

Consultation Template

Lead Officer	Jason Foster
Service Area	Street Scene & Liveability
Portfolio Holder	Councillor Judith Driver

Name of Consultation	Open Space Strategy
What is the consultation about	<p>To determine where people go for outdoor recreation within Rossendale and to determine the priority of improvements for these open spaces based on need from population indices. We wanted to know what issues people have that would make public open spaces more welcoming and attractive.</p> <p>An action plan of improvements, at ward level, to all parks, gardens and areas of open space was drawn up from comments received. The action plan lists priorities for improvements up to year 2020 and will enable Rossendale Borough Council to target resources where they will have greatest impact and serve the needs of the local community in the most appropriate way.</p>
Who are you consulting with	The population of Rossendale
Why are you consulting with these groups	We need to ensure that Rossendale is an attractive, welcoming and safe place for the people who live here.
Timescale of consultation	6 months
What consultation methods are you using	<p>Questionnaires were sent to Community groups, youth clubs, faith groups, public service organisations, libraries and local councillors for distribution.</p> <p>We also attended public events in Rossendale such as the Mela, Community Forum meetings, and small local events. Adverts were placed in the Free press and Rossendale Alive newsletter to advertise the survey. An on-line questionnaire was also made available for people to complete.</p>
How will you communicate the results and when	Results will be documented in the Open Space Strategy for Rossendale

Please complete this section to tell us about what you have done as a result of the consultation findings.

YOU SAID: There is a need for attractive, welcoming, safe and accessible recreational areas in Rossendale

WE DID: Produced the Open Space strategy which will enable Rossendale Borough council to deliver a strategic approach to targeting available resources where they are going to achieve the greatest impact. We will be able to deliver a programme of work based on need and priorities drawn from comments made by the general public.

If you have any further queries please contact Miladur Rahman on 01706 252413