

Regent Gardens

Project Update

21/10/2019

CHANGED
PRIORITIES

Kirkintilloch – Regent Gardens



- Kirkintilloch town centre is a **vibrant place** for people to **shop, work, eat and meet**.
- A town centre that is a **focal point** for **community activity, events and socialising**.
- A place where people feel **welcome** and **part of the town**.
- An **accessible town** for all

Regent Gardens – Previous engagement

- Christmas Light Switch-On Engagement
- Kirky Gala Day Engagement
- Canal Festival Engagement
- Your Kirky hard copy questionnaire - **495** responses



Regent Gardens – Your Kirky Questionnaire



1. Space for entertainment, markets and events
2. More seating and picnic benches
3. Children's Play Area
4. Space for socialising
5. Cover or Canopy Area
6. More lighting – for safety and atmosphere
7. Improved accessibility across the garden (i.e. no coving stones around grass)
8. Better connection between Gardens, Town Hall and Cowgate
9. Community Information Point
10. Connection to Peel Park
11. Outdoor Gym
12. Heritage interpretation
13. Signage/wayfinding

Regent Gardens – Online Questionnaire



- **535 Responses Online**



Regent Gardens

Imagine a Kirkintilloch where the community is at the heart...



Your Kirky
September 20 at 3:45 PM · 🌐

Final week of consultation – last chance to have your say! Huge response so far but it's important to have your voice heard..

Your Kirky
September 5 · 🌐

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REGENT GARDENS CONSULTATION – Last chance to have your say...

Welcome to third stage of our community consultation on Regent Gardens. So far we've taken everyone'...

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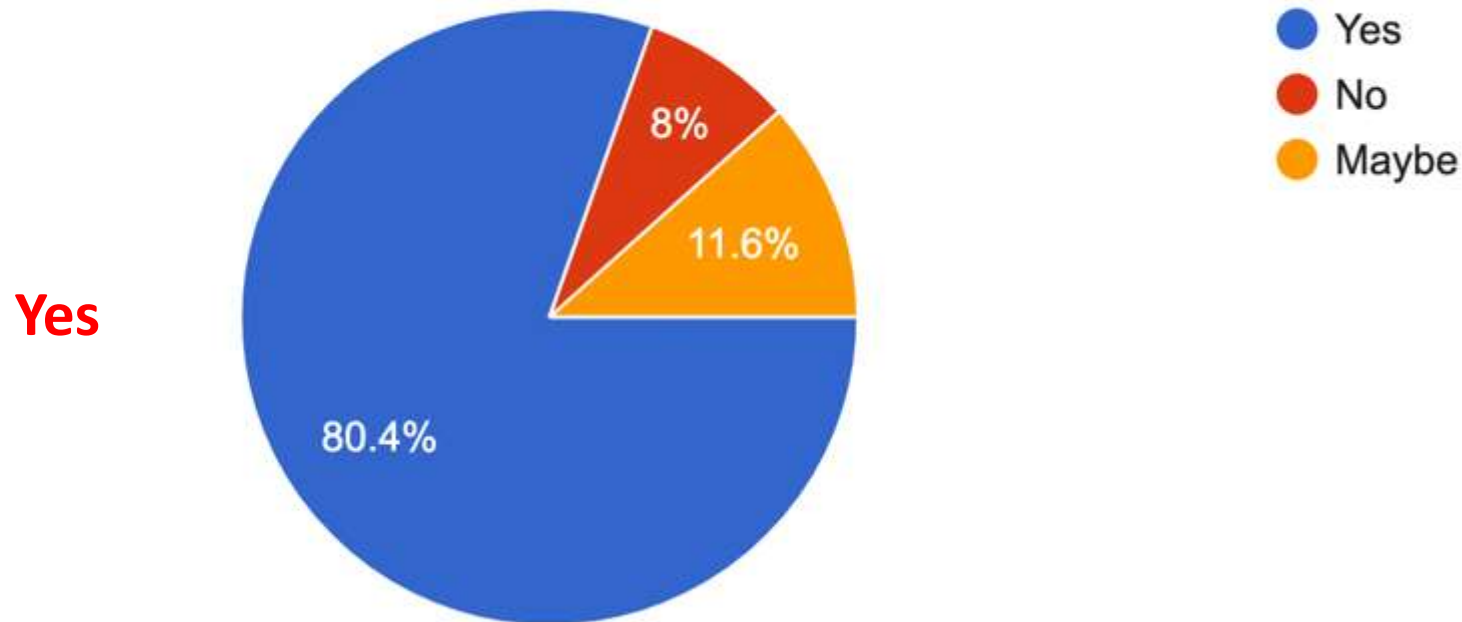
Regent Gardens – Outcomes Online Questionnaire



Priority 1 – Space for events

Do you support this approach to creating a flexible space in Regent Gardens?

490 responses



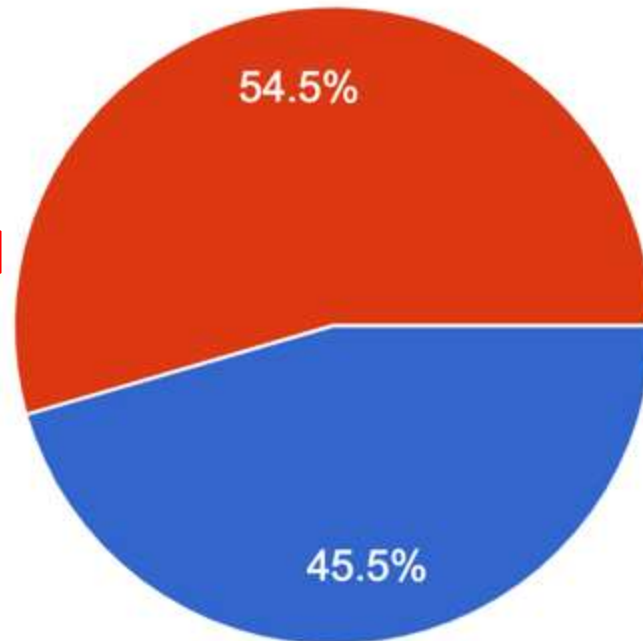
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Priority 2 – Seating and Public Spaces

Which of these two options do you prefer?

501 responses

**More traditional
bench-style
seating with a
contemporary
look/ incidental
play**



- Option 1 - Using landscape features to create areas for seating, rest, picnics and socialising.
- Option 2 - More traditional bench-style seating - with a contemporary look/ incidental play.

Regent Gardens – Outcomes of Online Questionnaire

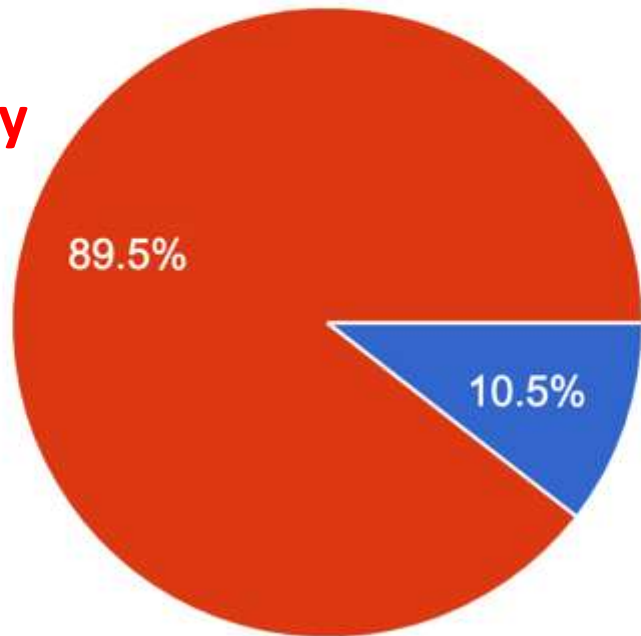


Priority 3 - Play

Which of these two options do you prefer?

494 responses

Incidental Play



- Option 1 - Formal play.
- Option 2 - Incidental play.

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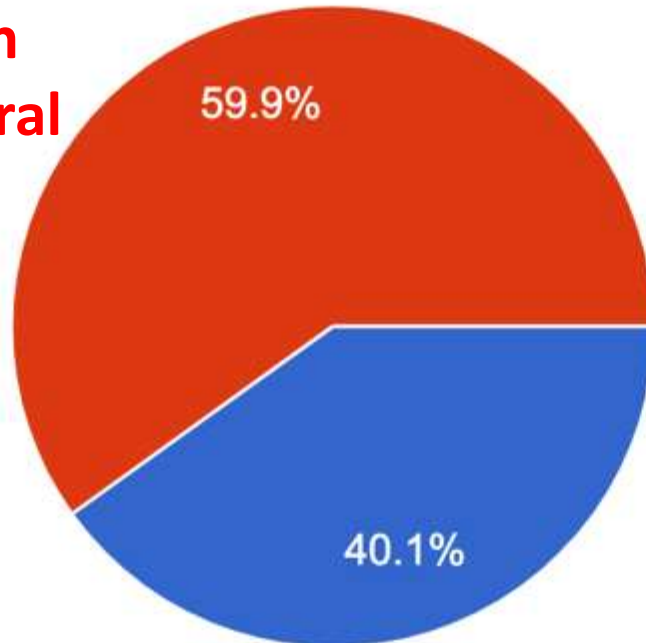


Grass or Hard Surface

Which of these two options do you prefer?

509 responses

**Full grass/green
option for central
area**



- Option 1 - Partial or full hard landscape surface on central area.
- Option 2 - Full grass/green option for central area.

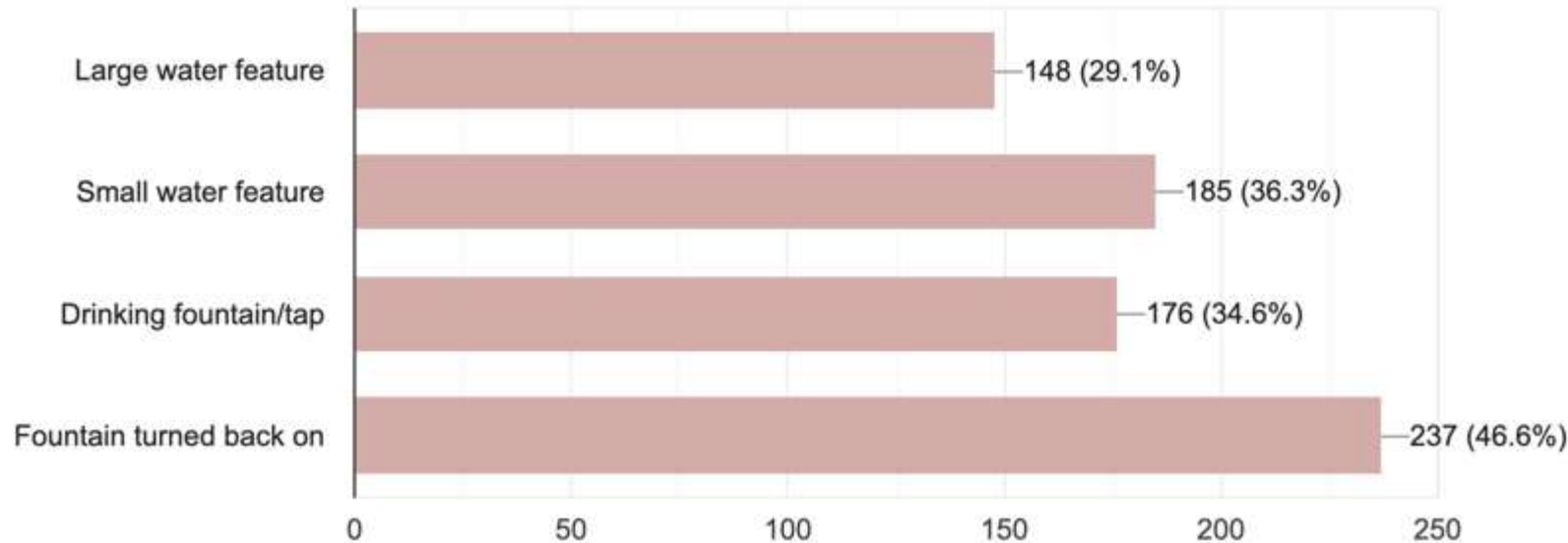
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Water feature

Which of these would you like to see in Regent Gardens?

509 responses



- 1 – Fountain turned back on
- 2 – Small water feature
- 3 – Drinking fountain/tap
- 4 – Large water feature

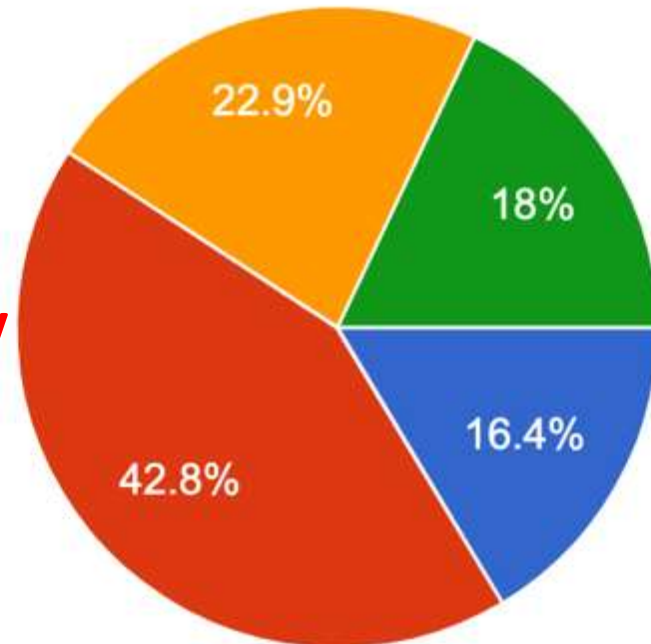
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Cover or Canopy

Is this something you would like to see?

512 responses



Large temporary canopy over events space

- Large permanent canopy over events space
- Large temporary canopy over events space
- Smaller sheltered space/s
- No canopy

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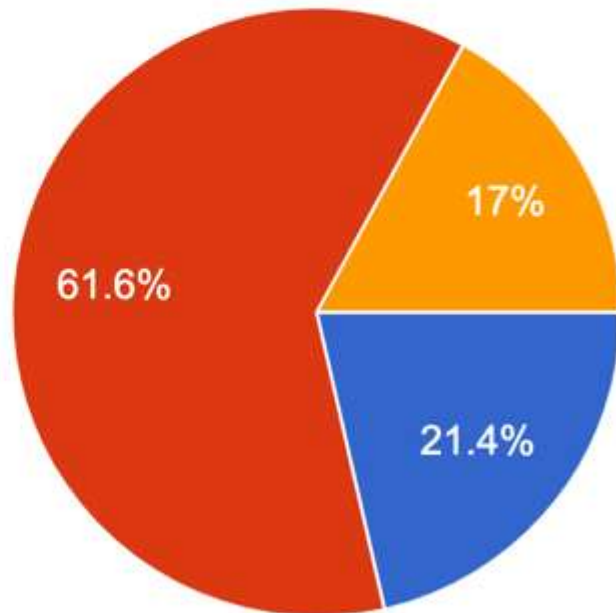


Union Street access

Which of these options do you prefer?

523 responses

**Union street
fully
pedestrianised**



- Option 1 - Union Street with widened footway on Town Hall side.
- Option 2 - Union Street fully pedestrianised.
- Option 3 - Leave Union Street in its current form.

Regent Gardens – Outcomes of Online Questionnaire



- Flexible space
- Traditional bench-style seating with incidental play
- Incidental play
- Full grass central area
- Fountain back on
- Temporary canopy over events space
- Union Street fully pedestrianised

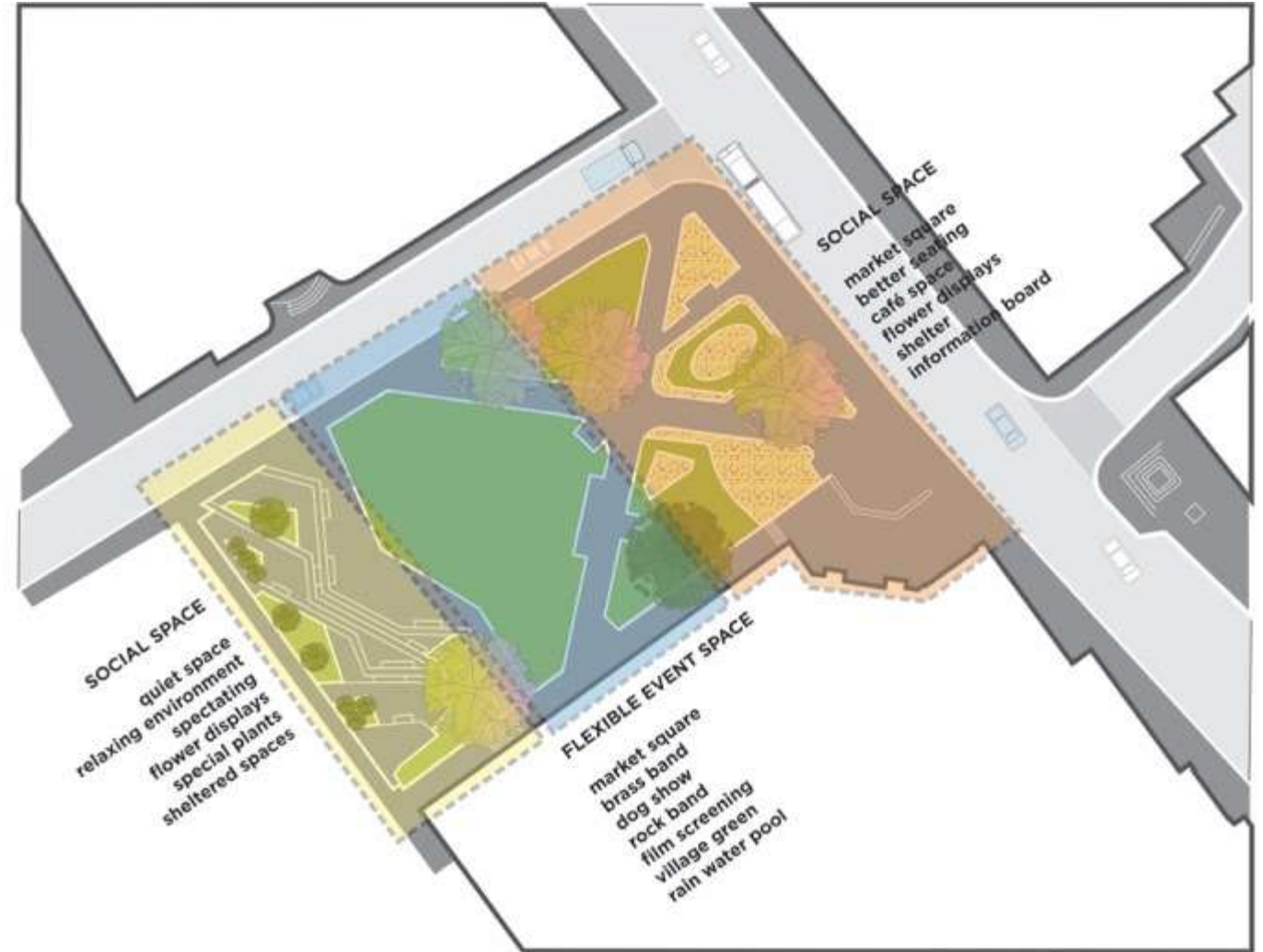
Regent Gardens – Next Steps - Design

Concept approach

Three zones

Allow the space to work in four directions

Maximise 'bang for buck' – balance between cost and outcomes



Regent Gardens – Next Steps



- Overall more than **1,400 residents** took part in the process
- This stage: Further work on preferred approach designs, costs and phasing
- Next stage: consult with EDC services, procurement for detailed design, programme and funding plan to initiate next phase.

Regent Gardens – Next Step - Phasing



Phase 1 – Regent Gardens

Outcomes

- flexible space,
- new town centre focal point,
- space for socialising,
- space for events,
- space for seating, incidental play, greenery

Phase 2 – Connection to Peel Park – Green Street

Outcomes

- joining up town centre open spaces,
- attractive route,
- connecting to green and play space

Phase 3 – Union Street widening/closure

Outcomes

- connection to the Town Hall,
- increased space for people-focussed activity

Phase 4 – Regent Gardens Canopy

Outcomes

- greater flexibility with covered space for year-round events