

**REPORT ON FINDINGS OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION**  
**With the Residents of Crossways on Open Spaces**  
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Members of the community put four areas of land forward, for the community to discuss and give their preference, for new facilities to be installed:

- Option 1. The Playing Field, Dick '0' th Banks Road (Pavilion end)**
- Option 2. The Playing Field, Dick '0' th Banks Road (rear of field)**
- Option 3. The Youth Club area**
- Option 4. Quarry land**

- Options 3 and 4. The Parish Council does not own the land. Recent enquiries reveal they are not likely to be owned by the Parish Council in the foreseeable future, if at all.
- Options 3 and 4 were the two areas least favoured by the community.
- Options 1 and 2 are the only workable Options to make progress with.
- The consultation results confirm the community favour pursuing one of the two locations at Option 1 and 2, with Option 2 being the most popular choice.

Extensive consultation, facilitated by DCA, has taken place with the whole community of Crossways from February 2007 to February 2008, assisted by the Community Support Officer, Vickie Hedges of Dorset Police. The Parish Council has been fully involved in all aspects, and every stage, of the consultation process. Those Parish Councillors who have not attended any/or all of the Consultations have received written Reports and been kept informed.

Previous consultation, which resulted in the 2004/05 Village Plan and then followed by the 2006 Crossways Children & Young People's Plan, is included.

**Evidence of Consultations:**

- 1. 2004/05 Village Plan – Leisure & Sport – Aim: to maximise leisure and sport opportunities for villagers.**  
***Actions 1 and 2 specifically support greater use of sports field - and developing a multi-use games area.***
- 2. 2006 Crossways Children & Young People's Plan –**  
***Top Action recommended improving the park and play areas***, followed by 'adults and children working together' to create a better place – partnership working.

**3. February 2007.** Crossways youngsters requested to meet all the people in Crossways who 'help make things happen.' A 200+ signature Petition for skate facilities was presented to those Parish Councillors present.

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**4. July 2007. Site meeting with residents at Yalbury Lane**

See attached Report (A).

***No. 1 recommendation by residents was to pursue the playing field project – increase and improve facilities.***

**5. November 2007. Public Community Consultation at Frome Valley School**

See attached Report (B). Four site Options had now been suggested by the community and were debated by everyone.

**Findings: Option 2 came out as the favoured option achieving the highest number of 'positives.'**

**6. December 2007. Mailshot to all Magna Residents by Magna Housing Association.**

Information included in the Response Forms total, Report (C) below.

**7. December 2007 – January 2008. Display and Response Forms**

available for the community to fill in, for one month's duration, sited at Crossways Library.

See attached Report (C).

**Conclusion – Option 2. was the favoured option.**

**8. February 2008. Site visit to three concrete skate parks in the Bournemouth area.**

**THE COMMUNITY HAVE OVERWHELMINGLY VOTED FOR OPTION 2 AS THEIR PREFERRED OPTION.**

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