experienced riders. A pump track and skills area should also be included. Ideally it would stay as a golf course as I dearly love the place and believe it to be an important asset and green space

Housing, obviously

Another Park Run location

It could be a world leading urban rewilding/biodiversity centre, used for 'green' leisure (e.g. supplying bikes on site for woodland rides) and to involve residents in creating different ecosystems for insects, fish, birds, other animals. A species survey should be taken before change of use and then one every year to monitor progress. Children and families should be heavily involved. It could be a mini Knepp (the Sussex estate featured in the book 'Wilding' which shows the amazing recovery nature can make when given the chance). Its potential will be all the greater if it is linked to new wildlife corridors



through the city. The scope is immense, and just using it for golf or allotments or a bit of biking would be a huge missed opportunity, even if some of those activities can feature in some form.

Wildflower meadows, tree top walkways

A monthly craft market for local people to sell their crafts/local food produce (a bit like Frome monthly market). Tennis courts? A botanical garden area? A greenhouse with unusual plants?

Sensory gardens for children. Especially those with SEN (I work at Threeways school close by to Entry Hill and live opposite the golf course)

An outdoor gym for older people like they have in France - we are so behind over here and they are such fun to use as a lot of us over 60s didn't grow up going to the gym.

Nature reserve areas for encouraging diverse plant and wildlife

Only running track, not bikes the two do not mix and would be dangerous

None needed - the golf course could and should be a very viable leisure business.

Would there be space for a boules pitch or other activities for older residents. a gentle running/walking track around the perimeter.

Nothing commercial; nothing which involves pesticides or any damage to the environment; careful choice of plants and trees. This is a wonderful chance to bring everyone who loves this planet together in a happy, natural and healthy way. The cafe could be stocked with only local produce and give local farmers and artisans another space to show their wares. Don't be deflected; go for it! .

The emphasis should be on access for everybody - not just golf players!

Biosphere

public lavatories. FREE cross training machines for local people to use to get fit

Mountain biking is an olympic sport and growing in popularity. There are many reasons to include it in the renovation plans.

Walking trails with natural play spots.

Cafe , trail , fitness , outdoor exercise , bikes , dog walks - all the things this community would actually use

No

To remain as a golf course

Performance space for music / theatre / arts

Just have it as a park, a place to walk dogs play, exercise and go for a walk in the summer.

No

It seems an ideal spot for periodic community events (festivals, etc), although perhaps that already happens (I'm relatively new to the area).

Make it a lot more obvious how you access the site from Wellsway to encourage usage

Lots of native tree planting. Wildlife areas.



As above

Fitness track/trim trail

No other specific ideas.

No.

The Woodland Trust would be able to support any tree planting.

An outdoor education centre with forest school and family trails would be wonderful

See above - a classic "Victorian" park brought up to date. Somewhere in the city that you can get lost a little! What if you also incorporated a tunnel under Entry Hill to link up with Lyncombe Vale and the Two Tunnels?

No - a bike park is the best idea I have heard of.

N/A

Plant more trees

E-bike course/cycle route, from Bradford road into Bath town centre, also using the route described above.

A high ropes/ tree top course

Rewild parts to enhance wildlife

Outdoor Art and sculpture displays and trails, water features, free drop in taster sessions of all activities, community object and clothing repair shop

Shopping centre

Entry hill Forest park. Mixed use mtb walking play park forest school tree planting

Ski slope and tobogan run like the one in the Mendips?

Dry ski slope!

Another area to grow the amazing Bath city farm?

Picnic areas, if you are doing any hard landscaping bath completely lacks a children's splash pool!!

I think some of the ideas above are excellent. A walking/running trail, a park with cafe, allotments and outdoor education sound very appealing. I would certainly use them and think it would add more interest to the local area. I work in Odd Down and run at lunchtimes so would certainly support using the space for runners/walkers. Maybe the site could even accommodate a second Park Run course to compliment the Skyline route.

Food forest / regenerative agriculture model, earth centre, climate emergency hub for community engagement, permaculture centre,

Community cafe helping people learn new skills. Food could be grown on the site. Could be operated by a local charity - with links to loneliness/grief help

No

zip wires,dry toboggan run,dry ski slope,zorbing,parkour,downhill karting,climbing walls,archery school etc etc



Venue for outdoor yoga, Pilates, meditation

Animal centre, illuminated attraction similar to Stourhead.

Dog friendly area

Very rustic benches here and there, so people who have difficulty walking far can take rests.

A guinea pig farm

Regretably not

Strongly feel this should be retained as a community golf course

See above

Sculpture trail

Na

Cannot most of the suggestions be incorporated into the site obviously some planning to shorten the golf to accommodate the rest.

Keep it natural. Plant trees and wildflowers. Let it be a true outdoor nature reserve that allows people to escape the city

With an excellent special needs School in bus distance it would be lovely to have all facilities built with them in mind.

No

wild areas for the insects.

a cycling/Down hill place seems like the best fit

Make it into an EV charging hub for all of us in Bath that can't charge cars from our homes. People can leave their cars charging on a high speed charger for 30 minutes while they walk the dog, have a stroll, have coffee or lunch in in the cafe etc.. you could even put solar panels over the car charging spaces to provide some of the power...

No

Dirt Jumps

No

Artificial stream

Dirt Jumps

re-wilding

More golf tournaments

A mountain bike park

Dry ski slope



As long as it's nothing to do with bicycles something like an informal all weather running/walking trail

Encourage the wildlife and keep it as a natural park without any purpose built buildings/routes enjoy wildlife that way nature intended and get enjoyment without a cafe or a cycle route with artificial lighting and additional noise

Driving range

It would be great if a cycle route could be designed to get cyclist from odd down to the cycle path in rainbow woods and avoid the horrific traffic on the A3062. Something that skirted the odd down recreation site, had a bridge or tunnel over the wells road, went along the top of the golf course and found a navigable route through fox hill and round the edge of prior park school. That would be excellent.

It would be nice to get more community members into this space. Improving a cafe, for example just look at the National Trust. The idea about bringing children into this space as well would be a welcome addition. I'm not sure how many children currently use this space for golf.

Could it be a "sustainable future" education centre and link to the Schools Climate Emergency Network? Family nature activities eg pond dipping with a sheet of what you might find or bug counting.

Rewilding for creatures to enjoy

I am concerned that like squash it will no longer be possible to play golf as a non-member of a club and I think it's under use is down to lack of investment in the quality of the greens.

Please make it as natural an environment as possible with native plants and lower fertiliser/herbicide use

Would really like the council to preserve this space plant lots of trees and consider the best environmental use of this space

No

Keep it as a golf course

An arboretum ? Rare plant garden, bee hives where the bees keep the honey. Zoned off areas for wildlife only.

NO

Zip wire - see Go Ape

Low Income Housing

No, except for a golf course where the winning bidder (ie Better) have to look after the course, and spend some money on advertising as agreed within their contract. All I see though, is adverts for the pitch and putt course.

Golf Driving range on part of the site.

Rewilding a lot of it but maintaining paths for walkers/runners

No

It should be retained as a golf course that remains affordable to everyone that wishes to use it.

Laser tag



No

No, ideas suggest would have benefit and wide appeal for the community

Cheese rolling! Also look at Government/ other organisations which encourage children to tick off outdoor activities.

Dry Ski slope

Art courses and exhibitions if there's space in the café, permaculture courses, vegetable and mushroom-growing workshops, movie showings and talks, etc.

I would support something that combined golf and other activities that might be compatible. E.g you could lay some mountain bike tracks across the terrain that shouldn't interfere either the golf and then block off days/ time's for each

Ski slope

Possibly advertise for ideas/proposals from local businesses?

No I would like it to stay as it is

Adult wellbeing courses /social prescribing initiatives

Shared use Golf as primary function, including bike trails,walking paths etc and improved cafe etc would be best in my opinion

I would like a section to be left wild

Football golf, tobogganing

Farm cafe and a good cafe

A really exciting, challenging, affordable MOUNTAIN BIKING TRACK :-))))

Educational centre and space for learning about the environment and for to become more self sufficient, as well as care by volunteer working parties to look after the space.

Dry ski slope with toboggan run?

Our deeds show the area to be a landfill so my concern that allotments and growing spaces are being proposed has not taken the risk of contamination into account.

Remodel course to be three practice holes with a driving range.

Yes reduce and or enforce traffic speed on the wellsway and entry hill to reduce pollution levels etc

Dry ski slope

NO

Golf only

The current cafe is dreary, empty flower beds etc

A wild life haven, with more trees.



See previous answers.

nature type reserve encouraging wildlife

Nature park - encourage wildlife - there was once a number of deer but they seem to have disappeared.

Trees trees and more trees

No

Keep it as a golf course

Keep it as a golf course.

It was built on a tip. Keep the green tree lined course as designed

encourage youngsters into golf.

Make it a bit more like Prior Park with signposted walks that don't get boggy in rain and can be used Year round. Walking groups need to be encouraged too. It would benefit from being more welcoming to all not just golfers.

No

Encourage community to enjoy this wonderful woodland course.

No

More trees. Rewilding project

Great place for children and families. Little known resource. Poor advertising

Yup see above box. Rewild. Climate emergency hub for sharing skills. Art spaces for residencies. Lots and lots of trees. Cycle lanes for a proper off road city network linking to Vicky park. Think big.

Yeah focus on supporting what it is rather than change it

No. It's a wonderful golf course. Leave it alone

Since it is the current trend to build student accommodation on every scrap of land in Bath, I have a vision of multi-story, bland blocks of buildings terraced up the hill with multiple coffee shops on the ground floors. Maybe even a cable car or tram running between them.

An indoor climbing wall

MOUNTAIN BIKING

No

No. It's a golf course and that is how it should remain

"Rewilding" Entry Hill Golf Course would provide improved habitats for wildlife, contributing to nature's recovery, would provide a high-quality environment for people to visit and for outdoor education, and would help B&NES Council to address the climate and ecological emergency

Urban bike park + recreational space



I believe that there is sufficient space at Entry Hill to combine multiple uses (golf course, forest school, out door education, food growing and trails for walking and running) with a good cafe. If there area could attract more visitors to enjoy these activities, there would be more opportunities to generate revenues from food and beverage, membership fees, etc

No , leave it as a golf course !

Ski slope / climbing or bouldering

A nature reserve with limited public access

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We are the village green preservation society, God save strawberry jam, and all the different varieties.

I like it as it is

There are lots of leisure opportunities in the area. It would be ok with me to,add others to the golf course but only if it's an addition to the golf course not instead

Retain the golf course and use for educational and ecology

Just encourage more walkers to share the golf course site. Many people don't even know that is an option.

Yes

No

Mountain bike and cycle park

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Cafe, cycling shop/repairs/bike hire

Climbing wall

Not as such. But I would not support building houses on the space.

A cafe which is nice. Farm shop like. Not tacky

Rewilded it could serve as an educational place, a forest school etc. But it should be promoted more vigorously as a golf course and I hope that this consultation will spur all those who love this course to spread the word and get many more people to use it.

I just hope it remains a golf course for all the people of Bath

Why not survey the schools - young people are better placed to advise on such a long term project.

Ski slope?

Saturday park run would be well supported

Cycling or other activities would be awesome.



Mountain bikes for hire

Just not a golf course!

A church building/community centre

No

I wish the course to remain the same - golf is important to a lot of people in Bath- encourage more people to play!

no

Large indoor space for events

Dry ski slope

Spa

No

Just simply improve the visitor/non golfer facilities to balance budgets, a public owned course is not all about profit

Geology interpretation centre (perhaps as part of a forest school)

An access point off Wellsway

Driving range

My family would like an outside space for playing, whether that be ball games, climbing, adventure park, go ape style high rope walk, boules or another family friendly free open space with access to a cafe and free toilets. Our home garden is too small for ball games /running around so park space like this is so valuable.

Outdoor space for families

Dry ski slope and toboggan run - (see Pembrey Country Park for example)

Wildlife reserve

Make it cheaper & more widely available to B&NES residents. Maybe with the Discovery Card. Who knew there was a cafe there?

Either a indoor water park, affordable for the not so well off, fun for the kids when it's half terms etc as Bath isn't great for that, or a giant mini golf course, with water, bridges etc. Or a forest school which is for all years, and again affordable for not so well off people. Something fun for kids to do all year round on holidays off of school. Stops kids getting in trouble and being bored.

A park with good ecosystem

Splash area especially for the summer

Invest in the course and advertising it to public, maybe driving range, maybe crazy golf section. Make it more attractive to the public rather than taking it away completely.



Allotments that involve schools. The produce to be used in the community, old people, food banks etc. Space for people to walk and explore nature would be good too

Outdoor sports like “go ape” for example , a multi use of the space would be great of all listed above to bring community together . Splash pad for the summer heat waves and outdoor natural play areas like rope swings wooden seesaw etc

It would be great if Bath had an outdoor performance space/amphitheatre. As Bath is a Festival city it could be used for music ,literature and drama. There are no performance spaces this side of Bath. Bath has a huge amount of community theatre and amateur companies who would love to use a designated outdoor space on the summer. These performances usually raise money for charity.

It's fine as it is!

Anything to encourage children and young people to engage with nature.

happy for it to be a low maintenance open space for people to enjoy if that is all that can be afforded.

No

Bike trail it is....

Leave it as a golf course

Heated outdoor swimming pool/lido

No

Perhaps a combination of the above ideas

Keep the golf course as it is. Use your funds to maintain the existing parks, rather than deciding to revert ten play areas to plots without play equipment.

A sculptor park like the Yorkshire Sculpture Park. It can still have walking, hiking trails and outdoor forest school. Fielden Clegg and Bradley architects converted the Yorkshire Sculpture park. The buildings there support all sorts of education and the cafe is a destination in its self. It's a perfect model for this site.

Concert auditorium.

No

Wildlife haven as so much development proposed in the area

Pump track

No

Sharing the space with other sports could be possible - but not at the same time, for safety reasons.

The existing fairways will have lots of space for new trees!

sorry no ... I am keen to support it's ongoing use as a golf course



horse riding cross country jump area

At the very least, there should be a basic off-road singletrack access route for cyclists (mountain bikers) in and out of the site. A perimeter trail, would barely impinge on the overall footprint, leaving space for other alternative leisure uses to also have their space. As a nationally recognised advocate for mountain biking and associated facilities, I would be keen to be involved in the consultation process on behalf of the local mountain bike community.

Dry ski slope

Run it as a proper golf course and let the Deer and other wildlife enjoy its peaceful nature.

A combination of food growing, outdoor education, open access and biodiversity improvements would establish the basis of community use. As the community begins to take ownership the Council could then facilitate other ideas as they come forward.

Nature reserve, with forest school, eco cafe

Leave it as a golf course or open parkland

Due to the high amount of mountain biking media in Bath. I think mountain biking course would be great & it could tie in with the two tunnels

No

A bike park would provide a fun, addictive and active activity for children. This would provide an alternative for young kids like myself who without exiting sports turn to video games. I know many people of all ages who would be interested. Look at the success of Leeds urban bike park for reference.

No

Outdoor theatre/ cinema/ event space

Mountain Bike park and skate park

Nope

No

Parkrun location

Dog walking area and forest like Primrose hill

Ponds for diversity, natural meadow land, wildflower beds

Leave it as a golf course - it adds to the diversity of sporting activities available in Bath.

Sculpture / art park telling story of Bath's rich history

I don't understand why you want to change its use.

A maintained walking area

I think I said enough above.

Along with the ideas above manage part of it for biodiversity, integrate with some options from above



Bike park! Perfect!

'Re-wilding' the golf course by planting native trees and wildflowers, then letting nature take its course, would provide two enormous benefits. 1. It would address the climate & ecological emergency by providing carbon sequestration & habitats. 2. Opportunities for children & adults to experience nature in a 'natural' unstructured way is beneficial to mental & physical health. We have enough good play parks in Bath, let's have more spaces where we can run wild!

Plant trees

A place to plant more trees to support carbon neutrality for Bath.

No

A bigger Bike Park :)

A similar operation to Rainbow Woods and perhaps with another pedestrian entrance lower down on Entry Hill or Wells Way

Climate emergency turn it into a woodland with wildflowers

Nope.

No.

A water area paddling pool or water features. There is no water feature in the whole of Victoria park, which is sadly missing in the summer.

No

Rewild the area and use for educational purposes.

Keep it as a golf course but SUPPORT it with a pro who would encourage young people to learn the game and enjoy it. I live in Whitley village and we have a vibrant older and younger membership which is run by two brothers with huge enthusiasm who can see what people old and young need and have recently discussed a weekly session with the pro taking people living with dementia onto the course who have previously played golf but lost confidence. That is real community spirit, to help people live as well as they can without always thinking about how much money they can make.

Outdoor gym

No

No

A big bmx track

Urban bike park

Skate/scooter ramp/bmx area

Outdoor exercise machines around a running trail.

Needs pedestrian / cycle access from Wells way

Football golf



My advice would be to leave it as it is, or incorporate it into an extended Royal Victoria Park (without the car parking and commercial events). If the land is too expensive for BANES to manage, you should hand it over to the National Trust so that it can become part of the Bath Skyline estate.

Mtb park

An arboretum

See question 10

Why not move Bath City Farm there and use the current Bath City Farm land to build much needed council houses?

Bike park only please

Bike Park!

BIKE PARK / Cycle center

See question 10 response

Wildlife hospital

All weather off road running route, potentially a short area floodlit would keep it relevant year round much like many European towns have.

Complimenting a cycling.

I think indoor rock climbing is a great and growing past-time. I go to Writhlington School but Bath has nothing like this. I appreciate it requires investment but I do think there is potential for this to be viable.

A split shared space where a driving range and small golf centre is maintained, but with trails for both runners and MTB around the perimeter, would suit both parties

Advertise Entry Hill golf and prosper.

cyclo cross racing

BMX track

No, other than keeping this beautiful area used by so many people for so many things.

Leave it as it is.

dry ski slope you have the hill it would just need a surface and recovery system

No all the above suggestions are valid

None other than those suggested

Build a bridge to link it up with Odd Down cycle centre to expand the options for visiting

Mountain bike trail centre

No and I would be extremely disappointed with BANES if this facility is lost

No, it should stay as a golf course.



Multi sports facility. Enough space to fit in a wide variety of sports with the correct planning

Bathscape used us as part of their bid, maybe part of the £1.8 million they received could help the golf course!!

Bee keeping

if more money was spent on it it could easily become a much more enjoyable course for other clubs to come and compete at pete to

The future leisure use should be an improvement to the current facility and remain a municipal golf course.

Nature reserve? A wild space to teach the city how nature can mitigate climate breakdown

No

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Any alternative future use of Entry Hill Golf Course would require considerable investment to improve the facilities, security and probably health and safety.

Driving range with floodlights!

Would love to have cycling facilities here to bring my children too

Rewilding in combination with education and walking trails

No

Something like 'go ape'

I am a mountain biker and have to travel a long way for a decent bike park.

Bike park and cafe

Mountain biking area

No

MTB bike park

Down hill mountain bike trails

Keep it as a golf course and maintain it then more people will want to play there.

No

No. Any able bodied person can walk. It's a cheap activity.

No

Dry ski slope

Indoor training facilities alongside a bike park would be amazing

I love the idea of a bike park/family cycling centre. Walking and running trails could potentially be a part of this plan too!



mountain bike park

Keep it simple

The cafe is a great place. I'd keep/ develop that. There is also potential for outdoor education activities for local families and schools. It is possible to manage a coexistence of golf and outdoor education activities with some innovative thinking. There is space elsewhere for a 'forest school' such as on St Martin Garden school site in collaboration with the Palladian Trust.

Golf is well provided for in Bath - find a use that reaches those who are not usually active & lower in income

More trees and rewild the site for nature

A lake or some stretch of water would be a great addition. The focus for nature rather than human will be key. This could be used as a hub for teaching how to grow and rewild to mitigate the climate emergency.

Perhaps keep it as a golf course at certain times & open for walkers the rest of the time

Bike park

Make a mix use of a pitch and put with the walks and cafe. The landscape will allow a mix of use in tiers across the hillside

Nature Reserve with an Education Centre that runs through out the year. Rent to or work with Conservation Charities who are struggling to fund their education programmes, for example Somerset Wildlife Trust.

Green gym

Open it up a bit more with more access points? Advertise it better?

No

No

Woodland lungs for the city

Another city farm. Burial space. Council houses/ecohomes

Gravel bikes, not too technical, don't make it exclusive for onerous jumping mountain bikers! Gravel biking means people can actually cycle to Bath from BANES and then ride round it and cycle home again,

I strongly support using the area to teach children about wildlife, so support 'wilding' projects to encourage more insects and birds..

Leave it as it is?

No

Zip wire? Tree top walk?

Keep it as it is! the Rainbow woods offer walks and play areas and forest school.

No

Conservation area, attracting all wildlife with ponds, marshes, bird feeders, hedgehog houses etc etc



A driving range would be good for the golfers

Bath could do with more outdoor swimming facilities that are affordable and safe. Climate change is causing heat waves and flooding and I really do want my kids to be swimming in the river where the water is untreated and where there are dangerous currents and deep water. Odd Down and Entry Hill are ideal spaces to have out of town swimming facilities. Re the clean air zone, it would be good encourage people not to drive into the city centre for swimming. Also, how about an outdoor climbing area? There is nowhere else nearby and it could not only provide leisure opportunities but also income for the council.

AN INDOOR BOWLS CENTRE

A Miami outdoor Gym would be wonderful

city nature reserve and place of peace in a busy city environment

Keep as it is

Redevelop the council owned depot land further up the hill from the golf course. This could include items such as children's play equipment, outdoor gym equipment, a nature trail including information boards on the history of the Bath stone mines. Provide a waymarked walking/running route around the perimeter of the golf course.

Just an open public space with greenery and peace & quiet

Redevelopment of the council owned depot area, if possible. This is another area of landscape that could be made accessible to the public with nature trails and information about the mines.

The club has golf clubs for hire - why are young people not encouraged through schools to take part. Remove the idea that it's an expensive sport and only for those with money.

NO

No. Leave Entry Hill golf course alone.

Quiet open meadow land with the cafe remaining at the top. Sheep grazing. Deer park. Walking trail. Wildlife pond. Anything which maintains the cure t outlook and open space without noisy activity. More tree planting. Access from Wellsway and the bottom of Entry Hill.

No

Community park and exercise activities

Leave as is for walking (so minus the bunkers and flags)

Leave it alone



APPENDIX 6 - Response from Woodland Trust

- Given the climate and nature emergency, and these interrelated issues being central to B&NES' emerging Corporate Strategy, we strongly support this site being managed as a 'nature recovery' site with strong connections to wider ecological networks, which is publicly accessible and actively encourages the wider community to connect with the natural world and learn new skills. Given the urban nature of this site, enabling all groups to engage with nature is a key opportunity.
- There is already a well-established tree-scape on the site, which should be further expanded through natural regeneration and some native planting as appropriate - acting as an important carbon store as well as providing important habitat for nature and a space for people to connect. Woodland is important on this site as part of a wider mosaic of habitats which best mimics natural processes (i.e. some open spaces).
- While a biking park would provide a great opportunity for active outdoor sports, we advise, if this is the preferred route, that this usage is carefully integrated and balanced with other uses, including walking paths and outdoor learning areas, as well as safeguarding areas for nature recovery (with appropriate signage to maximise engagement).
- We would welcome consideration of developing a Community Tree Nursery on this site. Given B&NES' ambitious targets for new trees, we highlight that a small tree nursery could be important in providing some locally sourced trees towards that target (especially harder-to-grow trees that are harder to source from nurseries), while providing a skills & learning opportunity. We are working with Community Tree Nurseries around the South West and would be happy to put you in touch to share learnings.
- The Woodland Trust would welcome further engagement on how we could best support such an accessible nature recovery site, including through tree provision, support and advice. We would be keen to help shape the right approach to expanding the existing tree-scape, including ecologically appropriate species mix, and where planted, from UK & Ireland Sourced & Grown sources.

