



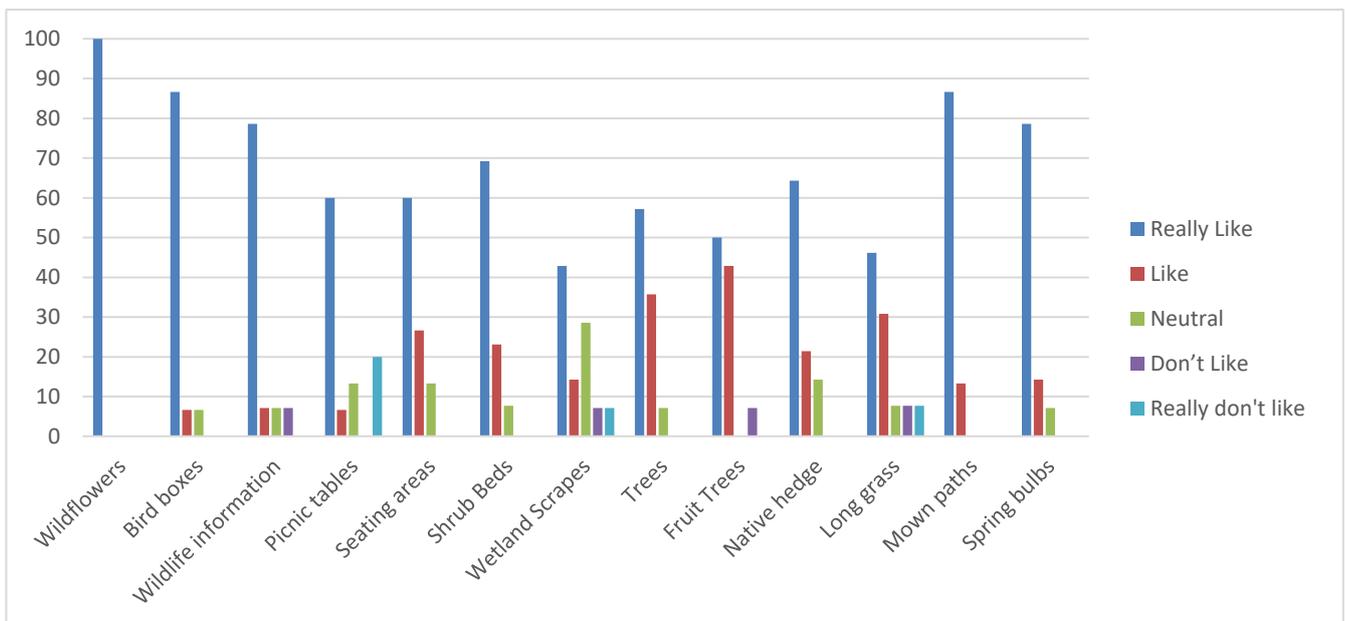
## Making Space for Nature (GI4G2) The Meadows, St Austell: Consultation Feedback July 2020

**Thank you** to everyone who took the time to send in their comments. Overall the Concept Design was very well-received, and most people were in favour of most of the suggestions.

- **21 emails** were received and 1 facebook comment
- 16/47 questionnaires returned = **34% response to postal consultation**

This response encapsulates the project so well and we are very pleased that local residents appreciate the possibilities this will give the wildlife and people of St. Austell:

*"I very much enjoyed seeing the plans for The Meadows and Cemetery Park. I'm excited to visit both areas over the coming months to see how the proposed measures affect wildlife, insects etc and how other members of the public enjoy them. It fills me with so much joy and pride that Cornwall Council are putting so much emphasis on encouraging the natural environment to live alongside our urban areas. I'm sure it is a 'work in progress' and will be years before the new areas will mature, but I hope it will be something that continues to be funded in these difficult times. It is so important to bring wildlife and green spaces into our towns and provide all of us with the joys and health benefits that nature can instill."*



**The Meadows, St Austell: Survey Results – presented as %**



Amongst the general support for the Concept Design, a number of other aspects were raised. We have read and absorbed these and summarised below our responses.

You Said...	We Did...
<b>I strongly support the project and look forward to more wildlife here.</b>	Thank you for the positive comments.
<b>I am concerned that the picnic tables will attract antisocial behaviour.</b>	2/3 of respondents to the survey were in favour of picnic tables. They will be robust and located in open view, near the main path.
<b>I am concerned about vandalism and antisocial behaviour generally here.</b>	Clear sight lines will be kept open and increased footfall may help. Robust, tried and tested seats, picnic tables and wildlife interpretation panel will be installed. Some of the damaged boundary fence can be repaired, subject to costs.
<b>I am concerned about dog mess</b>	We will check on provision of extra litter bins in the area and discuss with St Austell Town Council.
<b>I would like motorbike barriers.</b>	We do not propose a barrier to the entrances as this would make access harder for everyone.
<b>I would like a variety of planting. I want biodiversity and ecology to be the main goal – I don't want it to look like a garden.</b>	We will add many new plant species with lots of natives, to support wildlife. The main goal is an increase in biodiversity.
<b>Is the project going to be measured, to see if it is successful?</b>	The project includes monitoring to measure environmental, social and economic changes.
<b>Could we run a wildlife photography competition?</b>	A photography competition would be a great idea and wonderful way to monitor change on the site as habitats develop and more wildlife arrives.