



## Consultation Summary

The consultation on the Eastbourne Bowling Club's proposal to relocate to HW Shortt Recreation Ground received **461 submissions**.

- **74% opposed (353 people)**
- **26% supported (125 people)**

Feedback highlighted strong concerns about the loss of public, multi-use recreation space, particularly the only full-sized basketball court and well-used tennis courts. Support centred on the idea of creating a sports hub and future-proofing bowls in Eastbourne.

A review of duplicate submissions found 60 entries (from 13 users: 35 opposing, 25 supporting). This does not materially alter the overall result.

**In summary:** The consultation showed clear community opposition to relocating to HW Shortt, with a strong preference to protect the area as open, safe, youth-friendly, multi-use space.

### Update

Since the consultation closed, the Eastbourne Bowling Club has secured new support that will enable it to remain at its historic Muritai Road site. This outcome is a positive step forward — it means bowls can continue to thrive in Eastbourne, while the HW Shortt Recreation Ground remains protected for open, multi-use recreation. It represents a win-win for the Club and for the community.