

Jubilee Field 3G Multi-Sports Pitch

Consultation Feedback Report

December 2023



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1. Introduction

Staplehurst Parish Council, Maidstone Borough Council, Kent FA, local sports clubs and the Football Foundation have been working together to try and deliver a community 3G multi-sports pitch at the Jubilee Field, Staplehurst.

The Parish Council set up a working group, Chaired by Louise Brice, consisting of Cllr Riordan, Cllr Mclaughlin, Cllr Arger, Cllr Sharp, Lee Seal (SMYFC), Nicola Stonebridge (SMFC), Jeff Davis (Kent FA) and Mike Evans (MBC)

Louise Brice said, "As Chairman of the 3G multi-sports pitch working group we are keen to move forward with this exciting project that many in the village have been calling for, for some time. We have the support of the Football Foundation, Maidstone Borough Council and the Parish Council. We are keen to work with local clubs, groups and residents to improve the community facilities at the Jubilee Field for all users. We have some Frequently Asked Questions, feel free to ask more, we will answer them and add them to the list. We will be doing presentations and consultation as the project evolves so everyone can have their say.

We hope we can improve the community facilities at the Jubilee Field for all and launched and promoted the community engagement on the 27th July 2023."

2. Community Engagement and Consultation

The Council followed their Community Engagement Policy and applied the Four Gunning Principles to the consultation, set out below:

1. Proposals are still at a formative stage, a final decision has not yet been made, or predetermined, by the decision makers.
2. There is sufficient information to give 'intelligent consideration'. The information provided must relate to the consultation and must be available, accessible, and easily interpretable for consultees to provide an informed response.
3. There is adequate time for consideration and response There must be sufficient opportunity for consultees to participate in the consultation. There is no set timeframe for consultation, despite the widely accepted twelve-week consultation period, as the length of time given for consultees to respond can vary, depending on the subject and extent of impact of the consultation.
4. 'Conscientious consideration' must be given to the consultation responses before a decision is made. Decision-makers should be able to provide evidence that they took consultation responses into account.

On the 17th July 2023, the Council agreed to go to consultation and then set out a programme of community engagement.

The Community Engagement was promoted widely, including;

- information on the Council website and hard copies in Staplehurst Library plus the Parish Office from 27th July 2023 throughout consultation period
- updated the Frequently Asked Questions as comments and questions were raised, in August and September 2023 and now again in December 2023
- promoted the project via posters, website and social media, during both the general consultation and the public meeting – see **Appendix A**.

Attended stalls at community events:

- Family Funday 10th August 2023 Surrenden Field
- Skate Jam 15th August 2023 at Jubilee Field
- Engaged with local clubs – 11th September 2023 – 10 attended
- Held a public meeting – 19th September 2023 attended by just seven members of the public.
- Engaged with Youth Service, Girl Guides and Scouts.

The Council undertook an online questionnaire from the 1st September – 16th October 2023 and posted out the same questionnaire to all households on 20th September 2023 with a closing date of the 16th October 2023.

The initial consultation report was made public on the Council website on the 26th October 2023.

The Council arranged an EGM Council meeting on the 31st October 2023, with the only item being the 3G pitch project.

In relation to the Gunning Principles

1. The consultation took place during the formative stage, leading to changes in the design, pricing policy etc
2. Information was made widely available, online and in hard copy in the local Staplehurst Library and Parish office. The Frequently Asked Questions were updated in August and September 2023, due to extra questions or clarifications from the public. One example was to amend the name from "3G all-sports pitch" to "3G multi-sports pitch", as not all sports could be played on the surface i.e. Tennis as the surface is not hard enough.
3. The community engagement and public consultation took place from the 27th July – 16th October 2023 – 13 weeks
4. This report went to the Parish Council EGM meeting on the 31st October 2023 to consider whether the Council wanted to move to the next stage of the process – design / business plan / planning application.

3. Methodology

The 3G multi-sports pitch questionnaire was based on similar questionnaires used by the "Bid Consultant" elsewhere. It was amended by the 3G multi-sports working group and recommended to Council, who approved the questionnaire on the 29th August 2023, see **Appendix B**.

The questionnaire was online from the 1st September – 16th October 2023 and published in the "September Village Update," which went to every household (3,300) with a Business Reply Envelope.

The closing date for the questionnaire was the 16th October 2023.

The online survey closed on the 16th October 2023, but we acknowledged the "hit and miss" local postal service so it was agreed to accept hard copies until a week later, 23rd October 2023.

We received 2 spoilt hard copies and did not include them in the results.

We used post code "TN12 0" as Staplehurst. We acknowledge that a few properties on the outskirts of the Parish are not post code TN12 0.

All responses are anonymised in the report.

The 3G multi-sport working group considered cross referencing questions as follows:

- Those that do not use the facilities / their reasons
- Those against using S106 funding / their reasons

4. Summary of Feedback

a) Questionnaire

The Council wish to thank those who have taken part.

Whilst the consultation was done at an early stage to help shape the project, some found it frustrating that a final design or business plan was not available. However the aim of the consultation at an early stage was to help shape the project. If the project proceeds, it will be developed with input from this consultation.

- Out of the 312 responses, 280 are from Staplehurst – it was requested that a separate analysis of the “Staplehurst Residents only responses” was undertaken.
- Of the responses, Staplehurst is TN12 0’... we received 280 responses which included
 - 7 responses with only TN12 (likely to be Staplehurst)
 - 4 hard copy responses with no post codes (likely to be Staplehurst)
 - 21 responses from outside Staplehurst
 - We received 2 damaged hardcopy responses – which we did not enter – 1 appeared supportive, 1 appeared to object to the project
- The Latest Census indicates Staplehurst population is 6,693 therefore using the 280 response figure @4.2% responses were from Staplehurst population
- Using 280 response figure @ 3,200 households equates to 8.8% responses from Staplehurst households.
- There were 0 responses from children under 16, a key user group, despite engaging with Youth Service with little response – agreed if the project proceeds more engagement with under 16s is required.
- Consultation is just a snapshot of a moment in time – Correct. Consultation is done to help shape a project – it is not a referendum and not a “binding referendum”.
- The aim of consultation is to help inform the project.

A summary of the Jubilee Field Consultation Overview report is attached in **Appendix C** and the Jubilee Field Consultation Overview individual comments in **Appendix D**. The Jubilee Field Consultation Overview “Staplehurst Parish responses only” summary is attached in **Appendix E**.

b) Some, key points are;

- 312 survey responses is @ 4.3% of population return rate or @ 8.8% returns from households.
(The “Staplehurst residents’ responses only” was @4.2% and @ 8.8% of households)
- Important to acknowledge that if the project proceeds, the “feel” of the Jubilee Field will change from “general open space” to “a sports ground.”

- **Question 8** - That 61% of responses were not concerned about the use of free open space for improved sporting infrastructure and 39% of responses were concerned about the use of free open space for improved sporting infrastructure (*The "Staplehurst residents' responses only" assessment 60% of responses were not concerned of the use of free open space for improved sporting infrastructure and 40% of responses were concerned of the use of free open space for improved sporting infrastructure*)
- **Question 9** - That 63% of responses were supportive of using the S106 funding for the project and that 38% of responses were unsupportive of using the S106 funding for the project (note anomaly due to rounding up percentages) (*The "Staplehurst residents' responses only" assessment 62% of responses were supportive of using the S106 funding for the project and that 38% of responses were unsupportive of using the S106 funding for the project*)
- **Question 10** - That 66% of responses were supportive (strongly agree / agree) of the project and 26% of responses were unsupportive (strongly disagree / disagree) of the project (*The "Staplehurst residents' responses only" assessment that 64% of responses were supportive (strongly agree / agree) of the project and 27% of responses were unsupportive (strongly disagree / disagree) of the project*)
- The responses of the 138 respondents who do not use the facilities, were cross referenced against the following questions;

Question 8

- 33% (41) stated they were not concerned about the loss of open space compared to 67% (83) who were concerned, even though they are not regular users of the field.

Question 9

- 62% (77) were in agreement that £210,616.98 of S106 developer funding is spent on this project, compared to 38% (47) who were not.

Question 10

- 65% (81) agreed or strongly agreed with the Parish Council's proposal compared to 22% (27) who disagreed or strongly disagreed with it.
- Walking / Dog walking was equal first with watching football in the reasons for using the Jubilee Field
- A range of excellent comments were made which are feeding into the design and planning of the project;
 - A safe design
 - Car parking
 - Access
 - Local drainage culverts surrounding the Jubilee Field need to be considered
 - Environmental factors
 - Light / dark skies
 - Noise levels

- A range of excellent comments were made which are feeding into the business plan of the project,
 - Low cost rent for local groups
 - Low cost usage for local residents
 - Offer more than just football
 - Engage the community

A number of respondents requested clarification on use of developer contributions / S106 funding / Community Infrastructure Levy funding (CIL)

Developer contributions / S106 funding is a legal agreement between the Developer / land owner and the Planning Authority (Maidstone Borough Council not Staplehurst Parish Council). S106 funding is allocated with certain conditions such as open space or highways. It cannot be used for anything else, other than the specified conditions.

The Parish has requested and Maidstone Borough Council agreed to use the following on the 3G pitch project at the Jubilee Field.

Hen and Duckhurst (14/502010) - £129,719.33 towards improvement, refurbishment and maintenance of the existing area of open space, play area and outdoor sports facilities at Surrenden Playing Field and Jubilee Field

£104,719.33 requested to Jubilee Field 3G multi-sports pitch – confirmed by MBC

Land North of Headcorn Rd – (14/505432) - £105,897.65 towards improvement and refurbishment of Jubilee Playing Fields and play area

Funding dedicated to Jubilee Field, requested all funding to 3G multi-sports pitch project when planning permission / quotes – confirmed by MBC

If the project does not proceed the Parish Council could consider alternative uses for the S106 funding, within the specific conditions.

If the S106 funding is not used at all, the developer can claw the funding back (in these agreements not before 2030)

Community Infrastructure Levy funding (CIL) is now being used. It is an accumulation of developer contributions in Staplehurst paid to Maidstone Borough Council who then pay 25% directly to the Parish Council twice per year, because we have a Neighbourhood Development Plan. CIL funding does not have specific conditions that S106 funding does, the Parish can decide which projects to spend it on throughout the Parish – no CIL funding is allocated to the 3G pitch project at the Jubilee Field.

c) Club / group meeting

The feedback from the Club and group meeting was mostly around price and availability. It led to 3 groups asking to be registered for interest to hire the 3G multi-sport pitch and to be kept informed of the project as it evolves.

d) Email group

We asked during the process if anyone was interested in being kept informed and we have set up a 3G multi-sport pitch email group, currently 57.

5. Conclusion

As the land owner, the Parish Council is leading the project, but it is very much a partnership project. The Council has made great efforts to engage with the local community and groups. The low turn-out at public meetings, was somewhat disappointing.

However the consultation has:

- ensured accessible, informative information to assist the general public to consider and ask informed questions
- the Community Engagement and consultation ran for 13 weeks
- the Council EGM on the 31st October 2023 had the 3G multi-sport pitch as the single item on the agenda and took time to make 'conscientious consideration' of the consultation in making the decision to progress the next stage of the 3G multi-sport project.
- the 3G multi-sport project consultation is feeding into two key areas;
 - The design and planning process
 - The drafting of a business plan
- The aim is that both the design and planning plus the draft business plan will come back to the Council in early 2024 prior to submission of a planning application.
- The Council will continue to engage with the public throughout the project

Appendices

Appendix A Examples of poster – used for social media, website and Posters on noticeboards

Appendix B = Jubilee Field 3G multi-sport pitch questionnaire

Appendix C Jubilee Field Consultation Survey – overview report

Appendix D Jubilee Field Consultation Survey – individual comments

Appendix E Jubilee Field Consultation Survey – “Staplehurst Parish only responses” overview report



JUBILEE FIELD 3G MULTI-SPORT PITCH

PUBLIC MEETING

Tuesday 19th September 2023

7:30pm

at Staplehurst Community Centre North Hall

- **Presentation about the project**
- **Opportunity for questions and queries**
- **Next steps**

ALL WELCOME

Appendix B**Jubilee Field 3G multi-sports pitch questionnaire**

Staplehurst Parish Council is looking to install a 3G multi-sports pitch on Jubilee Field to provide improved facilities for sport and community activities in the area.

The project is supported by the national Football Foundation, Maidstone Borough Council and the Staplehurst Neighbourhood Development Plan revised 2020 policy states – “Maintain and enhance the Jubilee Field sports and recreation site, including the development of new and improved facilities at the site”

This survey is designed to capture your views on the current facilities and the proposed new facility. Please look at information on the Council website www.staplehurst-pc.uk or hard copies in the Staplehurst Library or Parish Office.

We will be holding a public meeting on **Tuesday 19th September 2023 – 7:30pm at Staplehurst Community Centre, North Hall**. All welcome.

The survey will take approximately 5 – 10 minutes to complete and the closing date is **midnight on the 16th October 2023**.

The responses provided will be used to help develop the project to reflect the needs of the local population be part of the project moving forward. We ask for your post code only to clarify which responses are from residents and or those from further afield.

If you provide your email address, we will answer your questions, keep you informed on the progress of the project and provide details of any activities you have expressed interest in.

We will also update the Frequently Asked Questions on the Council website.

We will do a Consultation Feedback Report to Council and it will be available on the Council website.

All information will be held in line with the General Data Protection Regulations Policy of Continuum Leisure link who are acting on behalf of Staplehurst Parish Council. This means any report will be anonymised, the data will only be used for this project and then destroyed after 18 months.

1. What is your post Code?

2. Are you a regular visitor to the Jubilee Field?

Yes

No

3. If yes, what do you use the Jubilee Field for?

Football

Watching matches

Walking the dog

Skate boarding

Girl Guides

Events

4. How would you rate the existing facilities at the Jubilee Field? (5 being very good)

	1	2	3	4	5
Main pitch	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Grass Pitches	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Changing Rooms	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Skate Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Car parking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Open grass space (Around Sports Pitches)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

5. Please let us know if you or someone in your immediate family would be interested in any of the following activities that could be delivered at 3G all-sports pitch at the Jubilee Field? Please tick box

	Tick box				
Sat morning children's football (5-7 yrs)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wildcats / squad Girls (7-11 yrs)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Girls Football (10-18 yrs)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Boys Football (7-18 yrs)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Aerobics / general fitness	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Women's Recreational Football (18+)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Disability Specific multisport / football sessions (youth and adult)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Adult 6-A-Side					

football (16+)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Just Play (16-25 yrs)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Outdoor Fitness Sessions (Adult)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Walking football (40yrs+)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Sports parties

Rugby Training – under 18 boys

Rugby training – under 18 girls

Rugby training – men

Rugby training - women

Senior's football

U3A activities

Well- being activity sessions

6. **If there are any other activities you would like provided at the 3G all-sports pitch at Jubilee Field, please let us know?**

7. **Are you a member of a sports club or community organisation that would be interested in using the 3G all-sports pitch (subject to price and availability)?**

☐ Yes, please give name of the group and contact details

☐ No

8. Are you concerned about the loss of 2.1 acres of free open space at the Jubilee Field for improved sporting facilities

Yes
No

a) If yes, please let us know your concerns.

9. Are you in agreement that £210,616.98 of S106 developer funding is spent on this project

Strongly agree

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree or disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

10. How much do you agree with the Parish Council

proposals to install a 3G multi-sports pitch on Jubilee Field to improve facilities for sports and community activities in the area and increase and enhance opportunities for everyone? **If you disagree or strongly**

disagree about the proposed 3G all-sports pitch please let us know what are your concerns.

11. **Please provide any further comments / questions you have regarding the proposed facility?**

12. **If you wish to be kept informed of the 3G all-sports pitch please provide your email address – we will**

only use it for the 3G all-sports pitch project.

Thank you for your time and completing this questionnaire.

Survey Process

As part of the consultation process a survey was available from 11th September until 16th October 2023. The survey was promoted online, and a paper copy circulated to all residents via the parish newsletter. Postal entries were accepted up until 23rd October to allow for delays in the service.

The survey received 312 responses, 186 online and 126 hard copies entered manually, 38 were incomplete, in that the respondent answered some questions but did not finish the survey, in the majority of cases this is because they ended the survey before completing the equality and diversity section. The results will include questions that were completed.

The survey enabled people to give their views on the current facilities, to comment on the plans and outline if they would be interested in hiring the facility and what new activities, they would be interested in.

All individuals were encouraged to complete Equality & Diversity monitoring forms to show the range of people consulted.

A summary of the results from the survey follows

Location

The survey captured the postcode of the individuals responding. The maps below show their location in relation to the field, with Jubilee Field indicated by the yellow star. Figure 1 shows those closest to the field and figure 2 the location of all responders.

Figure 1 the location of those closest to the ground.

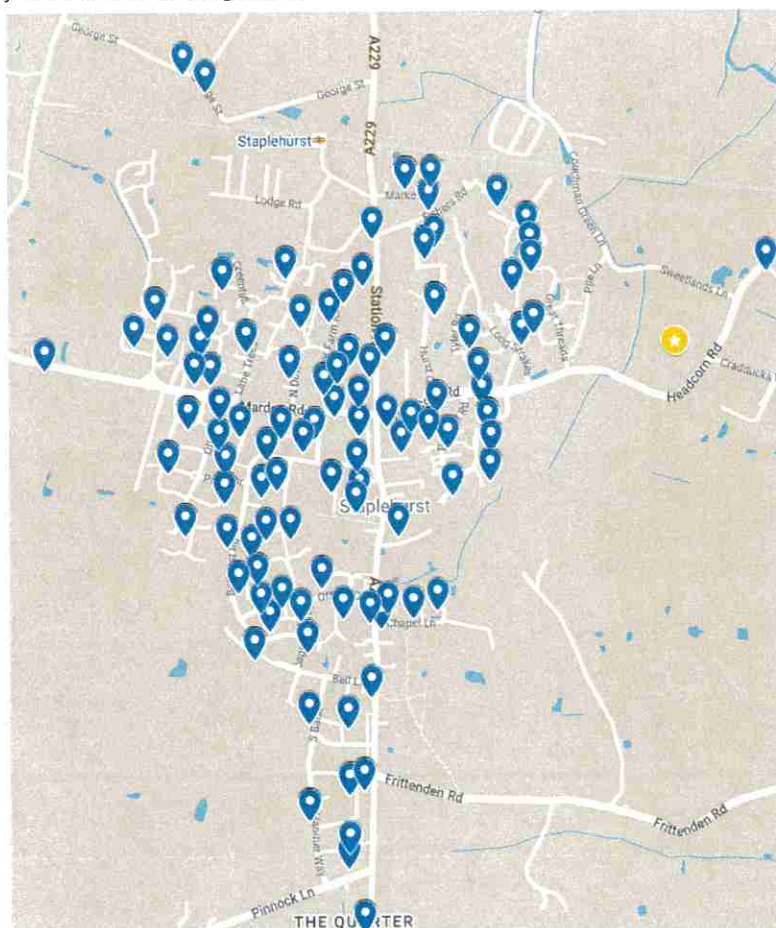
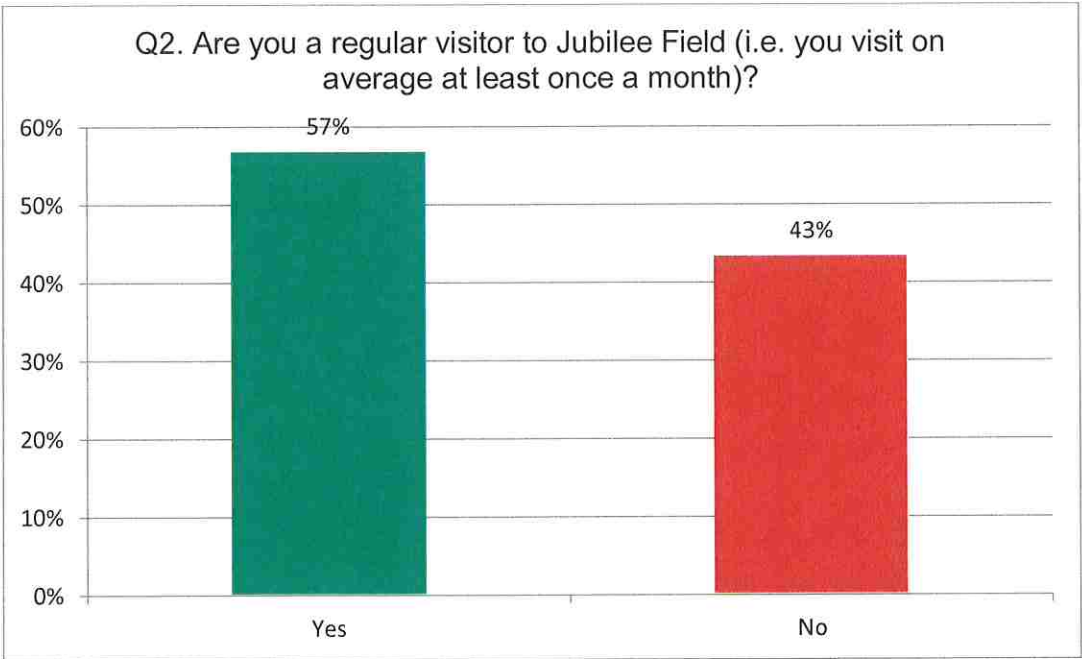


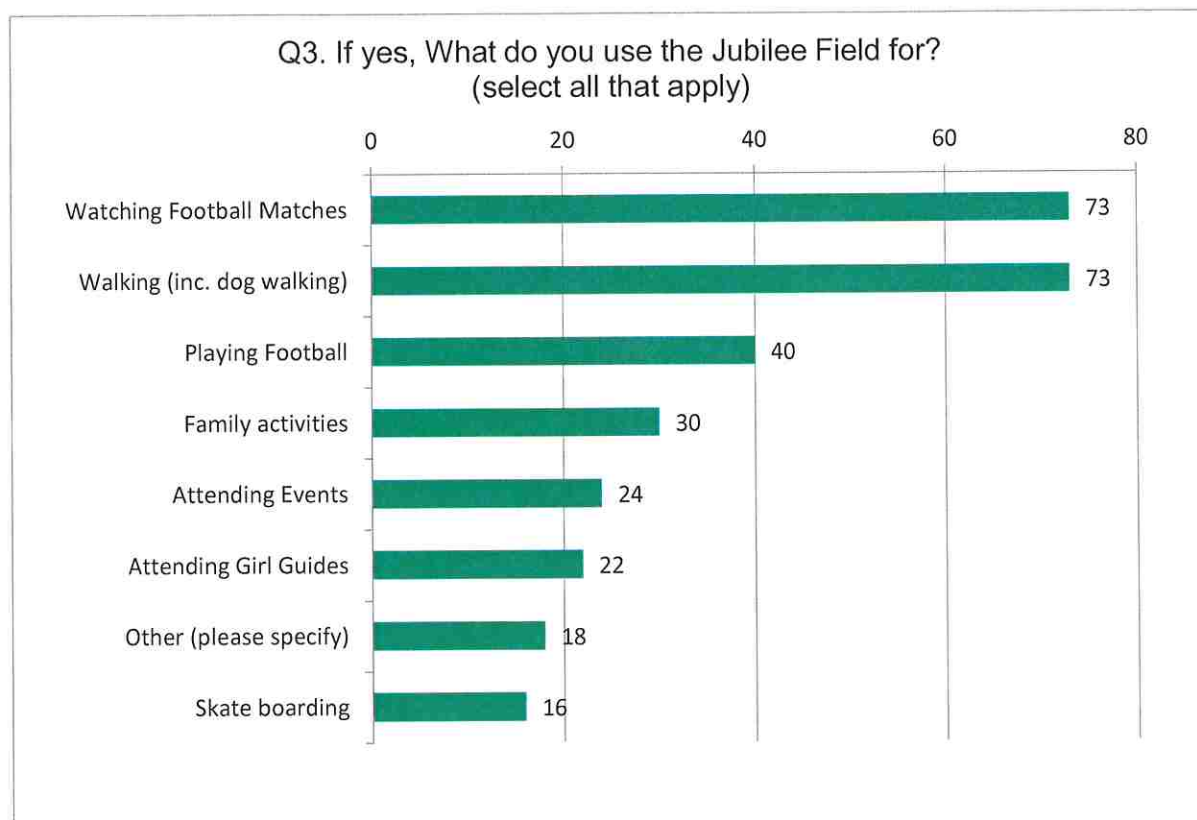
Figure 2 The location of all responders.



Facilities



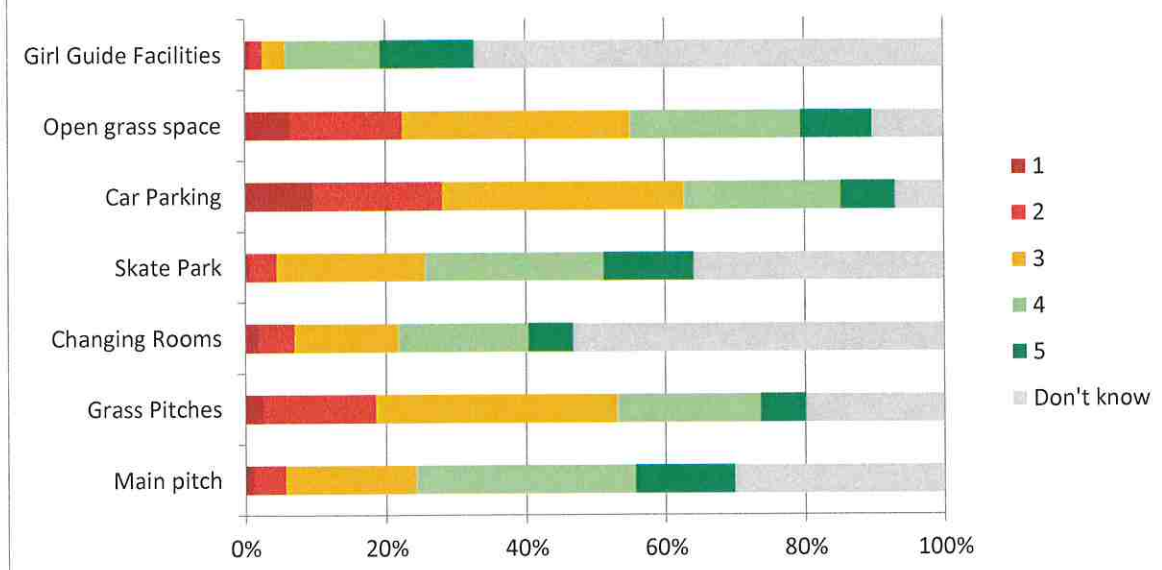
	%	No.
Yes	57%	177
No	43%	135
Answered		312



Other comments

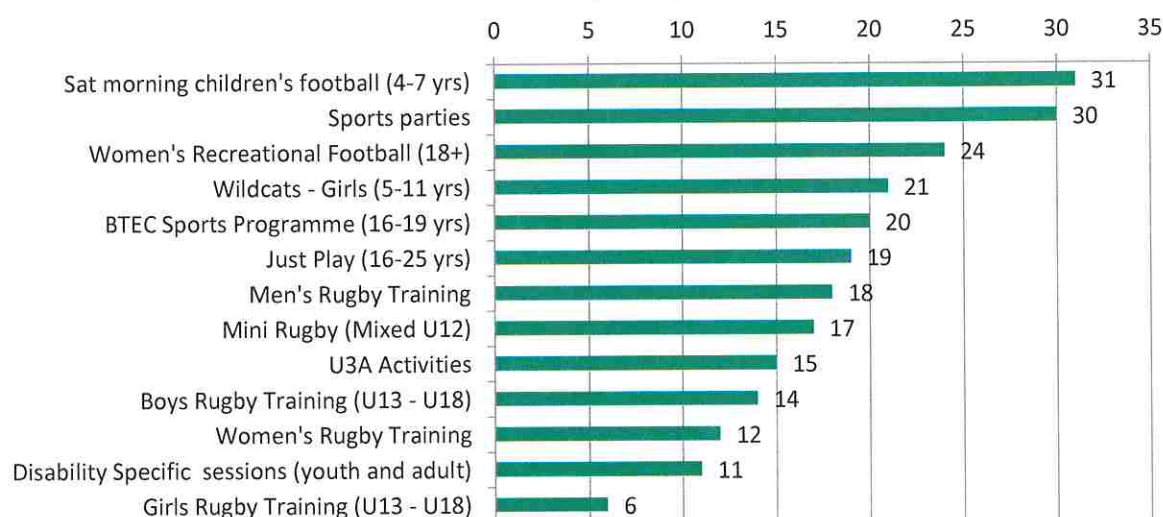
- Attending meetings at the Kathie Lamb Centre (4)
- Playing football (4) - part of club (2) / informal (2).
- Managing / Coaching football matches (3)
- Walking /Daily dog walker (4)
- Use of the skate park
- Running
- Parish Activities
- VISIT IN WINTER FOR SOUP AND HOT DRINK
- Exercise and observe nature and wildflowers
- Peace and tranquillity

Q4. How would you rate the existing facilities at the Jubilee Field (from 1 to 5 with 5 being very good)?



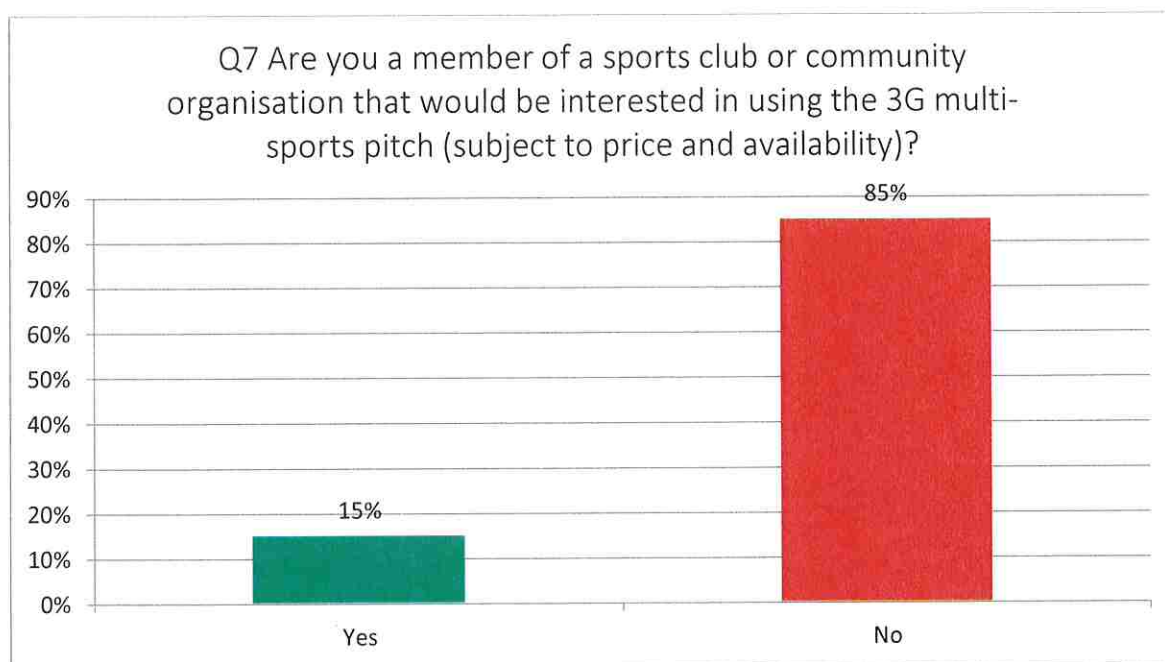
	One		Two		Three		Four		Five		Don't Know		Total
Main pitch	1%	2	4%	7	19%	29	31%	49	14%	22	30%	47	156
Grass Pitches	3%	4	16%	25	35%	54	21%	32	6%	10	20%	31	156
Changing Rooms	2%	3	5%	8	15%	23	19%	29	6%	10	53%	83	156
Skate Park	1%	1	4%	6	21%	33	26%	40	13%	20	36%	56	156
Car Parking	10%	15	19%	29	35%	54	22%	35	8%	12	7%	11	156
Open grass space	6%	10	16%	25	33%	51	24%	38	10%	16	10%	16	156
Girl Guide Facilities	1%	1	2%	3	3%	5	13%	21	13%	21	67%	105	156

Q5. Please let us know if you or someone in your immediate family would be interested in any of the following activities that could be delivered on the 3G multi-sports pitch at Jubilee Field?



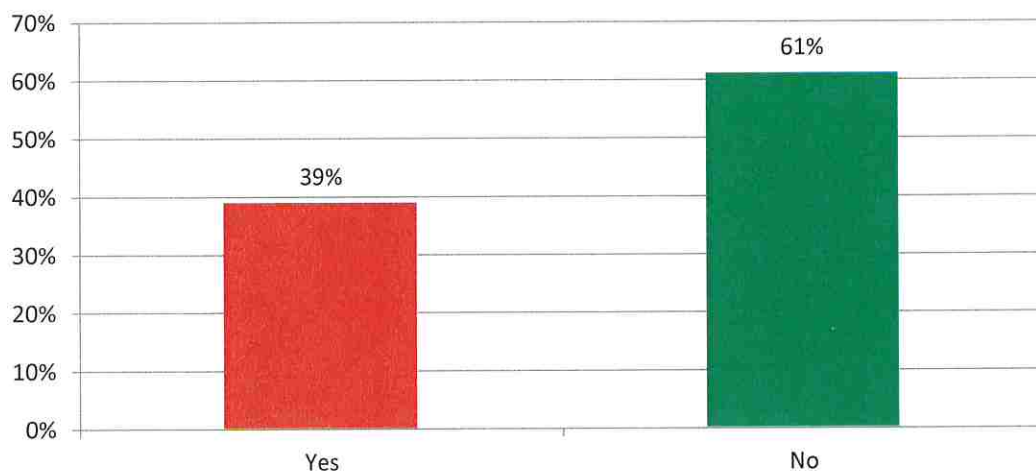
Q6 If there are any other activities you would like provided at the 3G Multi-sports pitch as Jubilee Field, please let us know.

- Netball (9)
- General training, fitness work/ Fitness bars, Boot camp (4)
- Hockey girls/boys and men's woman's (4)
- The ability to hire areas or all the pitch (3)
- Free taster sessions for Staplehurst users / free session kids informal play / General free fun group games like rounders, catch etc (3)
- More variety (other than football) would be beneficial to all the community (3)
- Markets / Community events / Bonfire night (3)
- Basketball (2)
- Dog Walking Space (2)
- Cricket (2)
- Running track (2)
- Tennis / pickleball (2)
- Park for children to play / better play facilities using natural resources (2)
- Community café (2)
- Bowls Green
- Ultimate frisbee?? Cross Fit
- Fun Activities for older people especially housebound or lonely
- use of boundary for forest schools work/club
- Swimming pool
- Sports therapy
- Roller skating
- Disability sports
- Archery
- A maintained pathway around the back of skate park, perhaps a sheltered / seating area.
- Girls football development centre
- Would be lovely for a seating around the field
- Baby tots football
- Dance
- Gymnastics
- Skate Jam
- Art Classes
- Dog Agility Classes



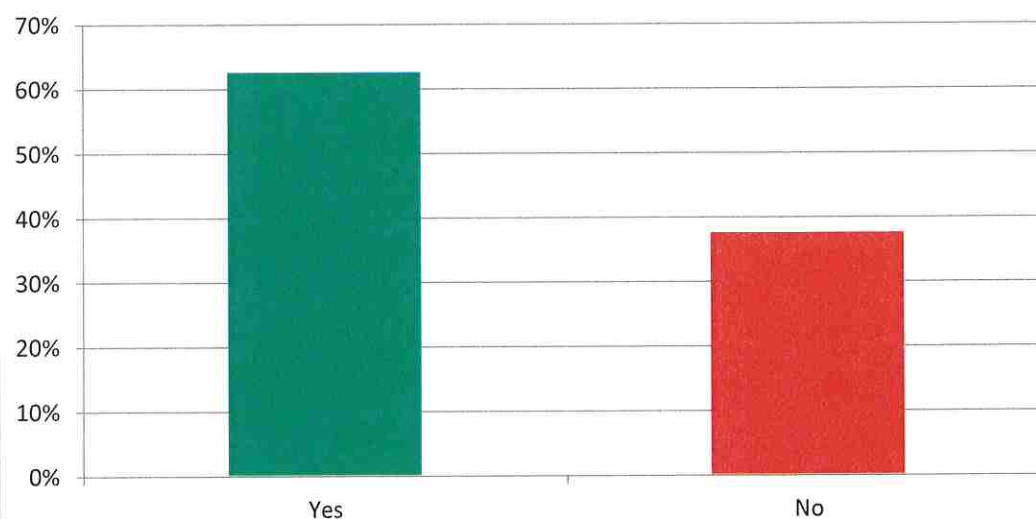
	%	No.
Yes	15%	42
No	85%	238
Answered		280

Q8. Are you concerned about the loss of 2.1 acres of free open space at the Jubilee Field for improved sporting facilities?.



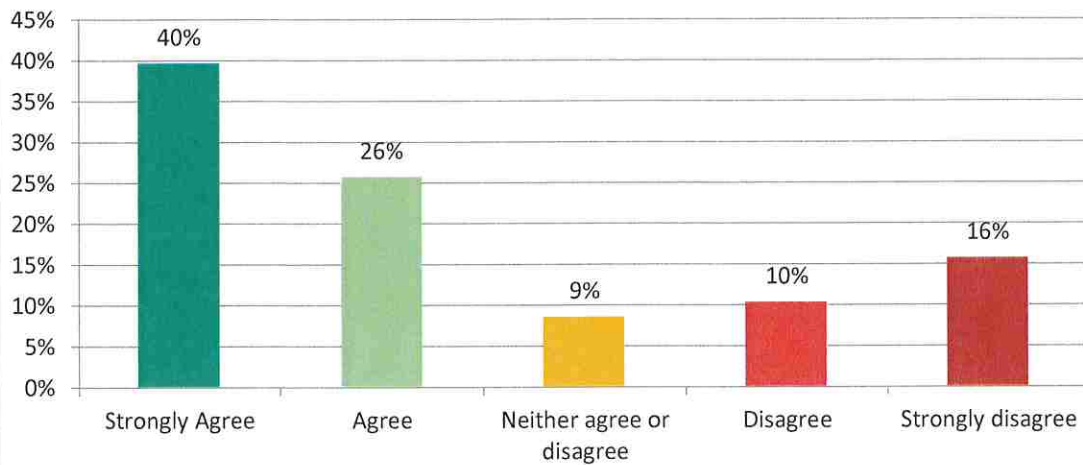
	%	No.
Yes	39%	109
No	61%	171
Answered		280

Q9. Are you in agreement that £210,616.98 of S106 developer funding is spent on this project?



	%	No.
Yes	63%	175
No	38%	105
Answered		280

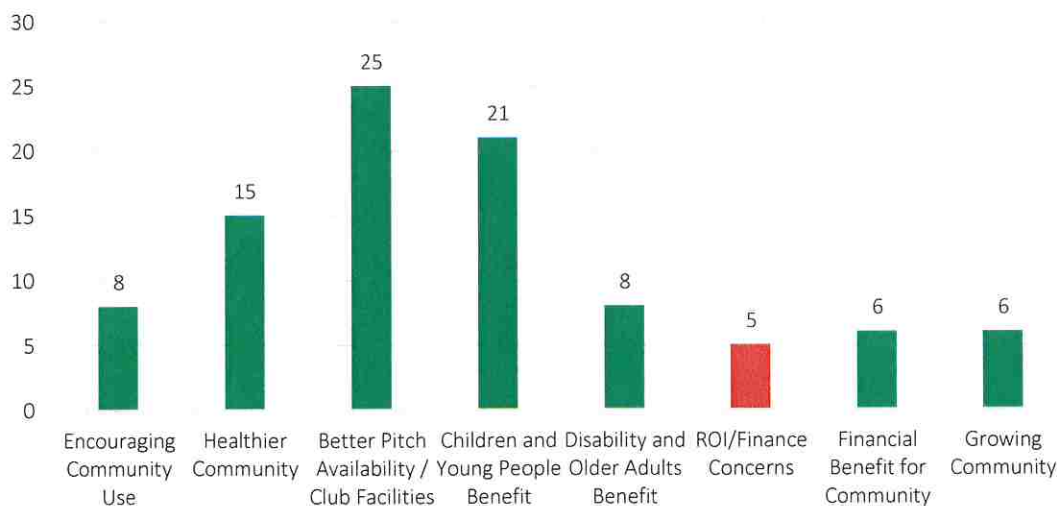
Q.10 How much do you agree with the Parish Council proposals to install a 3G multi-sports pitch on Jubilee Field to improve facilities for sports and community activities in the area and increase and enhance opportunities for everyone?



	%	No.
Strongly Agree	40%	111
Agree	26%	72
Neither agree or disagree	9%	24
Disagree	10%	29
Strongly disagree	16%	44
	Answered	280

Q11 allowed respondents to provide comments on why they agreed / disagreed with the proposal, 280 responses were received, and categorised into themes based their answer to Q10.

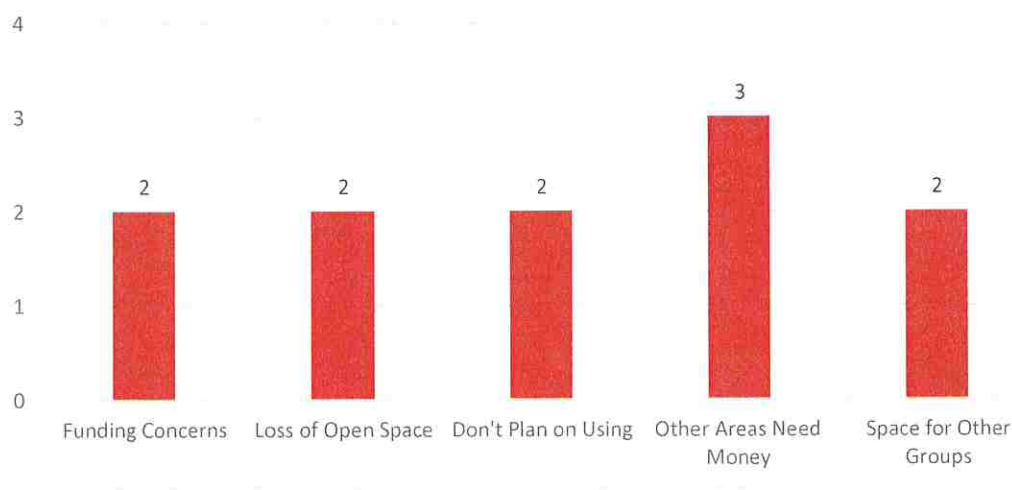
Q11 Please let us know why you agree / disagree with the proposal? (Agree / Strongly Agree respondents)



Other, less common, themes include:

- Concerns over lack of access outside of paid hire (3)
- Site used by a small user population (3)
- Enhancement of additional facilities (2)
- Concerns over parking and the road (2)
- Need for ancillary facilities (2)
- Consideration to light pollution (1)
- Facilities will enhance culture (1)
- Concerns over loss of open space (1)

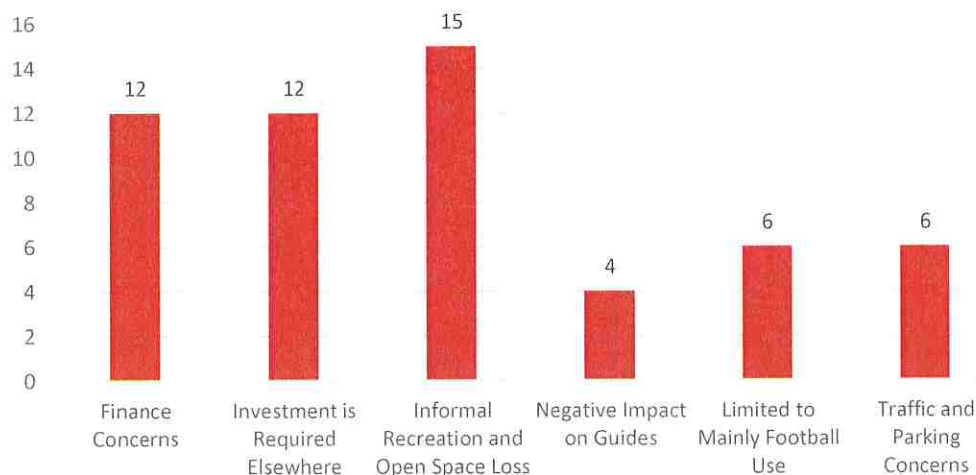
Q11 Please let us know why you agree / disagree with the proposal? (Neither agree or disagree respondents)



Other, less common, themes include:

- Concerns over parking (1)
- No alternatives were offered (1)
- Concerns over paid access (1)
- Concerns over the safety of increasing traffic (1)
- Concerns over light pollution (1)
- Concerns over increase in anti-social behaviour (1)

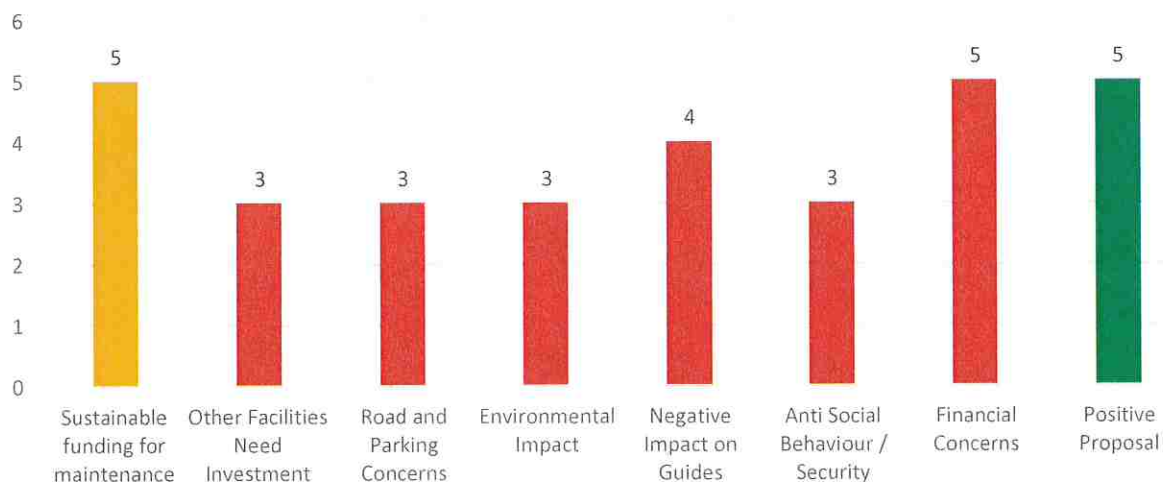
Q11 Please let us know why you agree / disagree with the proposal? (Neither agree or disagree respondents)



Other, less common, themes include:

- Impact on local residents (2)
- Environmental concerns (2)
- Don't feel they should have to pay to access facilities (1)
- Lack of community consultation (1)
- Concerns over the layout of pitches (2)

Q12 Please provide any further comments or questions you have regarding the proposed facility?



Other, less common, themes include:

- Loss of activities on the field (1)
- Discounts for local residents (1)
- Specific facilities suitable for older adults (1)
- Increased seating and benches for the community (1)
- Access to remaining public space blocked by pitch (1)
- Additional land should have been purchased for the project (1)
- Ancillary facilities need considering (2)
- A gym or sports hall would be well used (2)
- Ensure accessibility and inclusivity (2)

Views of Non regular users of Jubilee Field

The 3G working group asked for further analysis as to how those that stated they were not regular visitors to Jubilee Field voted regarding the key questions 8, 9 and 10.

In Question 2, 135 people stated they were not regular visitors to Jubilee field, 11 respondents did not answer these 3 questions, making a total of 124 respondents who answered as follows.

Question 8

33% (41) stated they were not concerned about the loss of open space compared to 67% (83) who were concerned even though they are not regular users of the field.

Question 9

62% (77) were in agreement that £210,616.98 of S106 developer funding is spent on this project, compared to 38% (47) who were not.

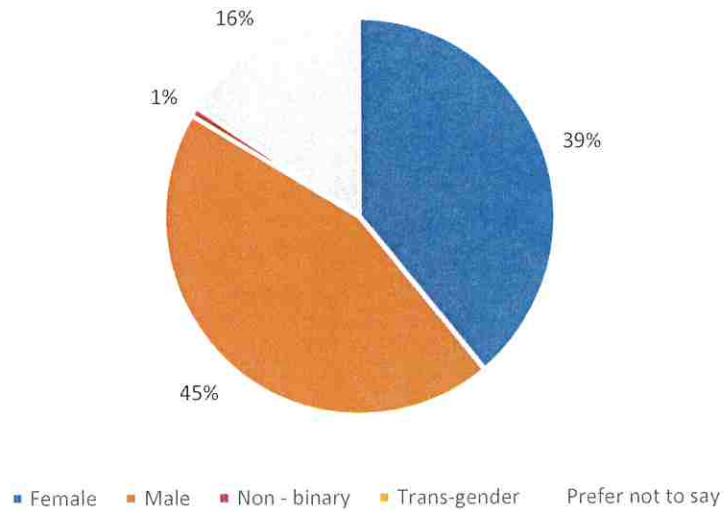
Question 10

65% (81) agreed or strongly agreed with the Parish Councils proposal compared to 22% (27) who disagreed or strongly disagreed with it.

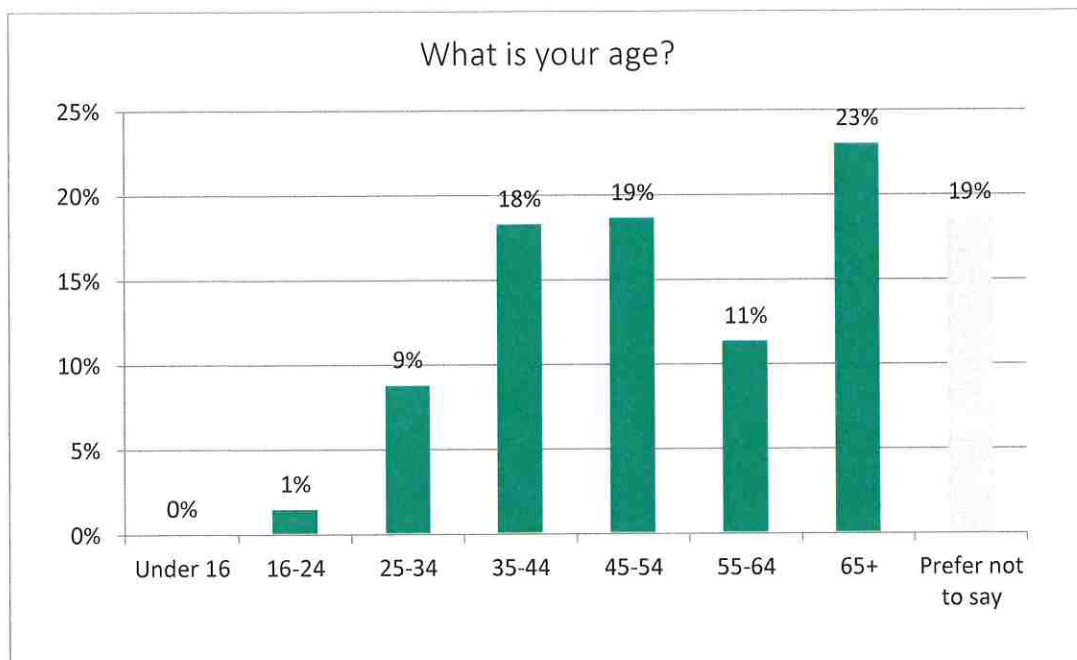
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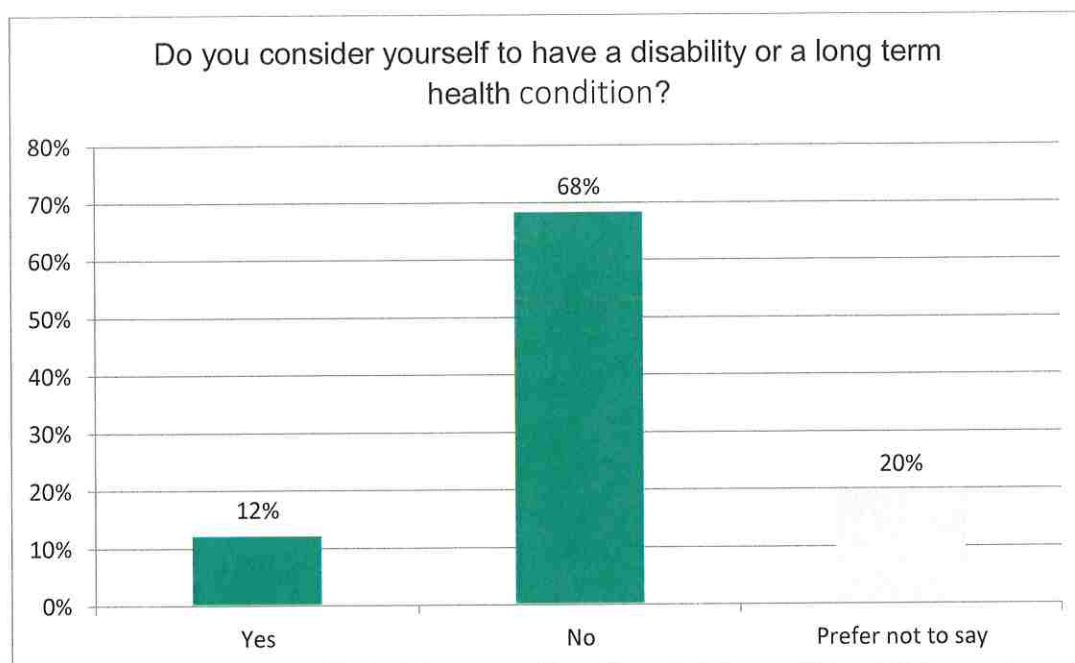
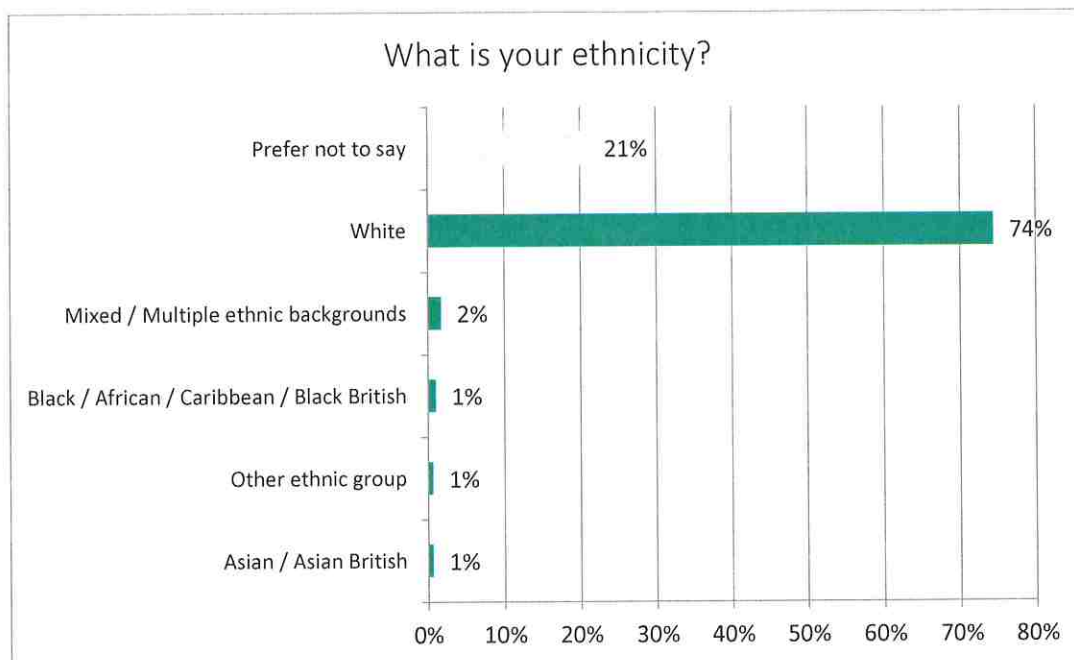
In order to demonstrate the diversity of individuals responding to the online survey, everyone was encouraged to complete an Equality & Diversity monitoring form. A summary of the results follows.

What is your gender?



What is your age?





Free text responses in full

Q11, please let us know why you agree/ disagree with the proposal?

Comment	Response
Fantastic opportunity for all. Provides safe enclosed sport. super	Support noted
Addition facilities for young people and adults must be a good thing	Support noted
The skate park needs attention	Agree, liaising with skateboarders
The community should have been consulted about how the Jubilee could be improved to find out what everyone wanted before embarking on this PROJECT. The die has been cast this is not A CONSULTATION ABOUT WHAT EVERYONE WANTS,	Noted
I am not aware of other commitments or improvements to make an informed decision,	Noted
Waste of money as no fact given about usage one would be better spent upgrading modernising existing facilities . A disaster for surrounding environment as 3G does not support Fauna and Flora.	This is a staged process, we consulted t start to feed ideas into the emerging business plan and final design. Will report back to Parish Council in January 2024 with further detail.
Any improvement to an area designated for community use is beneficial in the long term,	Support noted
Money would be better spent on a permanent Dr over 50 years ago over we had a community around 6k and now it must be double we have one [part time permanent Dr.	The funding cannot cover Health Service costs / Doctors.
If it is only for hire how will people access free leisure sport activities? especially children and young adults playing football with friends.	Feed into business plan
I feel that amount of money would be better spent upgrading the village centre as that would benefit all.	The developers S106 funding is restricted to open space – could not use on village centre.
Encourage more teams to use facilities create healthier community	Support noted
A safe playing surface for people of all ages all year round for many years to come. It will bring the area and facilities in line with other towns and villages so less travel to more areas to use the same facilities! e.g. Paddock wood Mascalls or Maidstone.	Support noted
The Staplehurst Monarchs youth team have to travel to Maidstone for winter training and for matches when the home pitches are too wet. I feel the village and club would benefit from a 3 G multi sport pitch - reducing the need for unnecessary travel for training and matches. It would be valuable community facility.	Support noted
If this will truly benefit the community then I say go for it but only if there is the funding in place. 40/50 years ago I would said a definite yes.	Support noted
additional facilities for children	Support noted
Needed for youth football	Support noted
I feel really sad that Jubilee Field, which was at first designated as an open space for villagers and village activities now seems to be solely for the use of a minority of villagers even though they are an asset to them. The noise from the players and crowd make it very hard to hear speakers in the guide centre.	Noted, reduction of free open space and liaising with Girl guides
The youth of the village need this facility . 3G will ensure they can play/ practise for all their games ,not having to postpone or cancel for waterlogged pitches and paying for training facility else where for the winter months	Support noted

The facility would enable the kids to play football year round on safe and clean pitch (no dogs mess where owners didn't pick up after their dogs) . Matches wouldn't have to be cancelled or postponed regularly and it would keep more kids involved in sport.	Support noted
I like the idea of it but I'm really concerned about not being able to take my dogs for a run around the field. We go at 7am every morning with other people. I'd be devastated if we weren't able to do this anymore. I live on the bovis site and it's perfect for me to do this before work.	Support noted, feed into design
Funds are so limited so why spend so much on something that only a few will use.	The developers S106 funding is restricted to open space
Good for providing all year round opportunity for exercise.	Support noted
Allows more sports to be played as current field gets waterlogged	Support noted
I think it will be good for young people to keep them entertained but it's important that there are some sessions that are free and not always in use by paid clubs	Support noted, feed into business plan
Because there will be no where to walk or dog walking	Noted, feed into design
I feel this development will exclude many of the local community, this area is used for community events and locals particularly dog walkers and families wanting to walk and play. The parking is already completely inadequate for the current football provision and the proposed enlargement of the carpark is woefully inadequate. Whilst the 3G pitch could be good for some this is not the right position for it and excludes too many of the local community particularly considering how many new houses have been built in the local area around the park. Where will large community events be held if this goes ahead? After school/work there is a constant stream of people walking to the field with dogs and children, the area needs that field as a public space.	Comments noted, feed into design
The loss of opportunities for informal recreation and community activities such as firework displays.	Noted
Slightly agree but concerned with traffic impacts in the village, especially on Headcorn road.	Noted
There is too much youth football lost to inclement weather	Support noted
The pitches are unusable from Jan to Apr due to poor drainage - my son hardly ever plays there! The nearest Astro pitch is in Maidstone or Tenterden - both 30mins drive for winter training. Having proper facilities would result in more players wanting to play for Staplehurst and result in better teams. Yes, I will miss walking dog there but we have surrenden and wimpey fields for that - they are not crowded	Support noted
I think that it would be a great asset to Staplehurst and all the residents	Support noted
Already a fenced off pitch	Noted
This is open public space that will become locked and inaccessible to the general public. I agree with improving and providing more but this should be freely available to everyone. There is also a significant concern over the loss of a safe dog walking area	Noted feed into design and business plan
We need 3G as nothing around and Jub field dont have drainage	Support noted

I have coached football in the village for 13 years. Due to the expansion of Staplehurst as a village and the popularity of the football club amongst youths from the village and surrounding areas the existing pitch provision is inadequate. We often have to play home matches in Maidstone due to facility demand, and with Wealden clay soil once the pitches are wet that can be unplayable for months over winter. A 3G is the logical solution as it is not affected by the wet weather. Also over winter all the youth teams have to use facilities in Maidstone to train as there is no all weather floodlit facility here. Finally, as an ageing footballer myself to play socially or in 6 a side leagues you have to travel into Maidstone. With Staplehurst a primary village in the Weald we should have such a facility for us and the surrounding communities to use. Longer term I would like to see a further recreation ground purchased as while a 3G pitch addresses the wider issues of use being affected by weather and daylight hours, and to a degree volume of use with a growing population it will only be a short to medium term solution.	Support noted
Waterlogging causing lots of cancelled games, making sport more available and accessible to more people.	Support noted
A facility that enables sport and recreation to take place 52 weeks of the year, 7 days a week and across the day and evening, irrespective of the weather is a complete game changer for the area. For young and for old. Staplehurst is not well endowed with amenities - the impact this will have on the area and its people's well being and fitness is huge, not to mention transformative to positive community growth. Just look at the impact the development at Maidstone United's ground has made.	Support noted
Encourage youngsters, teenagers to do sport rather than hang around causing anti social behaviour. Also its exercise for a healthier life.	Support noted
The existing Jubilee pitches are almost unusable over the winter, even with the great efforts of the Groundsman. Local training under lights will be a big benefit also	Support noted
Taking away too much green space It should be used for the whole community. It looks overwhelming with fencing on top of a mound. The wildlife will suffer. Light pollution Car park exit dangerous near bend and excess speed.	Environmental factors part of planning process
Guide centre has lost revenue since the installation of fencing & turnstiles. It is no longer a safe place to hold overnight activities & camp ventures. The field is no longer a social place for dog walking and family activity. There are more urgent needs to spend the money on.	Noted
Whilst I agree with good sports facilities being available, I am concerned about all the restrictions on what used to be a large open space. Dog walkers may feel confined (I am not one) what % of village community use the field. I think parking and access needs improving as access on the bend is lethal.	Noted feed into Business plan and design process
Our Village is a large one with lots of housing and very little infrastructure. this will give a boost to sports provision in our area. Hopefully there will be a netball facility too.	Support noted
We are not offered any alternatives to spend money on.	Noted
Allowing for reservations regarding adequacy of parking (already often full), additional traffic and funding of the project in future years (who subsidises if it doesn't break even?) then I feel this will be a worthwhile project for the village. Most of the capital	Support noted

funding would be provided by the FA and it would seem a good use of development levy.	
Provides suitable playing area whatever the weather. Neighbourhood Plan policy C5. Provision of strategic support and major external funding.	Support noted
This is the last genuine piece of land the Village has total control over, for ALL, plus at a later stage who is going to pick up the ongoing maintenance cost?	Noted, feed costs into the business plan process
Any improvements to providing good sports facilities for all is a no brainer do it !	Support noted
vital for sports provision particularly for children.	Support noted
very much support this - funding in place please get on with it.	Support noted
It was meant to be open space for all the villagers it is now monopolised by MONARCHS Car parking is already seriously limited Entrance and exit on that bend with a 60mph to 30 mph is horrendously dangerous several accidents already. Drainage has always been a big issue.	Noted, comments feed into design and planning process
hopefully it will recognise people with disabilities and older people	Noted, feed into business plan
Hopefully it will recognise people with disabilities and older people who need exercise.	Noted, feed into business plan
The future needs this	Support noted
Great for kids	Support noted
Using Parish money for a private club which will only be used by a small number of residents who can afford to pay for access.	Incorrect, the funding is for the general public use including clubs hiring the facility
It is important that people stay fit and active into old age. This pitch will help this. Although too old to use it myself 88 and have health problems,. But if this wasn't the case I may have used an outdoor fitness session .	Support noted
I do not use it or plan to, others may enjoy it	Noted
The pitch is needed currently winter and early spring pitch conditions make for unplayable surfaces.	Support noted
Increased motivation to socialise and play competitive sport not to mention the health benefits it will give people and children in village a sporting focal point.	Support noted
It will provide better community activities for all ages as Staplehurst continues to expand with new houses.	Support noted
Loss of green space Bad parking Dangerous exit on to Headcorn Road	Noted, feed into design and planning process
We are not a sporting family. We do not like football or rugby, which it seems this pitch is mostly for. However we would not stand in the way of others who enjoy these sports.	Support noted
I know of very little use for the space, so whilst I agree additional facilities are good I'd be more interested in the plans to get use from the space to ensure an ROI for the 210k	Noted
Potentially this is a good thing for the village but not at Jubilee Fields location. Due to the size and location of the 3G pitch in maps this would extremely limit other users of the space that is currently there. The area left by the guide centre and car park would be too small to accommodate the groups they may not be able to afford the 3G prices and would not be willing to walk down the far end of the fields to play.	Noted, comments feed into the business plan and design planning process

Because ultimately it is the householder that will fit the bills.	Noted
The more activity space for younger members of the community will enhance the quality of community and reduce younger people aimlessly hanging around the village.	Support noted
Agree as the community needs better facilities	Support noted
Almost all weather usage	Support noted
Encouraging people of all ages to get active is good, especially for the younger boys and girls.	Support noted
1. It will look like a prison camp, and will wreck the look of Jubilee Fields. 2. There will be insufficient car parking, particularly when both main facilities are in use, and access onto Headcorn Road will be dangerous. 3. There is no indication of regular/ periodic maintenance costs of the 3G pitch. 4. Jubilee Fields is not well managed atm (e.g. failure to cut the hedge on Headcorn Road) and there is no evidence that management of the 3G will be within the skillset (and time resource) of the PCC. 5. The degradation of Jubilee Fields - in the last ten years, and prospectively with the 3G pitch is really sad.	Noted – comments feed into Business plan and design / planning process.
The area is beautiful and it's free to use and I can access it 24 hours a day, why on earth would I want to lock it all away and have the access controlled, just leave it alone.	Noted
I agree it will provide all weather and year round facilities for the residents.	Support noted
Better facilities for the football club but also great that it will provide a space for wider community use	Support noted
My son was a Monarch from age 9-18. We really need an all-weather facility in Staplehurst, having tramped up to Maidstone far too often for training and "home" matches. Let's make it better for our thriving football club and make it so that other sports and activities can develop on Staplehurst!	Support noted
The 3G pitch will enable local youngsters to play throughout the season. I know from when my own son played youth football locally that many matches are unplayable during the winter due to waterlogged pitches. It will also offer opportunities to other local groups to be active all year round.	Support noted
There are other groups and organisations that would benefit of the money. There seems to be those with power want football and not to bring other none sport organisations to have a say	Noted
Any sports facilities are essential for the health and mental for the community.	Support noted
could allow for more clubs and activities i.e. rugby club not just Cranbrook also 6 a side football for all ages	Support noted
Locking away too much of the space the current main pitch is already under lock and key without adding additional space to charge people for using. Keep our green spaces and keep them free for everyone to use!!!	Noted. The main pitch is open to public when not in use for matches
possible asset to the community offering facilities to young and old alike.	Support noted
providing parking is updated to accommodate extra activities. And the new PA system is not included in the increased use. Light pollution kept to a minimum	Noted, comments feed into design and planning process
The boys have to rent out other pitches in the winter to play football so would be beneficial to the football club	Support noted
Future of our youth	Support noted

Provides a much needed facility that will benefit the youth of the community	Support noted
A significant amount of money has already been spent on the jubilee field. I strongly disagree spending more money on sports facilities. The existing facilities are adequate for the Parish. There are better projects to spend £200K on at a time of high inflation and cost of living crisis.	Noted, funding does have restrictions on where it could be spent
the football teams cannot train in Staplehurst during the winter months due to their only being a grass pitch available	Support noted
Loss of a community walking area	Noted, feed into design and planning process
Money should be used more wisely, Youth Club Village Centre	Noted, funding does have restrictions on where it could be spent
Current grass area often unplayable & the boys football team have to travel to other home pitches which in fact are not! As well as an inconvenience & time involved with travel elsewhere there's the fact this means the use of lots of petrol, adding to global warming	Support noted
There are many dog walkers that use Jubilee Field daily and the only area in this part of Staplehurst. It is a community of dog walkers that would end if most of the field is locked up. We need green space for walking not near the busy roads, therefore ideal for local residents who have no interest in sports but walking is their exercise!	Noted
More youth activities and more organised sport for all Stronger community links and relationships through teams and clubs Something more to be proud of in the village.	Support noted
The Village centre needs updating the Youth Club needs support the church needs financial support this village is not all about football!	Noted, funding does have restrictions on where it could be spent
The area is for the whole community to have a natural grass area to play. Pitches have taken this away already.	Noted
Will benefit a lot of people within different age groups. Can be used in all weather conditions	Support noted
Great for the community	Support noted
I don't disagree with the proposal, but I think there are better projects the money could be spent, seems a lot of money for a small proportion of the village who would enjoy it. and the money should be used to go towards improving the village better policing, cleaning, school improvements doctors' pots holes etc	Noted, funding does have restrictions on where it could be spent
Money from a council who is underfunding services already is being spent on a project that will only benefit a select few. There is massive underfunding of services around the village for kids, adults and the elderly. The only people who will benefit from this is SMFC who will have first dibs on a service for the whole community. Parking is an issue at the Jubilee Field, the Girl Guides services are underfunded.	Noted, funding does have restrictions on where it could be spent
It will be better for my son to play football and good for the community as a whole.	Support noted
As long as for all ages not just the young.	Support noted
Anything to increase activity outside and boost local sports. As well as being a local investment.	Support noted
Not for wide community proposed exit dangerous on a blind bend Dog like to run free 3G is not environmentally friendly Removing natural habitat for earthworm birds and small	Noted – feed into design and planning process

mammals Other options for dog walking are not kept clear of brambles nor is there parking Surrenden is always busy.	
Sports for the young should be a priority	Support noted
If properly funded from external sources.	Support noted
We would not use it but a good thing for future generations	Support noted
It is reducing further space available for village use. Also that the 3G pitch will only be used by a small minority of the village, but possibly by others from outside the area.	Noted
Essential to have a pitch like this that is all weather and used by all ages.	Support noted
I think it is a lot of money for something that is really only for football. Other organisations in Staplehurst may need some of the \$106 money.	Noted, funding does have restrictions on where it could be spent
I disagree as it will only be about use for football not activities that are for the community	Noted
Nothing other than football will take place using the 3G pitch so I do not agree in the spending on just a pitch that benefits a minority.	Noted
Public space should not be taken away to benefit a private entity. If the 3g pitch is something the football club needs to progress, then they should buy their own land and build the pitch on there. Additionally, I do not believe that tax payers' money should be spent on building a new pitch, when we have previously had to wait months for pot holes etc to be mended by the council. I also believe we should not be removing the little public green space the village has left. Most of the green space used by the village has been removed for housing, we shouldn't be losing public green spaces also. I will be very disappointed if the 3g pitch goes ahead	Noted, funding does have restrictions on where it could be spent and the 3G pitch would be available for all to hire
Staplehurst is increasingly losing acres of land for walking. More and more developments are being proposed and barriers are being erected throughout the village. Currently, Jubilee Field is a wonderful, family friendly space with plenty of room for a host of activity. It is enjoyed and frequented in its current form by villagers and the development and construction of a 3G field will create short and long term issues for those using the area, and all for earning more money. I would support funding going into other local provisions like schools or another GP to mitigate the growing population in the village. We do not need a 3G pitch.	Noted, funding does have restrictions on where it could be spent
I live about 5 mins from the jubilee field and constantly have to deal with noise. Shouting and swearing until late in the evenings on some days and the flood lights facing straight towards us . This proposal will only increase the usage of this facility and therefore become more of a nuisance	Noted
I know that many junior football sessions get called off when the weather is bad. The soil here is mainly clay and doesn't drain well. This would be a real asset for the local community.	Support noted

I disagree because we have an antisocial behaviour, speeding drivers, egg throwers, vandalism and I think the money that the parish council is spending on the project is very disgraceful to the victims of the village. The money could be spent on more policing, PCSO's, CCTV, Speed Cameras (The local MP says they need a fatality to get the ball rolling which is very disappointing) they say there's no money for the cameras, but £200K for a 3G pitch. If they put one up they'll clear the nations dept within a week as I see cars driving way too fast especially on Headcorn Road (it's a 30) but people don't notice this and finally drivers jumping red lights it amazes me that no one has been injured yet. Forget sports why not youth clubs or music clubs as they would be a lot more interesting than hanging around outside the Spar supermarket at night. Have a good think about this please, surely the Monarchs get advertising income and if so use that for the 3G pitch.	Noted, funding does have restrictions on where it could be spent
This is not for the whole community it is only for sports. the development funding should be better spent.	Noted, funding does have restrictions on where it could be spent
Feel the money be better spent elsewhere traffic calming A220 more CCTV police presence and investment in green spaces Speed bumps, & camera Marden Road	Noted, funding does have restrictions on where it could be spent
Bring more revenue to the village	Support noted
Wouldn't use it	Noted
Many reasons promote well-being Community well-being sense of belonging pride Youth development engagement Inclusivity brining communities together Economical benefits Supports local CLUBS FOSTERING A MORE VIBRANT CULTURE.	Support noted
It is our understanding that the Jubilee Field is an open space for all the community to use. The existing football pitch (fenced in) has taken away some of the space from the community. I feel that building on more of the field would reduce access to those who are not sport orientated. It is excellent that the village football is doing so well but space to walk dogs, play family games, meet friends is also important. These activities are free and good for physical and mental health. In the current financial climate, free things to do should not be reduced.	Noted
We need to enhance the sports activities for all the community, but it shouldn't be limited to football and part of the pitch should be open, regardless if it's hired out, to all to exercise, for example a running or walking track with lights, so that members can exercise safely in the winter evenings	Noted
Putting money into sports in the community which will last, weather proof & multi-purpose	Support noted
I am concerned about the loss of community space but I also think the 3G pitch is too good an opportunity to lose.	Support noted
I think this would be an excellent improvement to the facilities that opens them to variety of other clubs that could use the facilities, not just football.	Support noted
Improved infrastructure for a growing community	Support noted
I agree with the concept but have concerns over the park provision. To increase activity and users will mean even more cars. There needs to be additional spaces, as this is already a chaotic road with entrances to four housing estates, a sharp bend and traffic lights. We can't have more people parking outside of the jubilee, it's simply unsafe.	Noted – feed into design and planning process

Traffic generation is a concern and what the 28 space car park is based upon. Moved here as it was a village but so much development causing it to be another growing urban sprawl.	Noted – feed into design and planning process
Other areas of the village need investment. Increased traffic and light/noise pollution	Noted – feed into design and planning process
It is a fantastic project that will allow more children & young people to get involved in sport and exercise	Support noted
I know the field is boggy and unmanageable. I totally in agreement with what is trying to be achieved.	Support noted
1. Specific Girl Guiding spaces very welcome but new car spaces on site plan already exist, Any spaces planned? 2. Car park exit on plan extremely dangerous its nearer the tight bend, sit of several accidents and excess speed. 3. Why replace natural wildlife habitat and grass with artificial turf? The Staplehurst Neighbourhood Development Plan Policy C5 to maintain and enhance the Jubilee Field Sports and recreation site should upgrade the main pitch with 3 G turf to support the proposed multiple sports, using the ring-fenced section 106 money and leaving 2.1 acres for the dog walkers and family use.	Noted, feed into design and planning process
Loss of green space	Noted
Enhances sporting opportunities and availability of playing pitches all throughout the year	Support noted
It's for the football teams to use - no prime time available for other users. Cost is far too high to hire. Car parking is dangerous and has not been thought out. The entrance and proposed exit is going to get someone killed. No pathways, lighting shown. What is happening to the unlocked part of the car park? No running costs have been given out.	Noted feed into business plan and
Could the money be used to improve the crossroad	Noted, funding does have restrictions on where it could be spent
Great Community facility that will enhance the local area and help get people active,	Support noted
The information presented in question 8 is misleading it is 2.1 acres on top of the already protected/ closed area . This will along with the car park, seriously reduce the recreational open area available to all. If this goes ahead it needs to go hand in hand with enforcement of all public footpath maintenance and additional area for recreation, including dog walking,	Noted, will clarify in design process
Much needed facilities for youth football. A great facility for clubs and groups.	Support noted
Whilst it's great that Staplehurst footballers are doing so well, but the Jubilee Field is supposed to be an area available to all. Part of the area is already fenced off for football only. Users of the Guide Centre have access to an outdoor area currently - for games, campfires and pitching tents etc. Hopefully this will not be lost- especially at the centre is open to the wider community.	Noted
Many other clubs at this standard have 3 G facilities, It will attract players, young and old and enable kids football training to run through winter months,	Support noted
As long as adequate drainage is put in place to deal with the adverse weather! (as per plans)	Support noted
The proposal is irrelevant to us but we are supportive of the Parish Council's position in improving community for others.	Support noted
I think as long as it is utilised to its full potential it is worth the investment. If it isn't managed adequately it could be an expensive white elephant,	Support noted

I belong to an active retirement group at Cox Heath Village Hall where I play bowls I wish there was a facility in Staplehurst for old codgers of a certain age, I do not drive and have caught the bus to Linton Corner and waited for an 89 but this is now very difficult because of the No 5 bus. I have to leave home at 1 to play at 2.45 and coming home is worse I can only play 1/2 time now.	Noted
Provide year round facilities, all weathers	Supported noted
The money would be better used for a sports centre or indoor facility offering (for example) squash, indoor cricket, even indoor football, gym etc - there is already existing pitches, 3G adds nothing!	Noted, funding does have restrictions on where it could be spent
Facilities for kids all year round opportunities for local PT instructors to utilise facilities enhance sport in both young and old	Support noted
There has been significant property development in Staplehurst over the years with no / minimal investment in the village and the infrastructure. The Jubilee Field is a mud bath in winter and often waterlogged. Why the Why did Marden manage to secure funding for the facilities and Staplehurst PC failed?	Support noted
The parking is bad enough as it is. The other day cars were driving on to the field to park as the car park was full. It was very dangerous as children were on the field playing and their ball went under a car and they didn't stop at all.	Noted
I thought they there is something like this in Marden. The road to the Jubilee Field is quite fast, despite speed limits and access in / out of the car park is awful. So much has been built in Staplehurst it feels wrong to build even more and take up open space.	Noted
Better sports facilities will bring more people to Staplehurst to support local companies	Support noted
It is too much money. I personally would be unlikely to use it. None of my family are interested in sport	Noted
Concerns regarding Jubilee Field 3G Proposal 1) The jubilee field is owned by the parish council and should be used for the benefit of the parish as a whole rather than a narrow sub-section of users (i.e. the Football club), many of whom are from outside the parish, such a development as envisioned would unduly favour the entities of the football club verses the rest of the population. This is especially the case as the proposal would be directly injurious to the ability of other parties to use the jubilee field for both previously and currently undertaken activities and future use for community events (such as the very successful bonfire and firework nights). 2) The plan also includes a 11v11 pitch (as per FAQ 13 & Indicative site plan), not much mentioned – save that “The 11 v 11 size adult pitch will be 91m by 55m big enough for adult football matches. See FA guidance”. The Staplehurst Monarchs are in the Southern Counties East Football League, First Division; which I understand to be a National League Grade 6 level tournament. As such for use for matches it would have to be enclosed and variously modified according to https://www.thefa.com/get-involved/player/ground-grading . If the intention is to keep this as a normal grass pitch with just grass, lines, and goals it would make sense for its position to be flipped with the proposed 3G pitch maintaining space for community use; as is I would postulate that the intention is to try to ‘upgrade’ and enclose this at a later date / attempt to expand	<p>Noted</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The aim is the Jubilee Field will be used by a variety of groups and users 2. Noted and considered – due to the SECFL ground standards the grass pitch has been maintained to a higher level. The proposed 3G pitch is viable for the SECFL matches 3. Noted 4. We are currently in discussions with the Girl Guides 5. Noted 6. Car parking is being considered as part of the project

<p>club facilities so as to raise the grading of the football facilities which sit upon the parishes' Jubilee field. 3) The population (rounded to nearest 100) from the most recent census (2021) of Staplehurst was 6700. Based on data provided in the FAQ on the proposal there are 65 Senior players and 305 Junior players; of these it is stated that 14 of the 65 adults (21.5%) and 115 of the 305 children (37.7%) are resident in Staplehurst (129 players in total). Charitably assuming that for each individual involved there are approx. 3 other family/friend non-players involved/interested we can reach an estimate (not including previously affiliated members) of approx. 516 (129 * 4) people in Staplehurst with a notable link and interest in the football club. This is not small, but it does comprise only 7.7% of the resident population (based on 2021 figures); at best this is likely to be of no benefit to 90% of the population, and at worse this is an active deterrent when compared to their current situation; particularly as it shall be locked off. 4) The proposal would unduly confine the Guides, undermining their ability to use the field (already much reduced by previous enclosures), especially as they were the initial prime users of the site prior to the uncurtail expansion of the football club. This would be especially so during construction which would no doubt lead to the enclosure of the majority of the field while construction is ongoing. The designation of 'priority space' for the Guides (0.24 acres or 3.1% of the field) will inevitably lead to the worsening of the incorrect belief that the football club is the prime user of the site and that the guides must ask permission to use the field. Furthermore activities such as wide games, pioneering, and fire lighting etc. would be rendered impractical preventing events such as the Jubilee Guide / Scout joint campfire. 5) The proposed location would act as a barrier between people entering the field and the rest of it (which indeed is mostly occupied by other football pitches) fostering and encouraging the idea that the area is primarily for the use of the football club, and thus subject to enclosure rather than reality that the football club is but one of the stakeholders and that it is an asset that should be used to benefit the entirety of the community. 6) The lack of parking constrains the site for the use of the football club; therefore it would be logical for the funding if it must go towards football improvements for it to go towards acquiring a new site (perhaps over the road?) for the parish council on which facilities for a football (and or rugby or other sport) training ground and stadia with suitable car parking (useable by the public at large) and facilities (such as perhaps a 3G pitch). Thus giving the footballers the space they believe they need for training and playing matches while increasing the amount of space open to the public and keeping the Jubilee field open for community use. While no doubt more expensive, I am sure that some amount could be raised towards the project 'by public subscription' donations - aided by being unambiguously a benefit to the village rather than a cutting up of the villages' resources. These are some of the major causes for concern, albeit there are others.</p>	
<p>The loss of 2 acres of open public space is irreversible. The space should be available to every resident of Staplehurst - not a specialist sports pitch which is then locked and leaves inaccessible grounds.</p>	<p>Noted</p>

Football pitches are unplayable in the wet weather so it gives us an option plus great for training locally!	Support noted
Improved/enhanced facilities will be a huge bonus for local sports clubs. I understand that, currently, drainage issues impact detrimentally on its viable usage. I am however rather concerned about installation costs.	Support noted
It's not necessary	Noted
It will enhance the sports facilities in the village, but it will only be used by one section and a relatively small number of people in the village	Noted
Outdoor facilities are crucial to health and wellbeing, especially for young children and teenagers/young adults.	Support noted
The site is not practical given the parking issues already the loss of public land is not acceptable. A lot of kids would love the skatepark to be extended this cannot happen if this goes ahead.	Noted will feed into design and planning process
As the population of Staplehurst increases, there will be a need for improved facilities and a call for more choice of activities	Support noted
Believe developer funds should be spent elsewhere. Disproportionate usage of funds	Noted, funding does have restrictions on where it could be spent
ANYTHING THAT GETS KIDS OFF COMPUTERS AND INTO SPORTS IS GOT TO BE A GOOD THING	Support noted
IF IT IS FOR THE FUTURE OF STAPLEHURST VILLAGE THEN IT IS A GOOD THING	Support noted
IT WILL BE GOOD FOR THE YOUNG AND THOSE WITH SPORTING INTERESTS	Support noted
I agree on the basis that our teams benefit from the project/install, time will tell if it becomes an issue and we are left looking for other places to train/play	Support noted
Sports play such an important role in so many people's lives. A local 3G pitch would massively boost the opportunities that are available for training and playing fixtures in all weathers. It would also be a huge boost to a fantastic community club in Staplehurst monarchs and allow the current and new players to develop their skills that could aid the team in gaining promotion to higher leagues.	Support noted
A village the size of Staplehurst should have such a facility. Our girls play for Monarchs and ridiculously we pay extra to train in the Winter in Maidstone. It's shameful the inept Parish council did not insist the builders filling Staplehurst with houses the young cannot afford to ever buy, did not ensure the builders improve the infrastructure of the village. Too much old boys back scratching. I support the new pitch but try spending some money improving the pavements and roads in the village. Improve the main dangerous cross roads, try improving the white road markings. So much to sort out that never gets done. It's hard to walk along the footpath below the church as the hedge is overgrown. Trouble is you don't get your picture in the press with stuff like that.	Noted, Maidstone Borough Council negotiate the agreements with developers, not the Parish Council. The other points raised are Kent County Council responsibility, but support for 3G pitch noted
A 3G pitch will benefit so many people, the football club, other sports clubs, children starting out - it will also help when people come to play football with friends and don't churn up the pitches! To not go for the 3G would be a mistake	Support noted
Sports and outdoor activities are vital for physical and mental health.	Support noted
I agree with this proposal as it will enhance the well-being and mental health of children and adults	Support noted

All year round pitch for children's football	Support noted
Good for local clubs	Support noted
We need these facilities and activities to support children and families. Also when I walk my dog the skate park is always in use perhaps focus on ensuring that's maintained too - good to see it is used	Support noted
Improves facilities available to the community members and reduces the need for locals to travel elsewhere for these activities	Support noted
It'll bring a great facility to the area, including evening events to keep young adults occupied.	Support noted
may open up other sport options to the community not already catered for in the village	Support noted
Staplehurst needs to investment money in sports and children. There are limited spaces for them to play and have structured socialisation in good facilities. There is a big Sainsburys, loads of new homes but ZERO investment in sport and children. This needs to be re-addressed. I would recommend more spaces are turned into further sporting facilities.	Support noted
Health and well-being benefits for all the community	Support noted
Gives people chance to play sport in Staplehurst all year round night and day	Support noted
The growing number of teams and people playing sports and the ever increasing uncertainty of the weather means 3g surfaces are a valuable part to provide	Support noted
It will significantly improve the winter training facilities for children's football	Support noted
Will ensure activities can happen all year round and not just when it is dry and light	Support noted
The 3G pitch will be a big help for football training in the dark winter evenings and for playing matches when the grass pitches are too wet to play on. The grass pitches are very well maintained by the groundsman but poorly drained.	Support noted
Provides a facility that can be used all year round,	Support noted
Parking is already a problem and the local estate roads are at risk of becoming an overflow car park. The exit of the proposed site is dangerous as it is too close to a blind bend. People parking on the kerb near the field make it hazardous for us to walk with a pushchair and small children along that road already and it will be worse	
Really good for the community for football for all ages. Other clubs would hire it giving money back to the community	Support noted
It removes the secure open space I use daily to walk my dog	Noted
There is too much cost and can't use it for free like we can now	Noted
Parking will be impossible.	Noted feed into design and planning process
What market research beyond this survey has already been undertaken to confirm that this is something that is required.	Noted part of the business plan
It will get vandalised, there isn't enough parking, the girl guides are getting swamped which is sad. The light pollution having flood lights on till 10pm is a serious concern for wildlife and I think it is a waste of money	Noted, feed into the design and planning process
I agree to improve health of the community	Support noted

The village needs more year round opportunities for people to participate in sport and socialise. The 3G pitch should be accompanied by a clubhouse with license to capitalise on spectators for the football et al.	Support noted
I believe investment for future generations is required	Support noted
A shame that the open grass space will be lost, I remember going there with friends for a kick about. However a high quality facility will be good for the village, so long as it is open for all some of the time. It is a lot of money which could be spent elsewhere including other clubs such as the cricket and tennis club	Noted, funding does have restrictions on where it could be spent
It is removing green space which is currently accessible to all to make the field only available to select people. The Girlguiding building is being pushed down in priority and is likely to sustain more damage if the 3G pitch is installed - who will pay for repairs? Staplehurst Guiding is a charity with limited funds as it is, there are no spare funds for such repairs	Noted
I don't agree.	Noted
It will provide football and exercise for all people in all weather. Anything that gets people off their phones/tablets is a good idea to me.	Support noted
dose not benefit the whole village, only sporty people	Noted
The village is growing at a huge rate and needs more facilities!! Toilets more clubs / sports and area for the community to use.	Support noted
Full size pitch will only be used by a few , plus who pays for maintenance and replacement in the future	Noted, feed into business plan
The health and well-being of our population is extremely important having a state of the art facility such as is proposed will provide a much needed area for people to enjoy, engage in social activities whilst keeping healthy. It is also conveniently sited such that many people will be able to walk or cycle there.	Support noted
It will be great asset to the village and provide opportunities for the youth in the village in the future	Support noted
Health and fitness is so important at any age. So many illnesses and diseases could be prevented if we were a fitter nation as a whole.	Support noted
Concerned over anti-social behaviour in the area being increased	Noted
It is a vital resource for the village	Support noted
all weather activities available	Support noted
There are very limited places south of Maidstone where you can us a 3G facilities. So it would be fantastic for local clubs to have access to such a facility. It will put the cost up to use the facility so it is important it is not profit driven	Support noted
Staplehurst needs more facilities, especially at this end. We need a post office & a chemist as well.	Noted, funding does have restrictions on where it could be spent
The right facilities for groups to use in this area without the need for travel. To hopefully generate income too	Support noted
It should make accessing football, all types of fitness and wellbeing available throughout the year. Also possibly other events that need a large open space for the village and surrounding areas.	Support noted
No business plan. The 3G pitch is on top of the currently fenced off pitch. With the other pitch as well there is space left for other users. It is supposed to be a community park for all to use, not just one football club. Space must be made available for the	Noted comments feed into business plan plus design and planning process

Guides. They have as much right to use the field as the football club.	
Its for the sole benefit of one football team only and there a lot of other voluntary youth organisations in the village that are being ignored and overlooked. Also the £210k \$106 money could be better spent on a number of other projects that give much wider benefit to many more people in the village	Noted, funding does have restrictions on where it could be spent
THE VILLAGE NEEDS IT.	Support noted
I agree that it would aid the community but i am concerned around the exclusive use by adult football	Noted – feed into business plan
Because improving the facilities we have has to be a priority	Support noted
Should not be ringfenced for certain clubs.	Noted feed into business plan
I disagree with the proposal on a number factors. 1) this could be used for better infrastructure that needs these fund, such as the state of roads, which have cost 4 new tires In last 12 months due silly amount of pot holes. 2) add this 3G pitch, will take away from publicly owned space, given to private company/team that reinvest in the local spaces. 3) it take away space from the Kathie Lamb, which vital for girl guides and other events that are held there I. 4) 3G pitches cause injuries to people participating in sport unnecessary, compared to grass.	Noted, funding does have restrictions on where it could be spent
More loss of field space to residents and users of Jubilee Field	Noted
Staplehurst is growing and needs more facilities within the village	Support noted
It's a great facility to have in the community	Support noted
It's a much needed facility in the area which will improve sporting opportunities (not just football) for local residents.	Support noted
Football is growing in Kent with 250+ teams in the MiPL (Under7 to Under 11) alone. Other clubs who have installed 3G have had great success in expand the offering as they know the pitch is available 99% of the time and they don't need to worry about over use of a grass facility. Aylesford is a great example.	Support noted
Given the amount of football we lose to the clay soil this would be such a great addition for the youth of the village	Support noted
Please keep some pitch space free to visit anytime(please don't lock it all away like the main pitch). Myself and my two boys access the open pitches anytime and we would like to keep it that way.	Noted feed into business plan
More flood lights	Noted
It's great for the community and local children and current grass option is inadequate due to drainage and maintenance issues.	Support noted
Sad to lose 3 grass pitches to be replaced with 1 artificial, potentially environmentally damaging pitch that will cost money to use.	Noted
Agree	Support noted
Provides facilities to play football in mid-winter when grass pitches are very often unfit for use. Will reduce the amount of football which has to be played outside the village when grass pitches are not fit for use. Do not agree with the positioning of the exit from the field which is placed almost on a sharp bend. How will extra parking be created for the expected increased number of users of the facility.	Noted – feed into design and planning process

3 years you had the freedom to all the sports field now with the 3G pitch(which will go ahead without thought) as good as. The whole area will be locked off. And what we the tax payer will pay for will have to pay again to enter. Where is the freedom to walk yourself and dogs and play in an open public area. Oh it's going to be taken away. And our tax will go up for the up keep as well. Good luck everyone	Noted
I'm not convinced it's the best use of the Council money. For it to be cost effective it will need to be run as a business and unless it's successful it will be a drain on our resources. Also the parking and entrances will be an added danger on a road that is already dangerous. Ironically the more successful the more traffic it will generate. That part of the road is not lit, even if it's a 30mph limit, no one sticks to it.	Noted – feed into design and planning process
Loss of open space, welfare of children, dangerous road	Noted
Will be so positive for the local community.	Support noted
There should be clear proposals about how local residents will maximise the benefit from this. Parish land that is currently open to all will be lost, and parish money will be used for a facility that will be kept locked and only available for paid access. There should be clear proposals for how much it will cost each user to access the facility so we can understand if it is going to be affordable for local people, and there should be a discounted rate and priority booking system for local people.	Noted – feed into the business plan
I agree with the proposal as it will benefit the community making the area multi use throughout the year	Support noted
We need to keep on developing Staplehurst as a facility for football	Support noted
I think the addition of this facility will be a good asset to community, but I think the car park exit proposal is unsafe, and there is likely to be a negative knock on impact for the guides as there will be higher alternative demand for car parking	Support noted
Restricted to mainly football	Noted
Great facility for the village and their football teams.	Support noted
Agree	Support noted
I would prefer the space and monies to be spent on a new community centre on the site.	Noted, funding does have restrictions on where it could be spent
Allow residents the opportunity to have facilities in the village rather than travel.	Support noted
Staplehurst sits on chalk ground, meaning large periods of the year the land is unusable for sports due to flooding etc. this will support the local community provide activity programmes at all times regardless of season/weather	Support noted
Widely used by the Monarchs and allows training through the winter months, takes away the possibility of water logged pitches.	Support noted
The current grass pitches are not suitable for use all year round - it would be great for the younger teams to be able to train and host matches at their home venue throughout the year	Support noted
Winter training is closer and matches can be played when the pitch would usually get waterlogged	Support noted
The money should be spent on the skate park, and Surrenden Field	Noted
Need to provide better community sports facilities	Support noted

Q12, Please provide any further comments or questions you have regarding the proposed facility?

I am concerned it will be a white elephant what are the proposals to ensure that there are sustainable funding in place to pay for maintenance. how will people use it?	Noted – feed into business plan
Why is the main pitch not being considered for the 3 G project bearing in mind it is already fenced off and has flood lights Will flood lights be included with the 3 G project Who will be responsible for the maintenance off the 3 G pitch? is it envisaged that hiring fees will cover all costs.	Noted – funding for the 3G pitch does not provide a SECFL standard pitch
Village needs a playing field	Noted
I struggle to come to terms with the amount of money that has been given to Jubilee when other village club open to all of the community are struggling to raise funds to enhance their facilities the Village Golf club has been overlooked by the PC.	Noted, Parish Council supported Village Golf Club with £15,000
Money is needed elsewhere upgrade sewage facilities another school. I appreciate that youngsters need open space for sport. but seriously there is a greater need for more of community as a whole. Who grants permission for a tattoo parlour another kebab shop when we need a haberdashery and a family tool shop.	Noted, Parish Council does not grant planning permission, that is MBC. The S106 funding has restrictions on how it can be used
make sure you properly included the disabled community n designing the facilities to ensure accessibility and inclusion. Try to provide rain shelter for spectators to build stronger community through spectators.	Noted – feed into design process
I wish it was available when my children were younger.	Support noted
Is it possible that the new 3G multi sport pitch could be put parallel to the new fenced football pitch so that any fencing does not again come close to the Guide Centre. The grass pitch could then be at the South end of the field. So much fencing stops general public use of what was meant to be for use of villagers. Surely the money could be better spent on a new Village Centre which would be for all Villagers.	Noted will forward into design process.
I am a dog owner ,but feel that sports field are not the place to walk your dog ,from the state of the pavements there are obviously a number of dog owners who do not clear up after their animals and this is a health hazard for those using the fields	Noted
I've lived in the village all my life, I'm a dog walker, football mum and local resident. This has been needed for a long time. There are plenty of other spaces in the village for dog walking that I'll happily walk to so that kids can benefit from a year round pitch.	Support noted
Will there be space for dogs to be able to be let off the lead and run around?	Noted – feed into design
Why was this questionnaire not sent out to people in the village ?	It was – to every household in the Village Newsletter
Hire fees should be used to keep it maintained. Discounts should be available to local residents. I am extremely concerned about the entrance/exit being near the bend in the road. It will be dangerous and needs to be re sited.	Comments noted – feed into design and planning process plus
Will the site still be accessible for the public for walking/dog walking	Yes
No were to walk	Noted
I cannot see adequate footpaths/hard standing from the car park and changing rooms to the MUGA. There should be a hard transition to the MUGA to protect the MUGA surface and also provide a stable viewing area outside of the secure fencing	Noted – feed into design process

Good idea bad location	Noted
Will there still be space to freely walk dogs? Why will it be locked and inaccessible generally... this is removing facilities rather than adding to them!	Noted, yes will be able to walk dogs.
How soon can you get started?? The sooner the better!	Support noted
Concerned about parking on the road if its busier.	Noted, feed into design
What is the cost of upkeep? 3G pitches do degrade with age, What consideration has been given to the environmental impact on the proximity of the residential houses? noise, light etc.	Noted, feed into business plan and design and planning process
What is 3G cannot find an answer anywhere?	See FAQ on Parish Council website, 3G multi-sport pitch
Please include a simple running track for older people to take exercise on an all weather surface. More seating and benches around the field as you are using Parish Council funding towards this.	Noted
Concerned Guides losing access to land and being marginalised. Major car parking issues.	Noted – feed into design process
This whole site should be Sold off to a body that can control and receive rental to allow such developments to progress into what is a sports field allowing a proper ongoing maintenance schedule, whilst not burdening the Village with such precarious unregulated costs associated with such a venue.....	Noted
If the main pitch was not locked off it would help allow general green space to be used, it is currently used only by a minor number of people mostly from other areas.	Noted, pitch is open to general public when not hired out for matches
Speed limit change will take a long time to achieve Drainage needs to be seriously considered Can the field opposite be used as an overflow parking AS IT WAS WHEN WE HAD FIREWORKS. Will there be adequate insurance for accidents on the pitch as the cause more accidents than grass pitches. Interesting that men can not play on that pitch. High fences will make it look like a prison site. Worried about safe guarding the Guides, Brownies and Rainbows. Interesting that the front gates will no longer need to be locked. Could lead to more drug taking and County lines activity at night especially.	Noted feed into design process
Be the best they can	Noted
The remaining space now cut off from view and less accessible for children. I am worried about a negative impact on the Guides facility and car park.	Noted – feed into the design process
Would the car park be extended ? as often on a Sunday cars have to park on the road during football practice and matches.	Noted – feed into design process
How will the space be used? What are the plans to get people to use the space?	Noted – feed into the business plan
The car parking facilities are extremely limited at the moment the plans show no addition parking only upgrading of current overflow, the exit to this is also on a blind corner on a national speed limit road.	Noted – feed into the design process
Will the guide centre be given an accessible piece of dedicated land too? They are being encroached upon, bit by bit.	Noted
Please look after the interests of the Guides and skate park users.	Noted
Why on earth develop it and restrict access to it, it's a beautiful piece of land that can be used 24 hours a day, it works perfect as it is just leave it alone.	Noted

I am very concerned about drainage. 2 acres of grass holds a surprising amount of water when it is permanent grassland - soil carbon acts as a sponge and releases heavy rainfall slowly into local waterways. If you're draining it freely, the water will go through faster than if it were percolating through soil and roots. Faster flow into local rivers may mean that ditches and culverts cannot cope and water ends up in places you don't want in the event of a heavy rainfall event. We are so flat around Staplehurst, perceived small changes can have a big effect, and 2 acres is not a small change. Coupled with all the development down Headcorn Road it needs very careful consideration. Just saying the drainage board will sort it is not good enough.	Noted – feed into design process
There is regular vandalism and anti social behaviour in the evening. this needs to be monitored to ensure the new facilities are not damaged.	Noted
This must happen	Support noted
It's an extravagance we cannot afford.	Noted
Really needed as there is a complete lack of suitable pitches for winter in the surrounding area	Support noted
Public space for taking families and friends will be lost	Noted
we are an aging population and your proposals do not include this demographic, why is that?	Noted – feed into business plan
A great proposal, would be keen for it to be well maintained to avoid antisocial outcomes, a great project to enhance the village.	Support noted
a small group of footballers seem to have most sway on an area for all.	Noted
There should be a gym for people of the village to use	Noted
Invest the money around the village. Not just on those that play football	Noted – \$106 funding does have restrictions on where it can be spent
What we really need is a sports hall gym	Noted
I think this is too late to consult I feel a decision has already been made to build it and feel it is a tick box exercise. Currently the facility is not overly busy but imagine it will not remain peaceful when it is built. Many of us enjoy the serenity of the field as it is why do we need another pitch anyway.	Noted
Suitable clubhouse style facilities. This would benefit spectators in times of poor weather as well as providing income for food/refreshments.	Noted
Drainage under the 3G looks fine but where will it flow to? The surrounding ditches are inadequate. How long will a heavy downpour get from 3G take to get to them? Main pitch should be kept for best Staplehurst players not mercenaries control must be kept on this village asset. Parking and access - totally inadequate. Pollution noise and light litter and vehicle movements. Management overseeing of this project is vital - with full disclosure of finances to the public.	Noted feed into design and planning process
I think the reference to the area at 8 could be misleading as the main pitch is enclosed and not available for use, so the 3G pitch is a larger percentage than suggested	Noted clarify in design process. Main pitch is open to the public except when for matches
Essential to have this facility that hopefully won't get misused and vandalised!	Support noted
Who other than the football teams want to use the facility? What makes this more than a project for football and for community activities?	Noted feed into business plan

Noise level Light pollution Habitat destroyed Water run off/ flood risk	Noted feed into planning process
I only question why the Staplehurst Monarchs 1st team aren't having this as their main pitch within their 'stadium'. Their current grass pitch isn't great as far as I know. Still this would be a real asset for community.	Noted
No more comments	Noted
The 3G project is taking an excessive amount of Parish Council time. The developer funding should go to a new community centre	Noted, funding does have restrictions on where it could be spent
Should events like the fire works return the lack of space would impact on this. We are blessed to have Surrenden Field but it does not have the same facilities and parking nearby. Now the guide centre is available for hire, having a lovely open space and field, is a wonderful community asset. The impact of parking without losing green space should be considered.	Noted, feed into design and planning process
I think with increase of usage, you may need to improve the pavilion facilities. Can you extend upwards and have a balcony area to increase the 'entertainment' space, so you can watch a variety of activities from there?	Noted, feed into design and planning process
My only concerns are regarding the parking	Noted, feed into design and planning process
Parking, particularly on training and match days may of course be an issue but shouldn't detract from the opportunity this project presents	Noted, feed into design and planning process
The proposed 3G pitch is overwhelming on a raised mound with fencing and potentially producing more light pollution. Jubilee Field is a community amenity for all of Staplehurst residents not an elite few and those who hire the pitch; everyone else will be locked out! The proposal is a vanity project reflecting the need of a small proportion of residents at the expense of community space. We hope that it is not a foregone conclusion that this project will go ahead.	Noted, feed into design and planning process
Would be better closer to the middle of the village for the kids to get to independently/safely.	Noted
I am very very concerned about the lack of space for the girls at the centre. i feel as a parent it would be unsafe for them to use the field as they currently do for their activites with these proposed plans. I would also not be happy for my children to use the site unsupervised if these plans got ahead limiting their outside safe play area due to the increasing numbers and lack of visibilty at the proposed free area.	Noted feed into design
If there was a park we would use it.	Noted
The entrance / exit is dangerous. I n the short time we have lived next door to these facilities there have been 3 cars in the ditches due to accidents. Putting an exit on a fast and unsighted corner is ridiculous, unless it comes with addition road measures, if it does where are they in the proposal?	Noted feed into design and planning process
Everyone has their own opinions of course but I think this would be a waste of funds and grounds that are already used. I would rather attention and funds be spent on providing allotment space, other sports facilities or something else that would benefit the whole community rather than another football pitch.	Noted, funding does have restrictions on where it could be spent
Property development should have fully funded this site and many others facilities in Staplehurst	Noted

On the whole purchase of additional land by the parish council for the use of football (and other sports) and the subsequent construction of facilities (inc. car parking - and bike racks, changing rooms, etc.) for these sports would be an unambiguous good for the village, and the surrounding area while the current proposals lack vision or imagination and amount to infill development upon a public asset.	Noted
Please could the council explain how there are 28 additional car spaces in the area by the skate park where there is already parking? Surely this isn't additional. The car park is already well under sized and a 3G would only make this worse. Local estates would be full of visitors trying to park their cars.	Noted feed into design and planning
The proposal would clearly be of benefit to the football teams. The facility would be good for the village. I did not think that the question about likely usage was very convincingly dealt with. That in turn could have an effect on its paying for itself. If it did not, who would pay? My main reservations are whether it is the best use of the CIL funds for the village as a whole and that was not very well addressed in this consultation. That said, I appreciate that the external funds that would be attracted by this project make this good value for money.	Comments noted feed into business plan. CIL funding not been used for this project. S106 funding does have restrictions on where it could be spent
it's a positive step	Support noted
PROVISION OF CLUBHOUSE FACILITIES WOULD GREATLY ENHANCE THE NEW PITCH ALONGSIDE THE EXISTING FOOTBALL CLUB AND ITS SUPPORTERS.	Noted
I'd like to understand the duration of priority/preferential bookings Staplehurst Monarchs will be provided with	See business plan
It is such an amazing and exciting proposal. I thoroughly hope that it goes ahead.	Support noted
Improve the infrastructure of the village. Make the builders pay for every brick they lay. But you won't!	Noted, funding does have restrictions on where it could be spent
Say yes to the 3G!	Support noted
I would like to know more details of how the S106 funding is being spent on other projects. We have seen a lot of growth in Staplehurst and the total amount of S106 funding must be extremely substantial, as must the additional Council tax income. However, this is the first project I've seen involving S106 funding. I'm sure there are many other areas in Staplehurst that could do with funding: The Library, the school, waste water problems on Marden road etc.	See question x in FAQ.
It's a must, not a nice to have.	Support noted
Much needed	Support noted
Why don't you invest the money in improving the existing land and better parking	The aim is to improve the land an
The exit road will be dangerous on the corner of headcorn road	Noted
1. What happens to the project if the additional funding can not be raised 2. Who will be funding any overspend (as this is likely to happen) 3. Why is the SIL funding down to the exact penny and the b as lance an approximation. Also your own figures do not add up to £1M so there is already a shortfall Finally why does the online survey, not include the demographic profiling that is on the paper copy.	1. It stops 2. It will be a fixed price contract 3. based on MBC figures 3b – Need to do some fund raising 4 It did
Don't want the 3G pitch	Noted

The proposed facility must include variety of sports for all ages, and genders	Noted feed into the business plan
Will staplehurst school have the opportunity to use it?	Yes
This form makes it seem like a done deal already - there has been no consideration for the field users other than football club members. Resolve the issues that are already pressing before adding a 3G pitch that will cause more issues for users	Noted
I am assuming that the 3F pitch would be available for hire? Also what sports pitches would be marked out on the artificial grass? I am sure sports other than football could benefit from using the 3G surface?	Noted
the parish council should not be paying as the sports clubs should be fund raising this themselves.	Noted
Will there be a noticeboard for local personal trainers and health practitioners to advertise and reach out to local people? Could we please have breast screening and prostate scanning mobile clinics at the facility on a regular basis?	Noted
Needs effective security	Noted
A valuable resource for the village and bringing the community together	Support noted
If the 3G is not being used say in school holidays - then why can't the facility be open to local children to use for free provided they are supervised. It is ridiculous to lose 2.1 acres of grass pitches and not then use it	Noted feed into business plan
Will there be other facilities or just a pitch? Showers, cafe? Will there be a tannoy system?	Noted
I am happy to lose the 2.1 acres to the 3G pitch but not if it is used for other things such as building developments.	Noted
More parking will be needed. Where does this go? What happens when the senior team need a clubhouse and more seating and more standing areas? Will Jubilee Field become a football stadium?	Noted feed into the design and planning process
We need to see a fully costed business plan before we can make a decision. We need to know that Parish Council funds will not be used on annual running costs going forward	Noted feed into business plan
Working details such as security, key holding , defib, maintenance, ownership, energy, legal , noise are unknown to a lot of people in the village and thus awareness of those would show openness and transparency	Noted feed into business plan
Seems a lot of money to spend when money is so precious at the moment.	Noted
hopefully you can vandal proof the new pitch when not in use	Noted
Parking and drainage are large considerations which need to be given serious consideration.	Noted feed into the design and planning process
I have concerns that there isn't enough parking and that there will effectively be less than today on the new plan when. You take into account the parking that is currently used on the field itself on busy days.	Noted feed into the design and planning process
Be interesting to see a transparent break down in the council documents of what money has been exchanged to get tasks done.	Noted , see council reports 31 st October 2023
Great idea, wrong place	Noted
I would like to see Staplehurst community benefits at the heart of this proposal e.g. local school, local youth club, residential homes	Noted feed into business plan

in Staplehurst should all be part of this from the start and at its core.	
When is it happening	Support noted
The facility should be continued to be developed so midweek usage of the grass area can increase	Support noted
I would recommend considering reversing the direction of the car park entry and the exit. Most traffic to the site will come from the direction of Staplehurst centre, turning left before the sharp bend into site, with good visibility to vehicles behind the turning vehicle is safer than vehicles turning right exiting the facility under the current plans right after a blind bend	Noted feed into the design and planning process
Would like to know more about the landscaping plans to ascertain whether noise will travel to new developments nearby, also has an impact assessment been done with regards to light pollution re floodlights?	Noted feed into design and planning process
I believe this project is not inclusive of a large number of the Staplehurst community residents.	Noted
If it does not happen now it ever will	Noted

Survey Process

As part of the consultation process a survey was available from 11th September until 16th October 2023. The survey was promoted online, and a paper copy circulated to all residents via the parish newsletter. Postal entries were accepted up until 23rd October to allow for delays in the service.

The survey received 312 responses, 186 online and 126 hard copies entered manually, 38 were incomplete, in that the respondent answered some questions but did not finish the survey, in the majority of cases this is because they ended the survey before completing the equality and diversity section. The results will include questions that were completed.

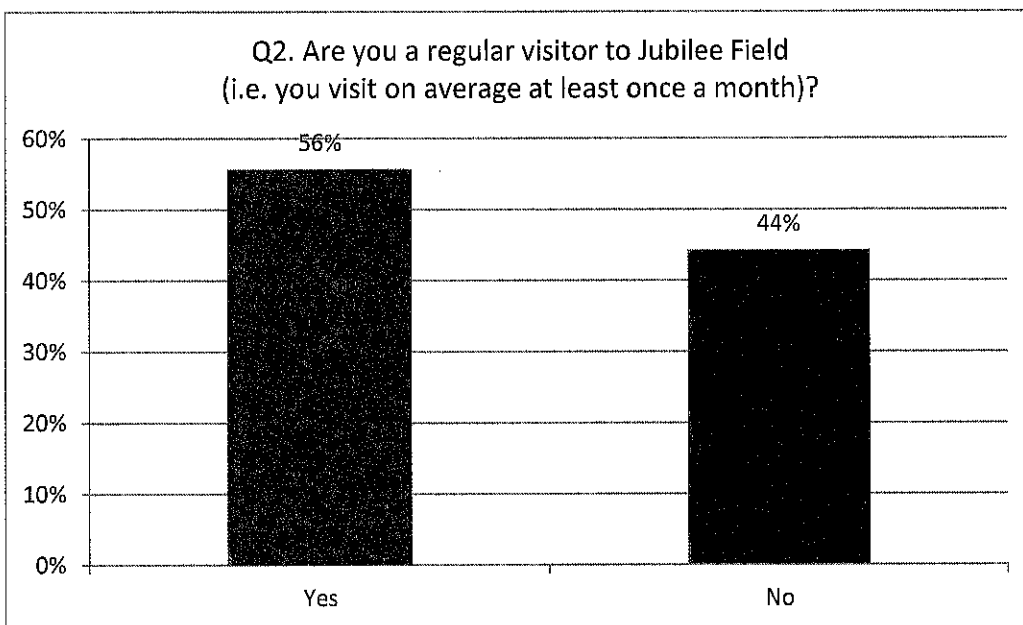
Out of the 312, 280 specifically came from within the Parish Area e.g., had a postcode TN12 0....the following results only include the responses of those living within Staplehurst Parish Council.

The survey enabled people to give their views on the current facilities, to comment on the plans and outline if they would be interested in hiring the facility and what new activities, they would be interested in.

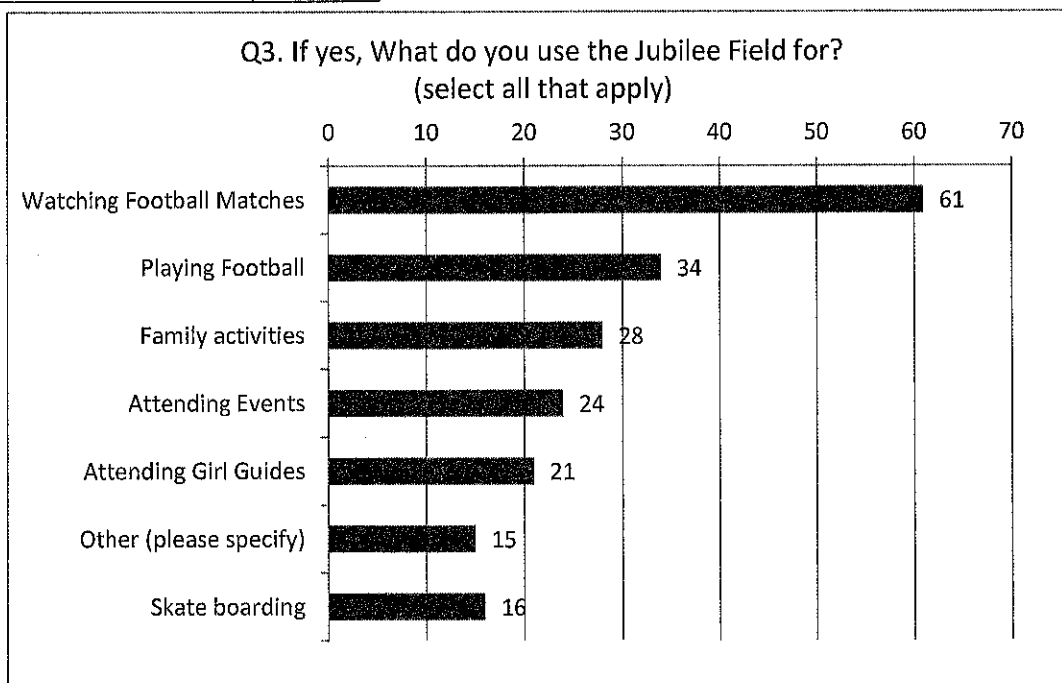
All individuals were encouraged to complete Equality & Diversity monitoring forms to show the range of people consulted.

A summary of the results from the survey follows

Facilities

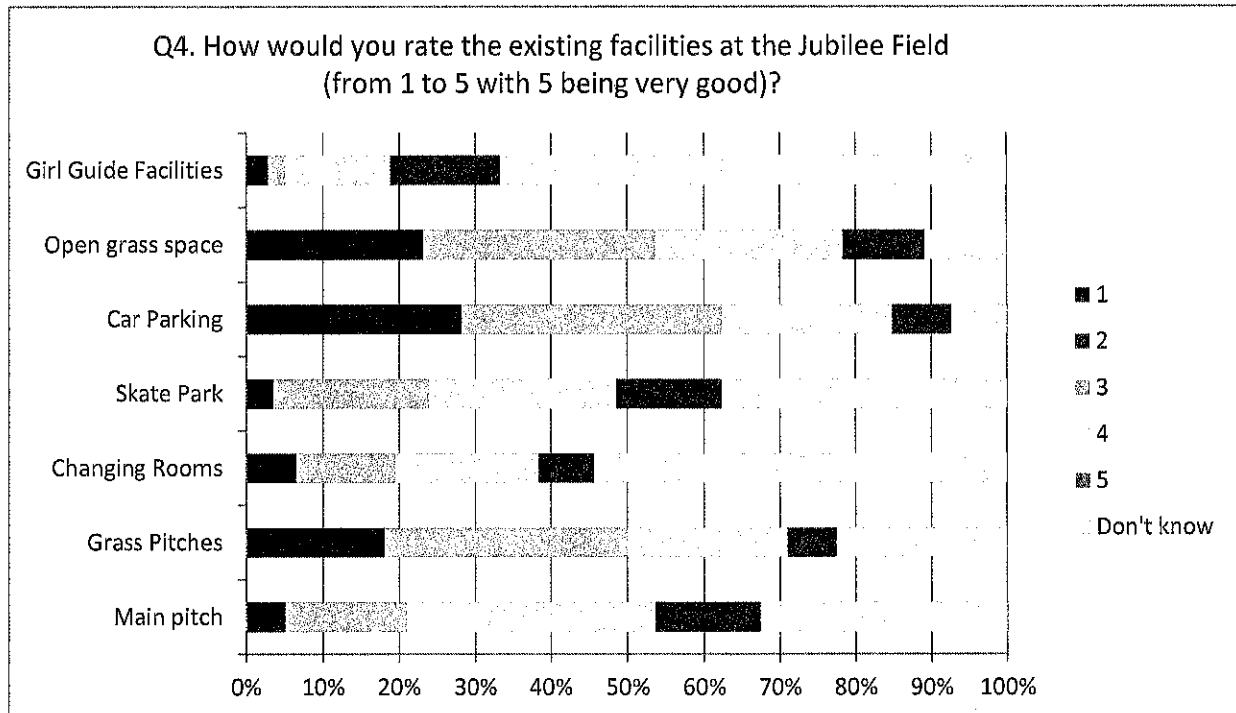


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Yes	56%	156
No	44%	124
Answered		280

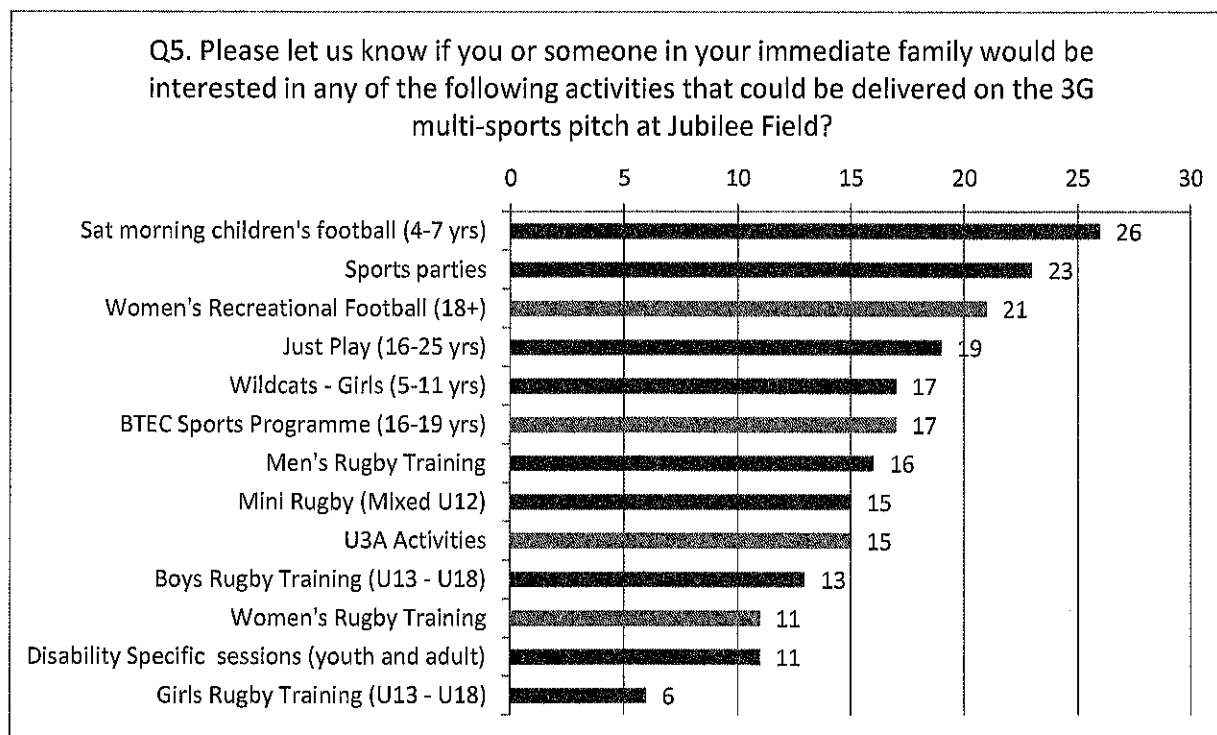


Other comments

- Attending meetings at the Kathie Lamb Centre (4)
- Playing football (2) - part of club (1) / informal (1).
- Managing / Coaching football matches (3)
- Walking /Daily dog walker (4)
- Running
- Parish Activities
- VISIT IN WINTER FOR SOUP AND HOT DRINK
- Exercise and observe nature and wildflowers
- Peace and tranquillity

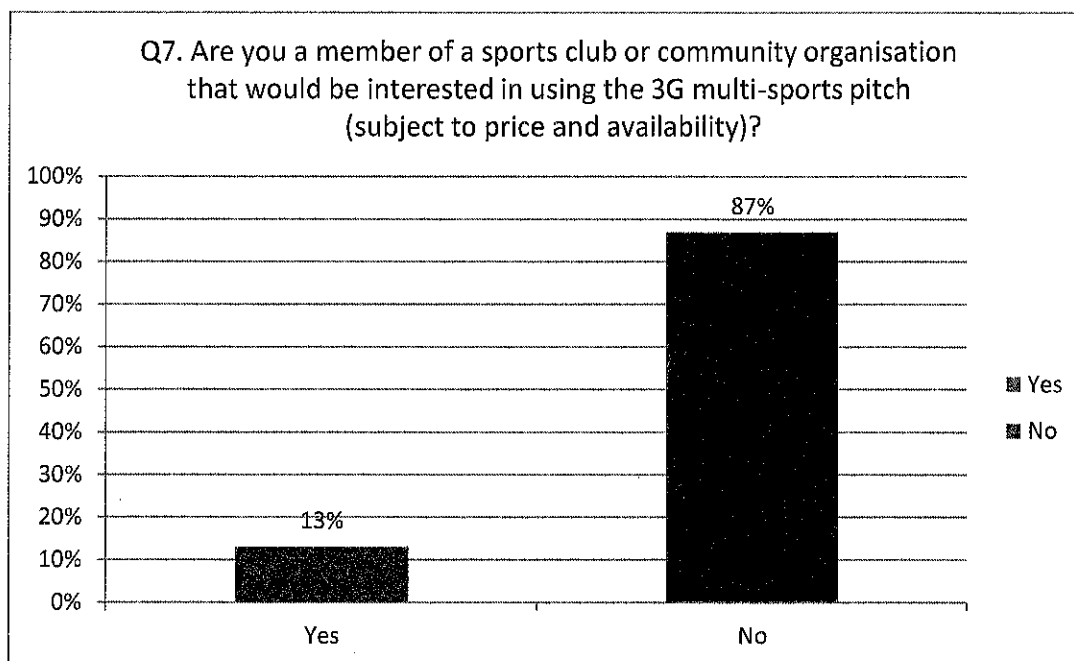


	One		Two		Three		Four		Five		Don't Know		Total
Main pitch	1%	2	4%	5	16%	22	33%	45	14%	19	33%	45	138
Grass Pitches	2%	3	16%	22	32%	44	21%	29	7%	9	22%	31	138
Changing Rooms	1%	2	5%	7	13%	18	19%	26	7%	10	54%	75	138
Skate Park	1%	1	3%	4	20%	28	25%	34	14%	19	38%	52	138
Car Parking	11%	15	17%	24	34%	47	22%	31	8%	11	7%	10	138
Open grass space	7%	10	16%	22	30%	42	25%	34	11%	15	11%	15	138
Girl Guide Facilities	1%	1	2%	3	2%	3	14%	19	14%	20	67%	92	138

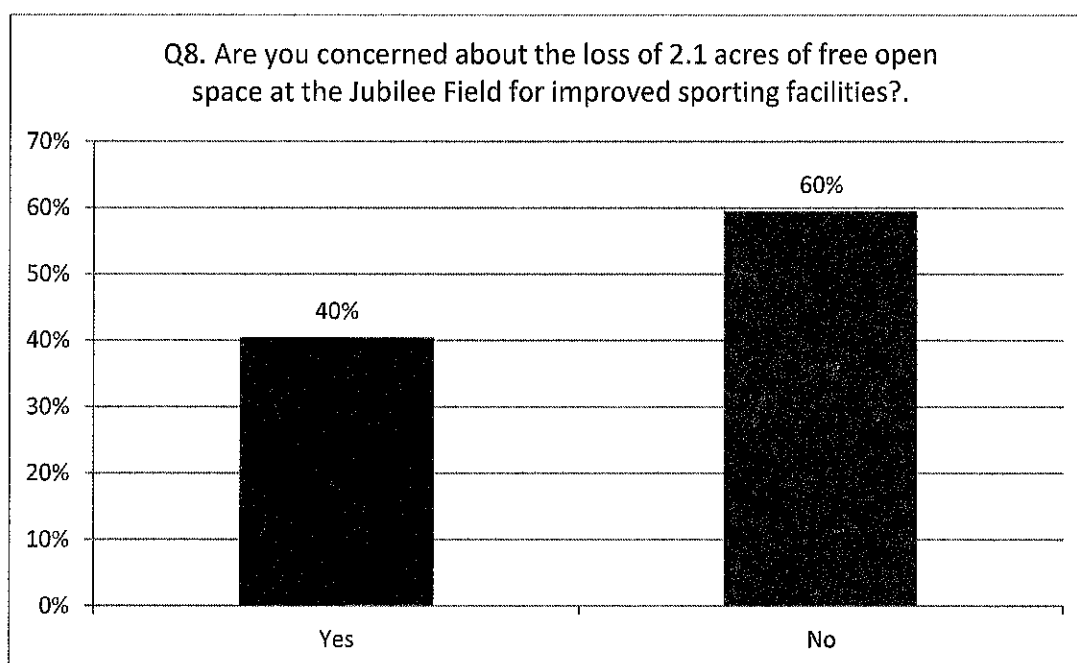


Q6 If there are any other activities you would like provided at the 3G Multi-sports pitch as Jubilee Field, please let us know.

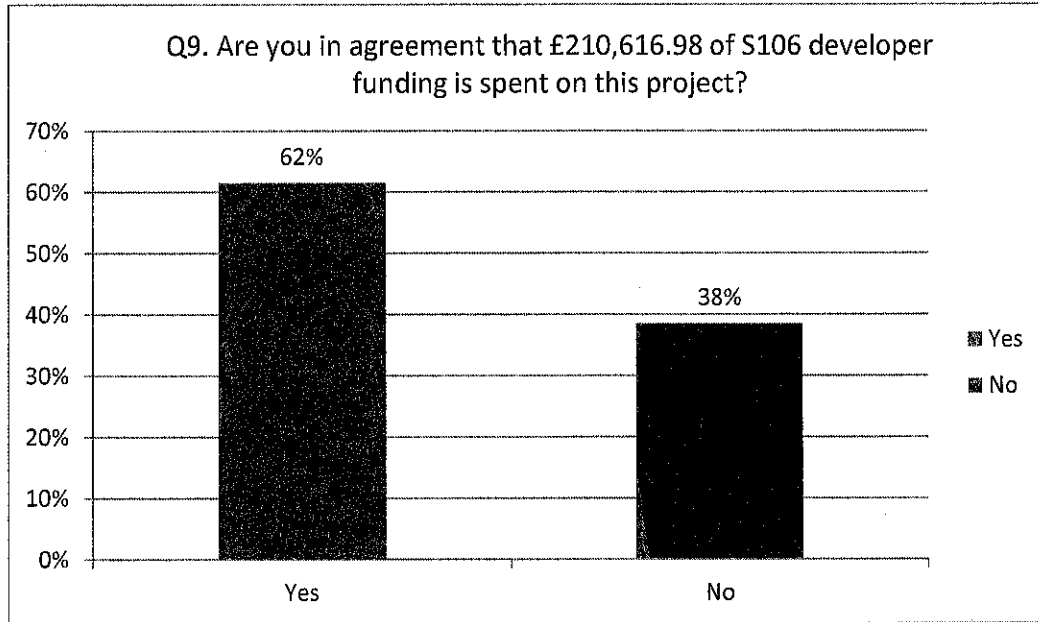
- Netball (9)
- General training, fitness work/ Fitness bars, Boot camp (4)
- Hockey girls/boys and men's woman's (4)
- The ability to hire areas or all the pitch (2)
- Free taster sessions for Staplehurst users / free session kids informal play / General free fun group games like rounders, catch etc (3)
- More variety (other than football) would be beneficial to all the community (3)
- Markets / Community events / Bonfire night (3)
- Basketball (2)
- Dog Walking Space (2)
- Cricket (2)
- Running track (2)
- Tennis / pickleball (2)
- Park for children to play / better play facilities using natural resources (2)
- Community café (1)
- Ultimate frisbee?? Cross Fit
- Fun Activities for older people especially housebound or lonely
- use of boundary for forest schools work/club
- Swimming pool
- Sports therapy
- Roller skating
- Disability sports
- Archery
- A maintained pathway around the back of skate park, perhaps a sheltered / seating area.
- Girls football development centre
- Would be lovely for a seating around the field
- Baby tots football
- Dance
- Gymnastics
- Skate Jam
- Bowls Green



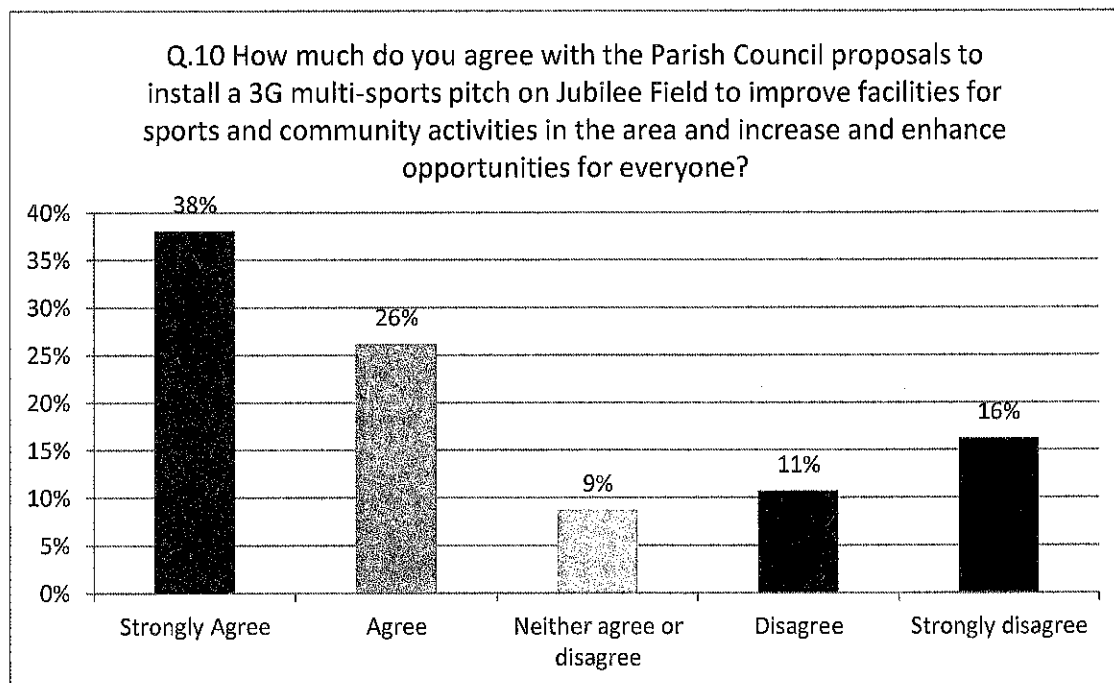
	%	No.
Yes	13%	33
No	87%	219
Answered		252



	%	No.
Yes	40%	102
No	60%	150
Answered		252



	%	No.
Yes	62%	155
No	38%	97
Answered		252



	%	No.
Strongly Agree	38%	96
Agree	26%	66
Neither agree or disagree	9%	22
Disagree	11%	27
Strongly disagree	16%	41
	Answered	252

Views of Non regular users of Jubilee Field

The 3G working group asked for further analysis as to how those that stated they were not regular visitors to Jubilee Field voted regarding the key questions 8, 9 and 10.

In Question 2, 124 people stated they were not regular visitors to Jubilee field, 11 respondents did not answer these 3 questions, making a total of 113 respondents who answered as follows.

Question 8

66% (75) stated they were not concerned about the loss of open space compared to 33% (38) who were concerned even though they are not regular users of the field.

Question 9

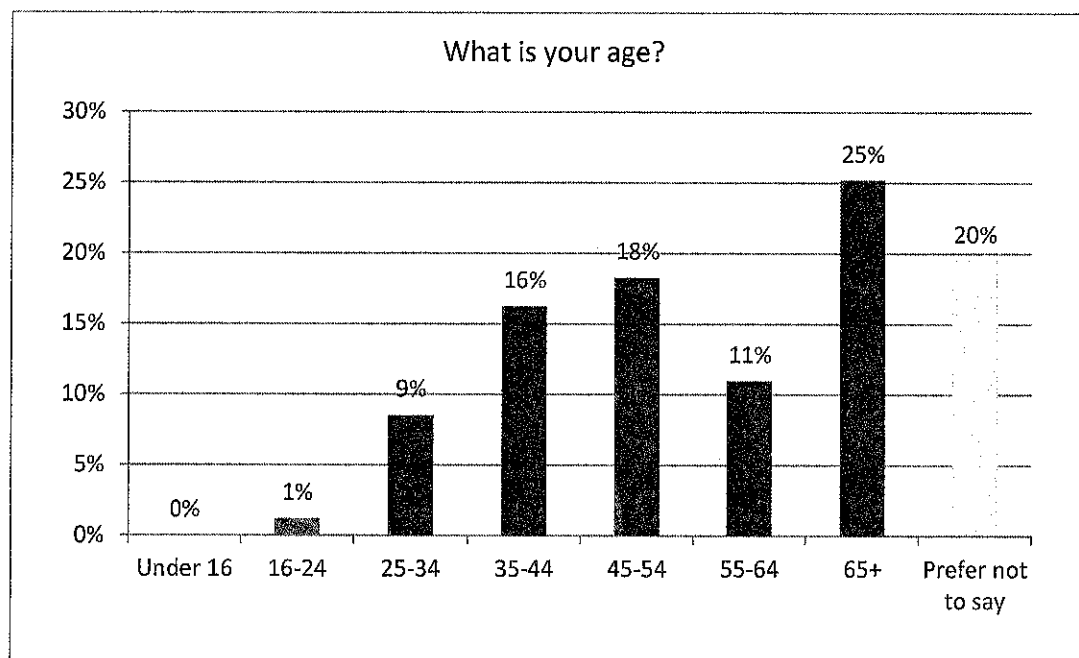
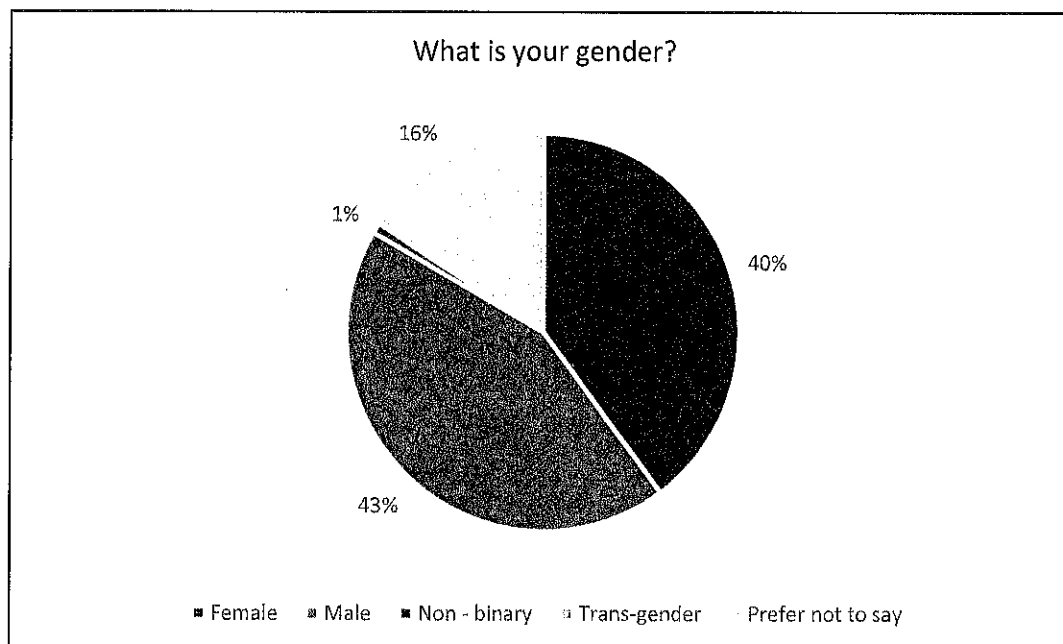
63% (71) were in agreement that £210,616.98 of S106 developer funding is spent on this project, compared to 37% (42) who were not.

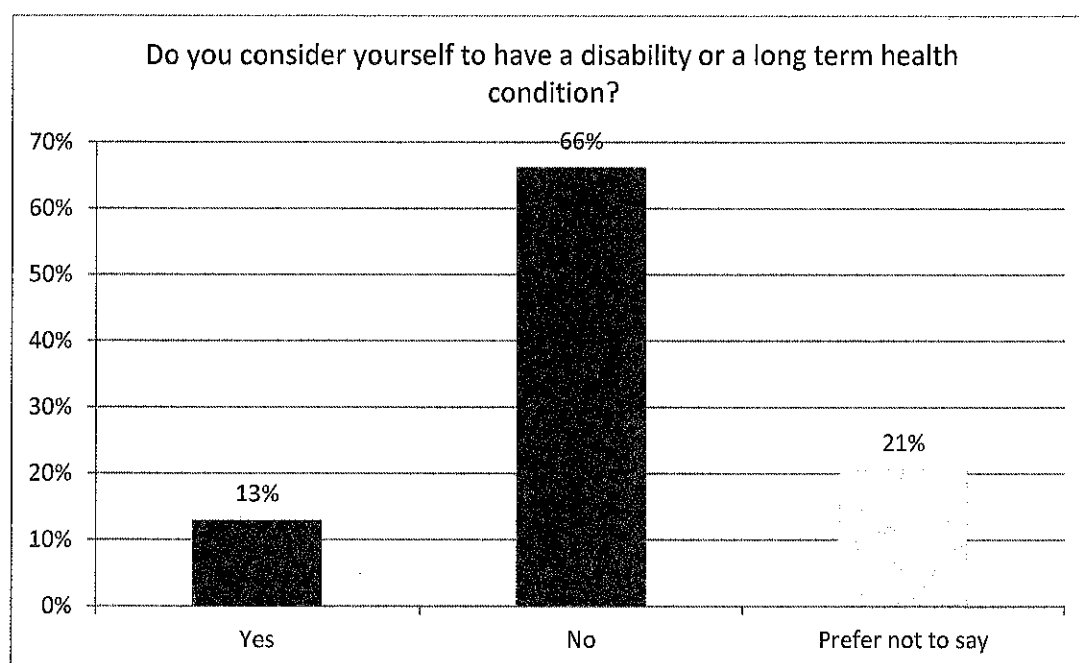
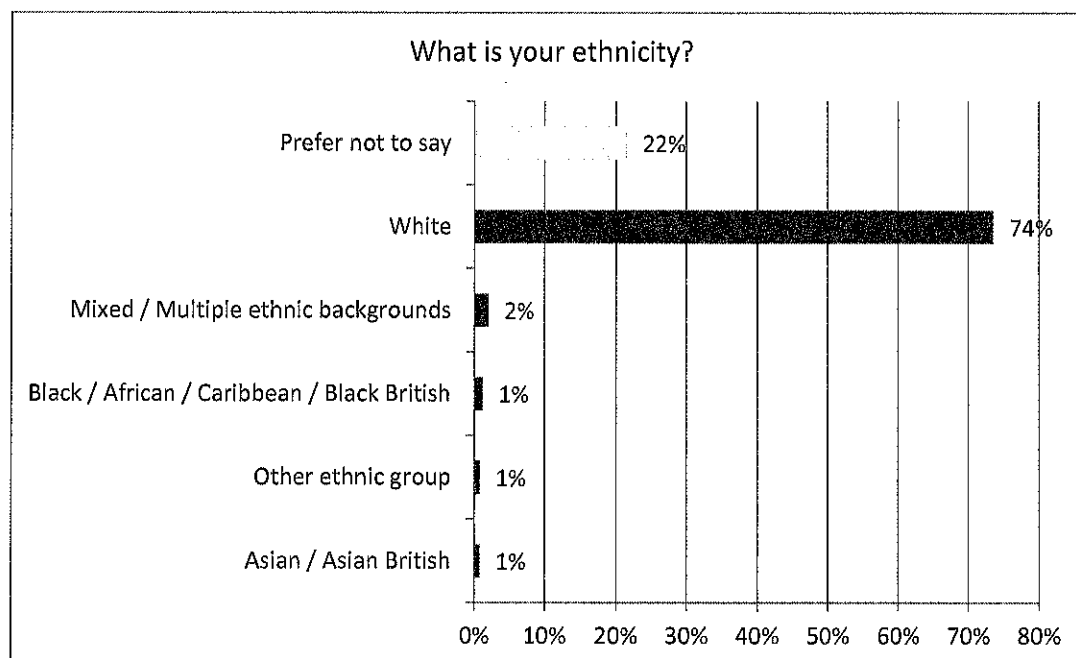
Question 10

65% (74) agreed or strongly agreed with the Parish Councils proposal compared to 22% (25) who disagreed or strongly disagreed with it.

Equality & Diversity Monitoring

In order to demonstrate the diversity of individuals responding to the online survey, everyone was encouraged to complete an Equality & Diversity monitoring form. A summary of the results follows.





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**Thank You to all who have
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**We will continue to engage the
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