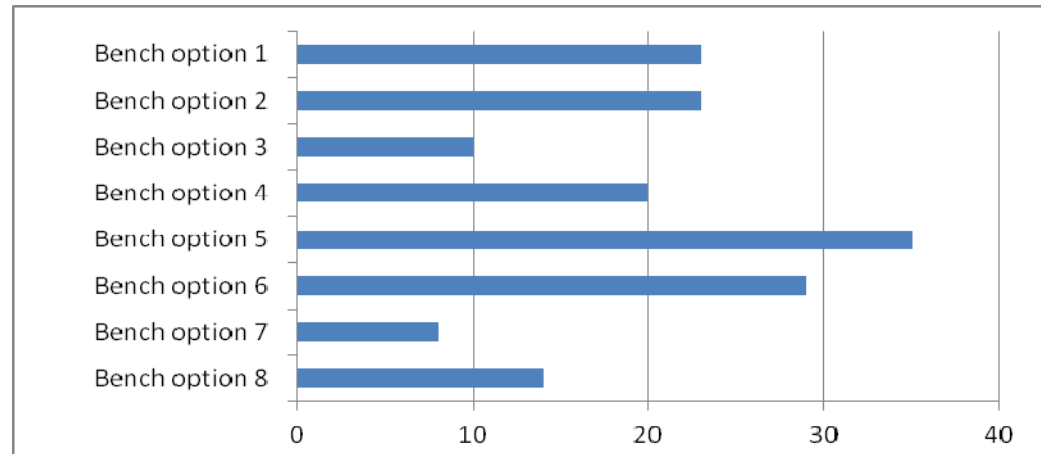


Park at Fountainbridge Consultation Summary

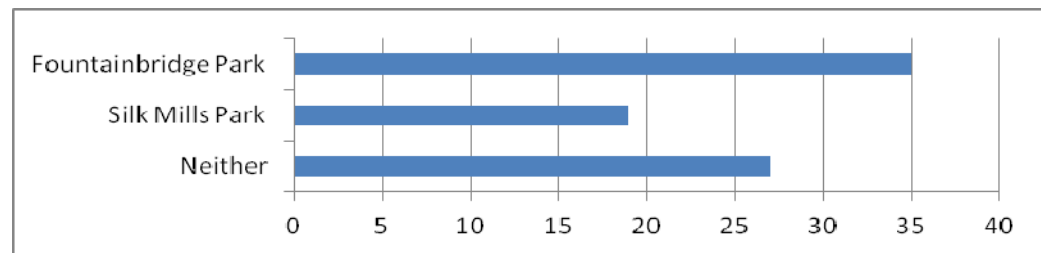
Please tell us what your favourite options are for the benches. Please pick up to three.

| Option | Total | % |
|------------------|-----------|----|
| Bench option 1 | 23 | 30 |
| Bench option 2 | 23 | 30 |
| Bench option 3 | 10 | 13 |
| Bench option 4 | 20 | 26 |
| Bench option 5 | 35 | 45 |
| Bench option 6 | 29 | 38 |
| Bench option 7 | 8 | 10 |
| Bench option 8 | 14 | 18 |
| Not Answered | 9 | - |
| Responses | 77 | |



Please pick your preferred choice of name for the park.

| Option | Total | % |
|---------------------|-----------|----|
| Fountainbridge Park | 35 | 43 |
| Silk Mills Park | 19 | 23 |
| Neither | 27 | 33 |
| Not Answered | 5 | |
| Responses | 81 | |



Park at Fountainbridge Consultation Comments

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| Please tell us what your favourite options are for the benches. Please pick up to three. - Comments on bench options |
| #1 and #2 will hold water, freeze, and the stone will break. My choice, reluctantly, is #5 as the only one with back support. |
| A bench with a back wood and metal good combination...whichever is smaller of the 2 is my preference....possibly option 5. |
| A mixture of the more modern designs beside the hall and school and the traditional one along the canal would be OK by me |
| All options are ridiculous. The first three will gather both graffiti and be waterlogged - making them impossible to sit on for majority of the year. What is wrong is a standard bench? |
| Anything that collects water is going to get dirty and be un-usable by older people who really need seating, or mums trying to feed babies, or children in school uniforms - the most important feature is that it will dry clean and not accumulate water and dirt. I liked options 1 &2 but fear they will accumulate dirt. Option 3 I felt might be unsuitable to older people, anyone with balance issues, they need a stable level surface with an arm to help them up and down. Options 4 and 5 are more suited to the needs of people who need a bench in the park..not to climb on but to sit and eat a packed lunch or rest, or watch family. It would be good to have more contemporary but functionally designed options, the only contemporary designed options here are not very practical I think. |
| Bench option 1 currently outside Scottish Parilly, Never knew it was a bench and never seen them used. Please can we have standard wood or metal benches? |
| Bench options 1,2 and 3 don't seem so great because they are white, and that colour will just show the dirt more. |
| Benches need back if those most needing to sit down are to use them. There needs to be more than one in case one is already occupied by someone you don't want to engage with. |
| Both practical and attractive. Other abstract designs in Edinburgh similar to some of the other options are not well used or functional. |
| Don't like any of them - flimsy or ugly!! Why not get the public to submit designs - where on earth are these from?? |
| I do not agree with these futuristic benches, what this park needs is your average triangular shaped 'Green Bench'. These bench's can be found in places like Morningside Park and Bruntsfield Links. 'Green Bench' supplies opportunities to communicate with your friends and you will keep warmth with the amount of people you can fit on them. I would be pleased to receive a reply to the email address from the previous page. Yours sincerely, [Redacted] |
| I feel the most important thing is that the benches are comfortable! The simple ones in Harrison Park are fine. It would be nice to have a few set adjacent to each other so people are encouraged to talk. A picnic table or two would be good and something for kids to scramble on /hide in. Hope there will be recycling bins. |
| I gives space to lounge about and 6 for bringing a something to eat, read or drink and just sit with family. |
| I like option 1, my concern would be that a) water would pool in some spots, b) muddy shoes would soon make it unattractive seating. The wood seat benches are attractive but i) easy to vandalise ii) seat back are too low for elderly folks who need more support. |

I like the unique ones (first 3) but think there MUST be a more tasteful option in the 'traditional' section (4-8) as they all look like they are from B+Q!! Nasty!

I particularly like option 1. I hope that different benches would have different contours.

I prefer a traditional type of bench. There will be plenty of grass for people to lie down on, they don't need sculptured recliners.

I prefer traditional designs for the benches.

I think the benches are not really right for the small space of the park. Simpler and more natural looking benches would, I think, be more suitable. Also options 1,2,3 would be targets for graffiti and hard to clean up

If the park is to be a community facility the benches need to be usable by people of all ages ie. they must have a back for leaning against and a warm seat option 5 looks good.

Its good but a more traditional bench made out of wood would be better for a park, it also looks too modern

I've gone for the rather more trad options, as sadly this is not the Mediterranean and we have a cold wet climate for much of the year, so some of these designs will collect water and become slimy if not maintained.

Love this one [Option 1] but appreciate that older and disabled people might find it hard to use do there would need to so, so be more traditional seating available.

Metal is easier to maintain, the higher seat is easier for older/disabled people to use and it will take up less space in a small park.

Mixture of more unusual and more traditional benches would be good

More practical over time

Much prefer the use of wood and iron/steel. An industrial feel for a site that was dominated by industry.

My one concern with options 1 and 3 are whether they would too often have puddles from rain held in the dips. Option 2 has the wooden side to sit on, which I imagine would take less time to dry.

Need to be able to rest a bottle or lunch box on the bench to access for feeding babies, the curvy options won't allow that and they'll also store water after rain

None of these look suitable in terms of comfort or durability for what will be a very busy site also none has any reference to the history or nature of the site

None. Needs something more to do with the canal.

Not keen on love hearts...

Older citizens require back support and cannot easily get up from ground level. Some of the surfaces appear too cold for sitting on outside of high summer.

Option 1 - No - It rains a lot in Scotland and the water will stay in the folds.

2 - No - Doesn't have a basic support.

3 - No

My favourite 5 and 6.

Option 1 is a great design for a place with a dry climate, but as it rains quite a lot here, won't rain get trapped on it?
Option 7 is also a nice design, but not very safe/practical for young children or people who need back support.
I really like the benches that have wooden elements, but as the wooden benches on the canal previously were vandalised- is there a way to prevent this happening if any of the wooden options are selected?

Option 1 is hideous and impractical: would attract graffiti; uncomfortable; kill the grass underneath it; litter would collect underneath it; far too massive for a tiny park; ditto 2 and 3; none of them have any backs. Options 5,6,7 are practical and attractive, though 6 and 7 seem a bit large.

Option 2 needs something to ensure skateboard could not damage the wooden seating. Ideally something to protect it.

Options 1, 2 and 3 will withstand the weather well because they appear to be constructed from concrete or glass reinforced plastic. These designs feel more suitable for a public space, the others are more traditional and seem more suitable for a garden.

Plain benches that are long lasting and vandal proof please.

Probably 5. But none look very durable.

Some of those benches look like they would collect water. I quite like number three but they look like they might be cold, I'd go for ones like in Princes' Street Gardens.

Something sculptural as long as it is still practical

The benches should primarily be of a hard-wearing and long-lasting material which will require minimal cleaning and be less likely to be vandalised. The concrete/stone options therefore seem most suitable.

The key thing is that as well as being nice that they aren't disassemblible. The most recent benches were there days before having slats unscrewed.

The park will look modern and suit young people from the school if it has bold design.

There should be a better variety of benches and different colours

There should be green benches like the ones at Morningside Park / Brutsfeild Links.

Think the curved shape of these benches reflects the waterside location.

Whilst I like option 1 as a sculpture and to look at, but it wouldn't occur to me to use it as a bench!

I like the that 2 looks like a big stone.

6 looks like small children would ge their head stuk inteh bars/ impale themselves on the spikes. 5 is better, but on both I like the fact there's a wee table thing to put stuff on.

Why is there no green benches like the ones at Morningside Park and Brutsfeild Links. They are quality benches and everyone likes so it would be much better if you put them in. The green benches are very good as they are in a circle and they have a table so you can eat your packed lunch. Also when you sit on them, everyone can see each other so it is nice and snug!!!!

you can get quite a lot of people on them and are stylish and modern

| Please pick your preferred choice of name for the park. - Other suggestions |
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| BMB Park |
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| Boroughmuir Park |
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| Boroughmuir Park - as just by the new school |
| Canal's Edge Park |
| Canalside Park or Waterside Park |
| Castle Mill Park - the name of the former NBRC factory was Castle Mill Works and EP will be naming the building Castle Mill Works, naming the park Castle Mill Park would create consistency in the identity of the area. |
| Castle Mill Park or Silk Park |
| Castle Mills Park, Bainfield Park |
| Field/Garden of Knowledge. Link to school, uni and sculpture. |
| Fountain Park. Rubber Park, Asbestos Park, Boroughmuir Park, Lochrin Park, Second Time Lucky Park |
| Fountain Urban Park |
| Fountainbridge park is too similar to Fountain Park Cinema. How about Mills Park or Rubber Mill Park |
| Good to reflect history of the specific site. Fountainbridge is a bit too general and the park isn't actually on Fountainbridge itself. |
| Great union park |
| I live nearby and I am looking for good access to union canal path from Gibson Terrace. (I used to go this way to walk to my allotment before it got blocked off) Loads of trees, gaps or shade for the summer, looks nice. |
| Lochrin Park, Dundee Street Park, Canalside Park |
| McEwan's Park |
| Memorial park named after local well known deserving person |
| Park yer backside down and relax |
| People dont know about Silk Mills maybe so using the name and getting a board or two up to explain about it can honour the history. |
| Silk mills gardens |
| Soliton Park - after the waveform discovered on the canal in the 19th century. Thereby looking backwards to local history and forwards through reference to science. |
| Soliton Park (after the soliton wave) |

Soliton Park (the wave identified on the Canal) or Hugh Baird Park (designer of the Canal).

Student Green (reflecting the new school and surrounding student accom) or Gibson Green for the nearby road. It's not a "park", which implies a much bigger space.

Union Mills Park

Waterside Park. (The Silk Mills were only ever there about five years).

We can't call it F'bridge Park, there already is one!