

Camden parks survey 2025



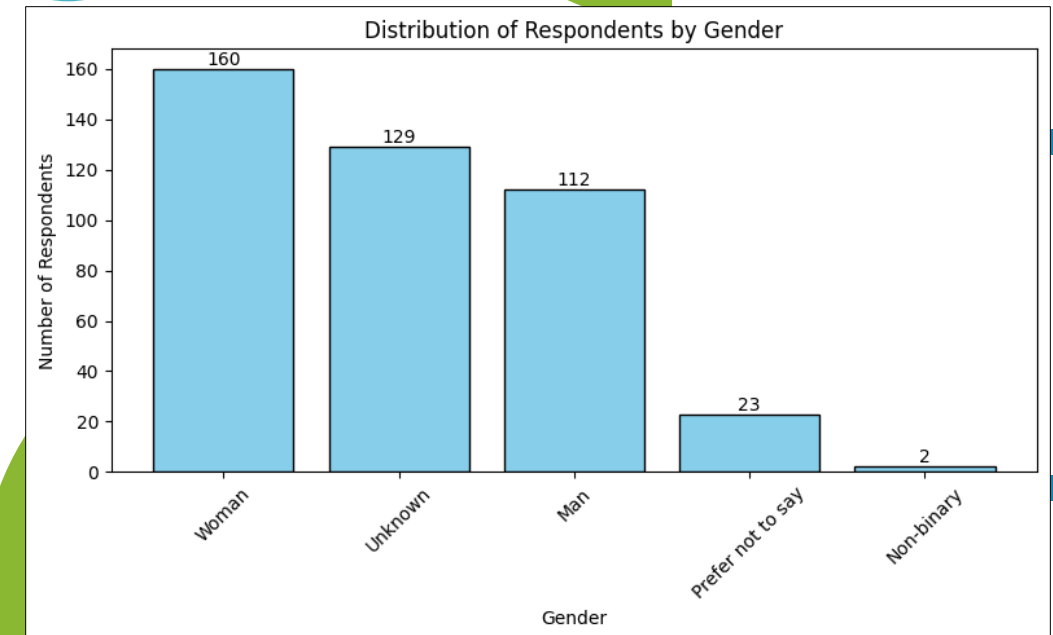
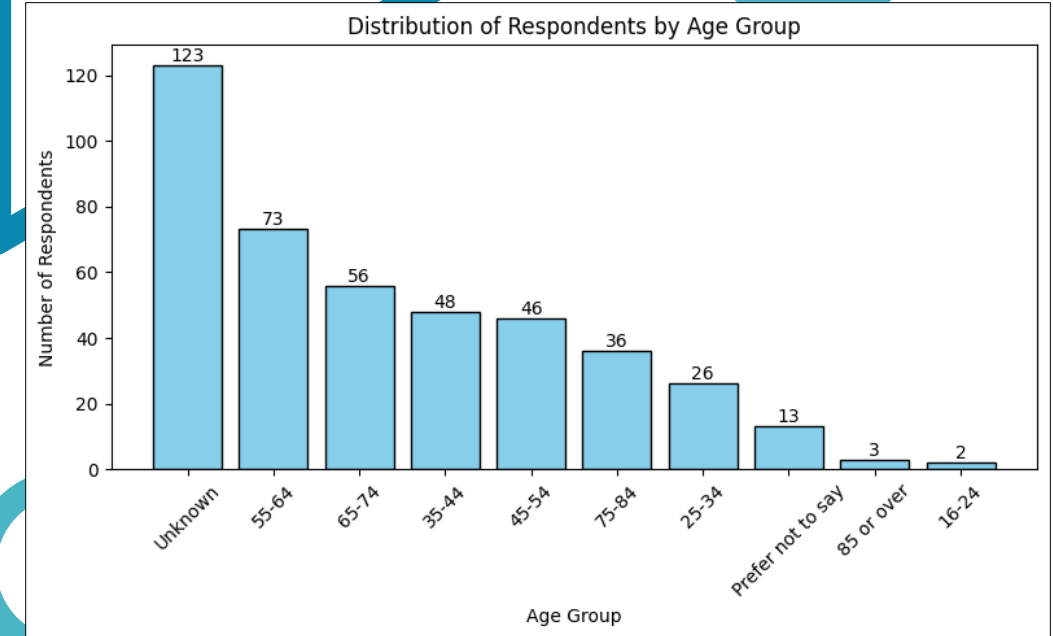
Summary results

Survey Overview

- Total responses: 443 (after cleaning: 426 valid)
- Focus: Local Camden parks (excluding Regent's Park, Primrose Hill, Hampstead Heath)
- Key areas assessed: satisfaction, accessibility, safety, facilities, and demographics.

Demographics

- Age: Most respondents were aged 55–64 (17%)
- Gender: 38% female, 26% male (30% did not disclose)
- The least represented age groups were 16-24 years and 85 years and older, with only 5 respondents in total.
- Ward Representation: 54% did not specify; Kentish Town South had the highest participation



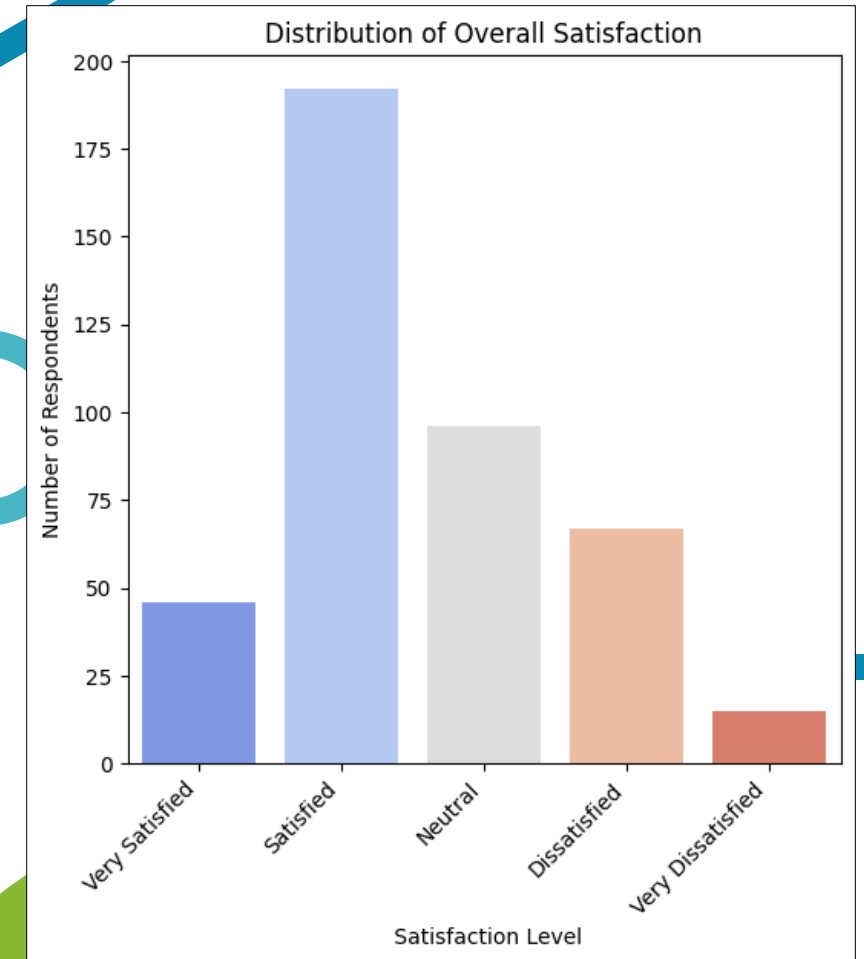
Key Findings

Overall Satisfaction

- 56% of people said they were satisfied or very satisfied with their local park.
- People are more satisfied if they live close to a park and visit often.

Satisfaction was higher when:

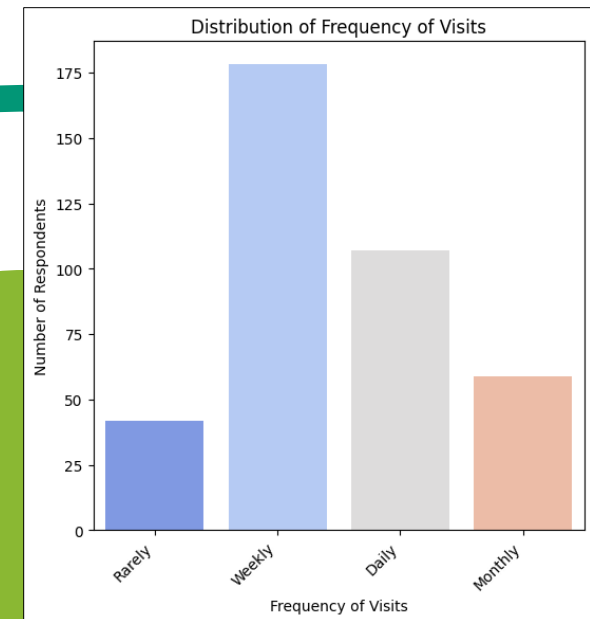
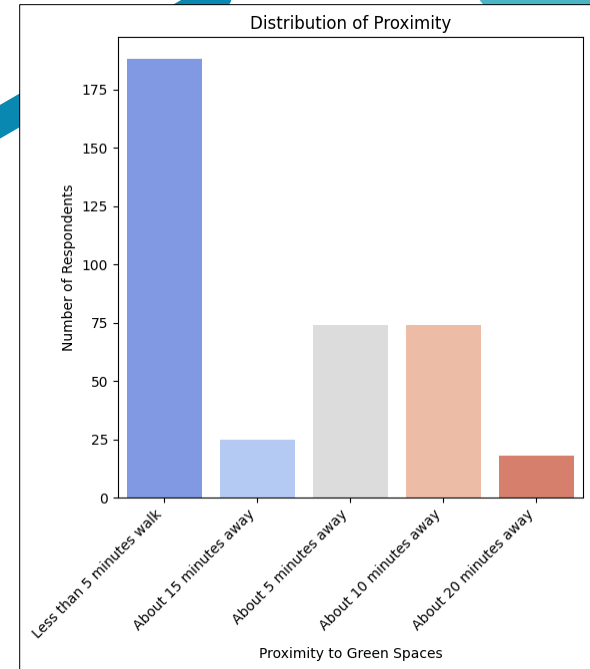
- The park was clean and well looked after.
- People felt safe during the day.



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Proximity & Frequency

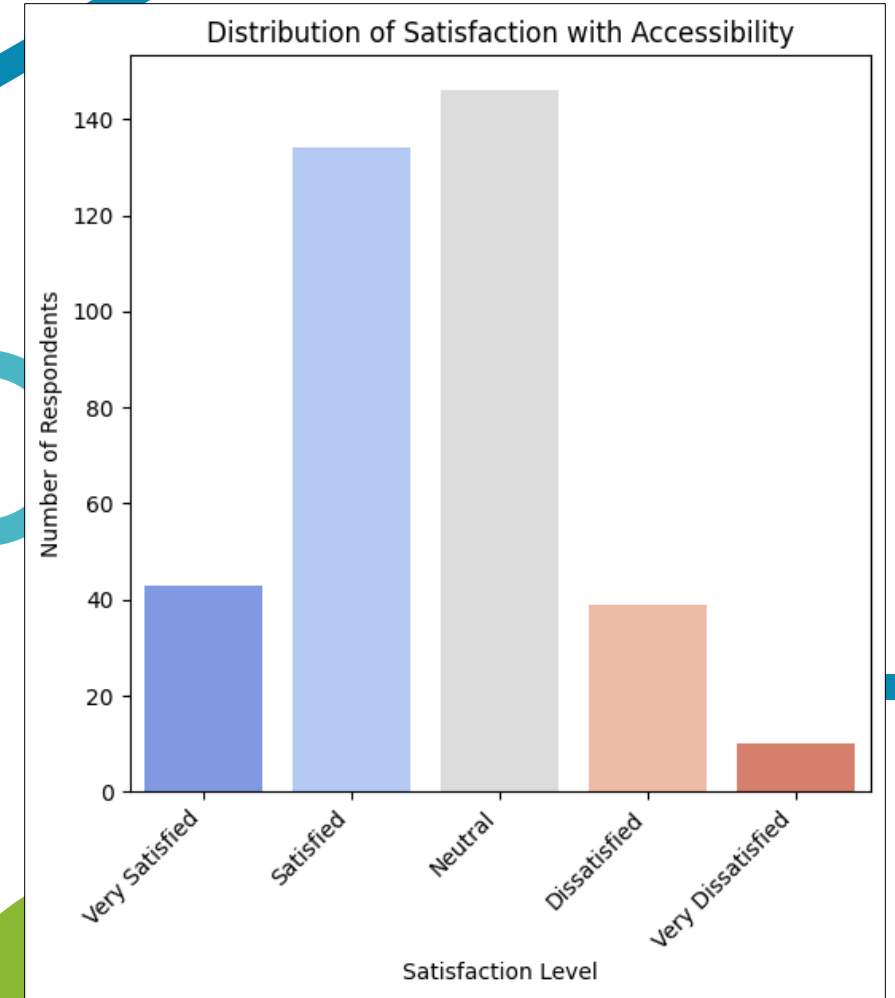
- 44% of respondents (188 people) live within a 5-minute walk of a park.
- Proximity matters: Those who live closer to a park tend to visit more often and report higher satisfaction.
- 42% visit a park weekly, and 25% go daily.
- The most frequent visitors live within 15 minutes of a park.



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Accessibility

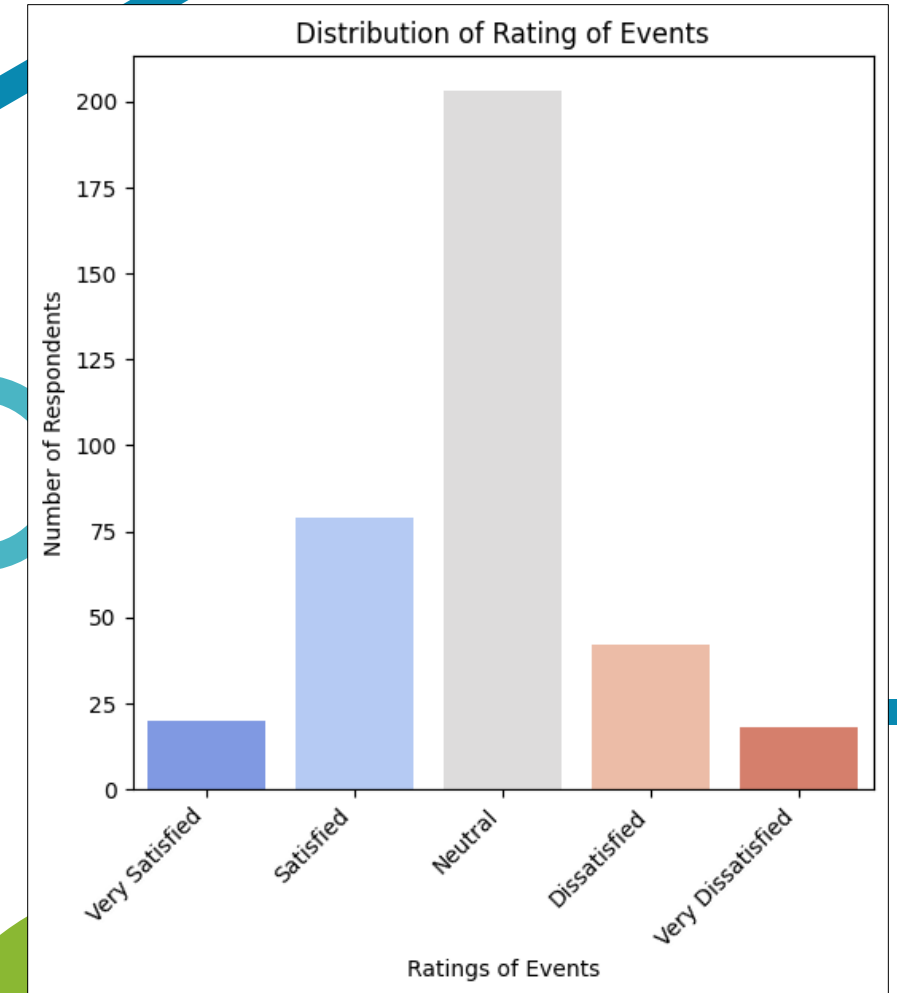
- 41% of people were very satisfied or satisfied with how parks support people with additional needs (e.g. ramps, accessible toilets).
- Around 23% (100 respondents) shared comments raising concerns about a lack of accessible toilets, dogs in parks and safety issues.



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Events & Activities

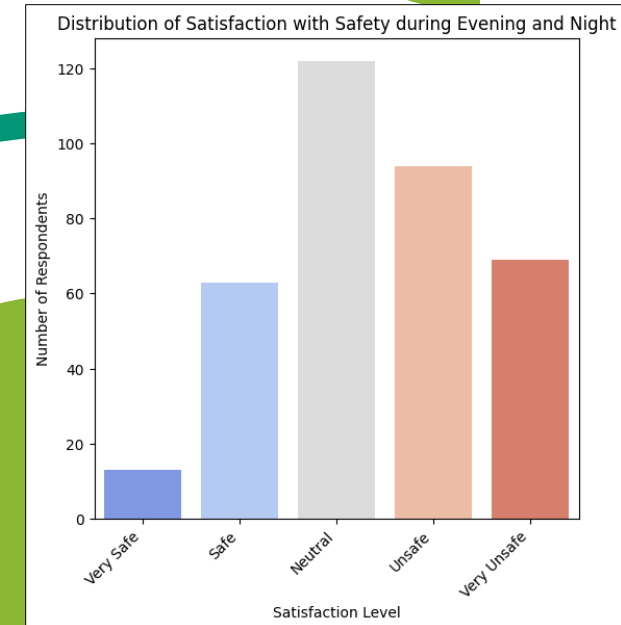
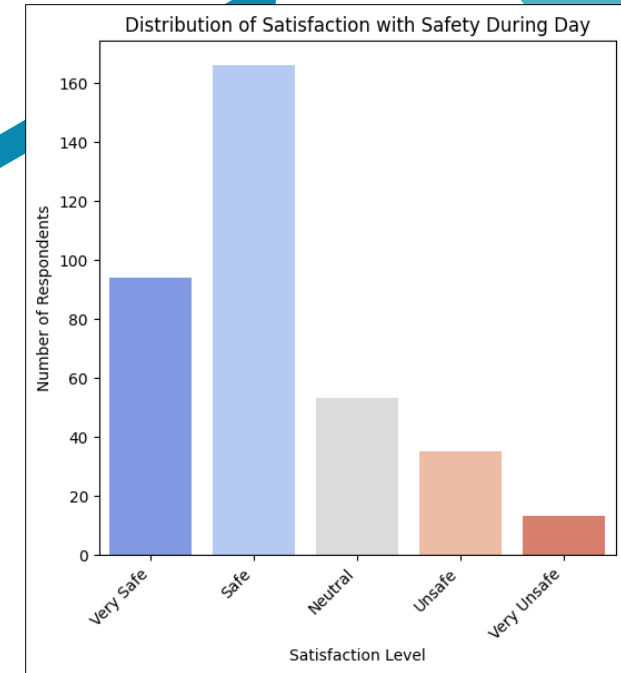
- 48% of respondents (203 people) gave a neutral rating, which may suggest low awareness or limited engagement with parks events and activities.
- 30% (129 people) shared comments – most explained their neutral ratings by pointing to a lack of information or involvement.
- Many called for better communication and more community-led events.



Key Findings

Safety in Parks

- **Daytime:** 39% feel very safe or safe
- **Evening/Night:** 38% feel very unsafe or unsafe
- 131 respondents (31%) shared concerns about safety, including antisocial behaviour and drug use.
- Feeling safe is linked to how clean and well-maintained the park is, suggesting that good upkeep helps people feel more secure.
- There is a clear connection between how safe people feel during the day and how safe they feel in the evening/night.



Key Findings

Facilities in Parks

Seating:

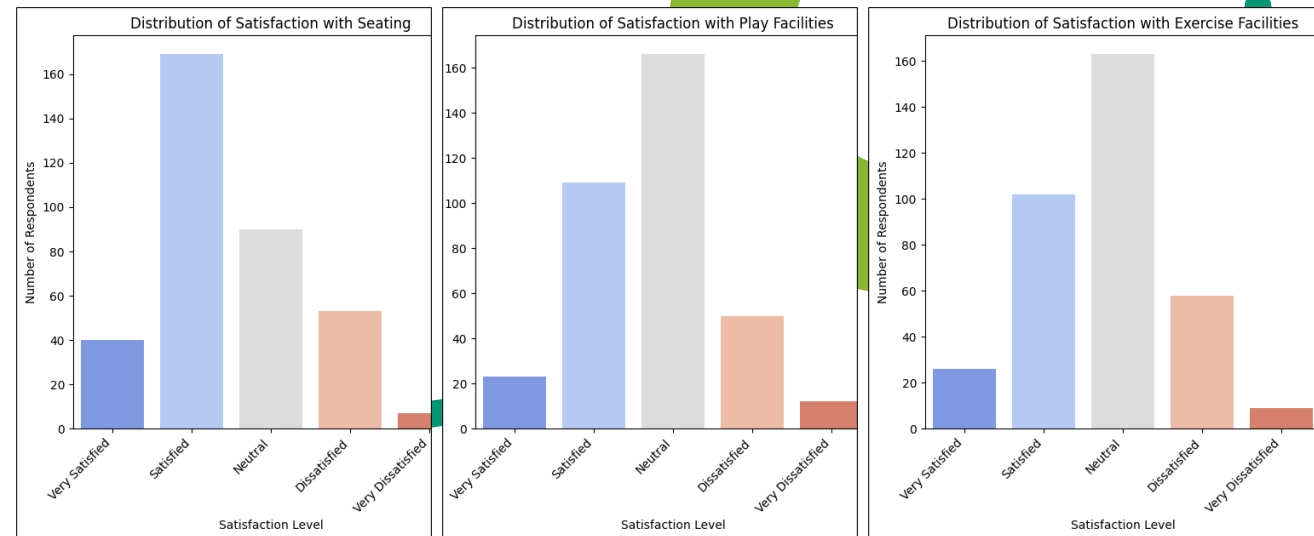
- 49% were very satisfied or satisfied with the availability of seatings, such as tables and benches.

Play facilities

- 31% were very satisfied or satisfied while 39% gave a neutral response.

Exercise areas

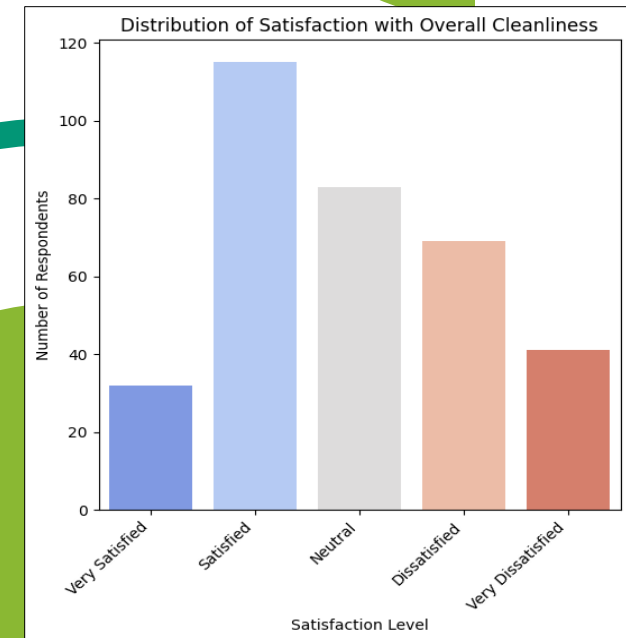
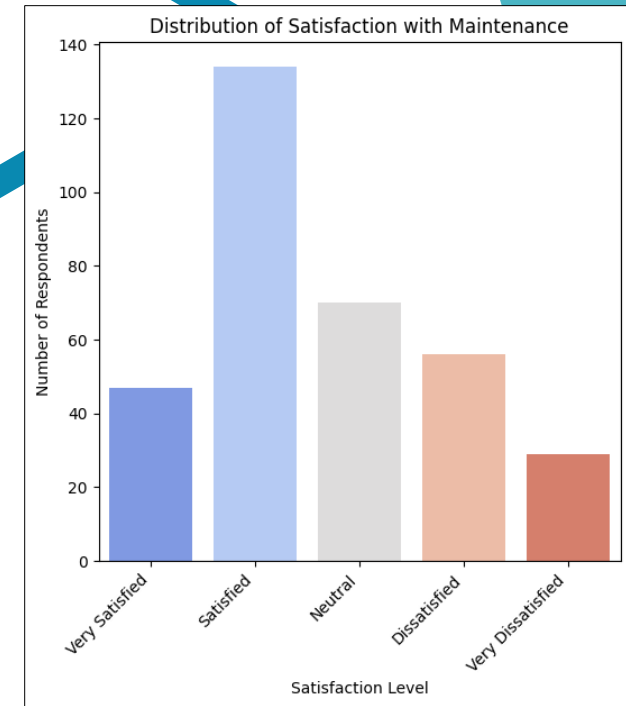
- 30% were very satisfied or satisfied with informal sports and exercise facilities like kick-about areas, Multi-Use Games Areas and outdoor gyms.
- 38% (163 respondents) gave a neutral response.



Key Findings

Overall Cleanliness and Maintenance

- 42% were very satisfied or satisfied with park maintenance.
- 35% were very satisfied or satisfied with the cleanliness while 26% were very dissatisfied or dissatisfied.
- Satisfaction with maintenance and cleanliness is linked to how safe people feel in the park during the day.
- Most comments focused on issues with litter, rubbish bins and dog fouling.



Resident Priorities

- There is strong support for creating more green spaces in Camden to improve frequency of visits and promote access to nature
- The most popular use of parks is for health & wellbeing.
- Top suggestions from residents include better toilets, improved safety and more community-led events with enhanced communication from the council.
- Ensure Camden parks are welcoming, inclusive, and accessible to all.
- Improve facilities across all areas with local engagement critical to determine local need.
- Improving the safety within parks is needed, particularly at night in areas where use after dark is permitted.

