

**Grange Farm Community Centre (Hub)
Survey Analysis
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1. Introduction

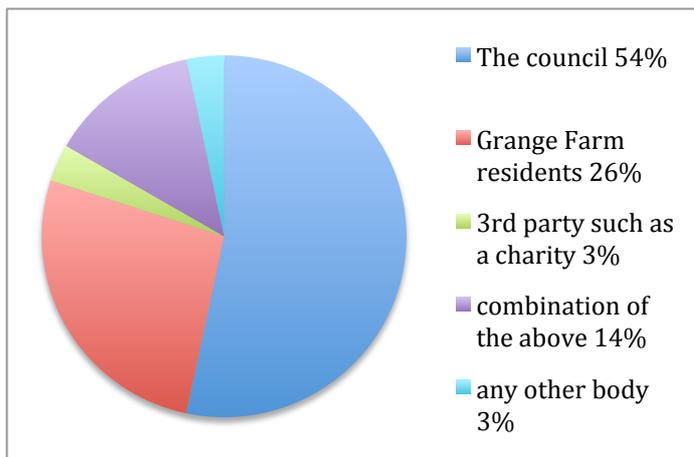
Residents of Grange Farm attending the open consultation events on Saturday 28th November and 9th December 2015 at the British Legion, were asked to complete a survey to determine their preferences for the use and management of a new “hub”.

In total fifty-eight households completed the survey and the results are noted below. Carole Howard and Raj Kumar carried out the survey.

2. Findings

Q1) Control and management of the new Hub:

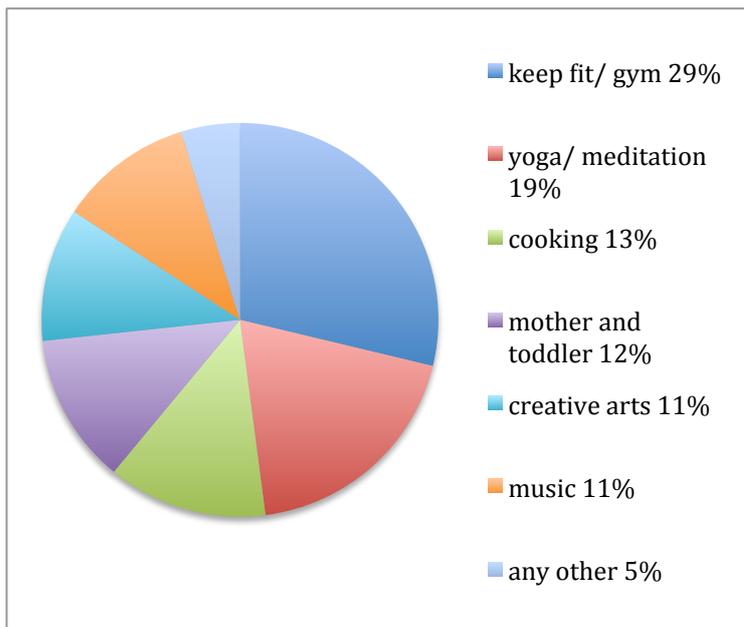
Options	Responses
The council	32
Grange Farm residents	16
Third party such as a charity	2
Combination of the above	8
Another body	2
Total	60



Q2) Classes you would consider joining:

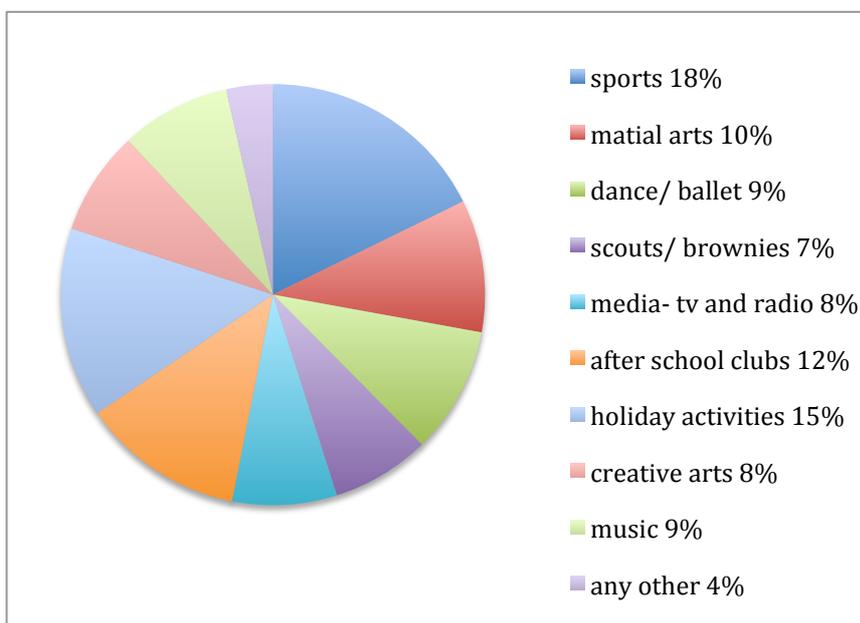
Options	Responses
Keeping fit/ gym	42
Yoga/ meditation	28
Cooking	19
Mother & toddler	18
Creative arts	16
Music	16
Other	7
Total	146

Suggestions for the 'any other' category included - dancing, poetry, sewing, computing, knitting and pre-school activities for 4-10 year olds.



Q3) Activities for young people:

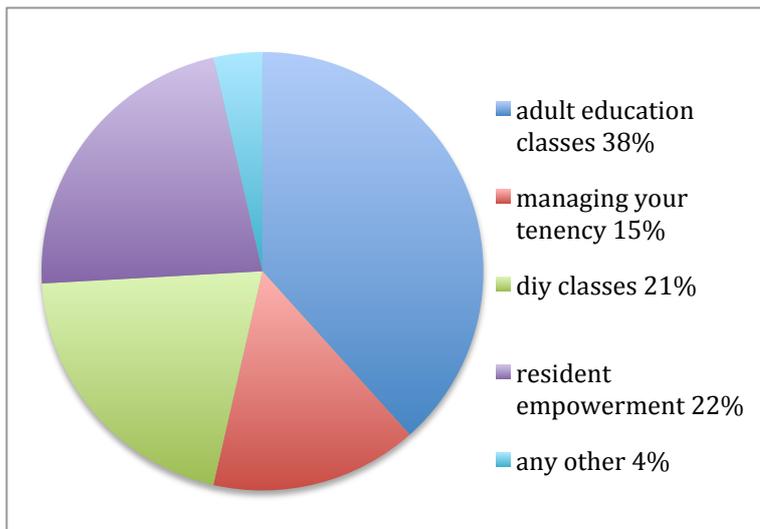
Options	Responses
Sports	40
Martial arts	23
Dance/ ballet	22
Scouts/ brownies	17
Media - TV & Radio	18
After school clubs	28
Holiday activities	33
Creative arts	18
Music	19
Any other	8
Total	226



Suggestions for the 'any other' category included - boxing, movie nights, film clubs, computing courses and choir singing.

Q4) Education and learning:

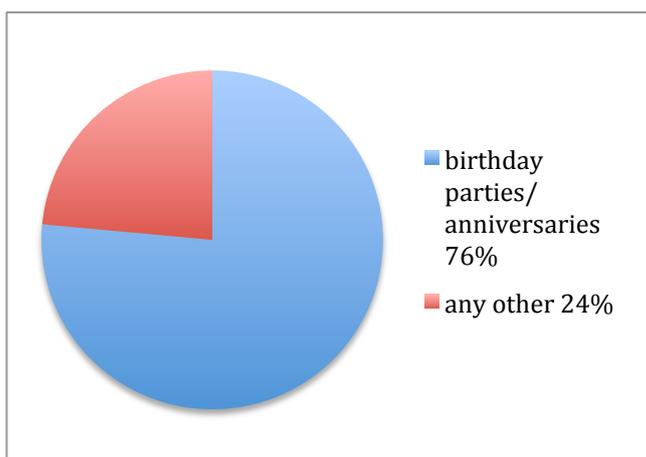
Options	Responses
Adult education classes	43
Managing your tenancy	17
DIY classes	23
Resident Empowerment	25
Any other	4
Total	112



Suggestions for the 'any other' category included - activities for older residents, adult English, reading, writing and literacy classes, a supper club, computer and child care classes, grow your own greens, energy and recycling awareness and healthy eating awareness.

Q5) Hiring the hall for activities:

Options	Responses
Birthday parties/ anniversaries	39
Any others	7
Total	46



Suggestions for the 'any other' category included - weddings, family occasions, children events and singing events for older people.

Q6) Community website content suggestions fell into three categories:

- a. Updates on the regeneration programme, including building, progress;
- b. Local community events and activities, including positive news stories; and
- c. Useful contact numbers, including a 24 hour out of hours contact for estate emergencies, local authority contacts, developer contacts and support services.

3. Summary and Recommendations

- A wide range of activities were identified that residents felt would benefit themselves, their family and the whole community. The latter point was mentioned several times and most residents believe the Hub should be a **catalyst for bringing the whole "new" community together**.
- The Hub should have a **strong focus on activities for young people** – to help improve learning, keep fit, release energy and encourage a sense of ownership to develop. In this way it is hoped there would be less chance of issues of boredom and anti-social behaviour, especially during the **holiday periods**. The Hub should allow young people to be creative and realise their talent.
- **Vulnerable residents** (e.g. senior citizens, young mothers, residents with dependency issues, disabilities or the first language is not English) to have a place where they can take part in activities to **counter social isolation**.
- Community activities at the Hub will only be a success if they are **affordable (for normal use and for the hiring of space), well organised and have a welcoming atmosphere**.
- It is important to recognise that for some residents there is a **lack of confidence to take the first steps to "join in"**. Therefore, a great deal of encouragement and support may initially be required. This should be provided through an **engagement/outreach worker**. Funding for such a post will be a challenge, but options should be explored at an early stage.
- Careful consideration to be given to **opening and closing times** in order to avoid unnecessary inconvenience or nuisance to the community. In addition, targeted **traffic control / enforcement** would be an essential requirement.
- The Hub should form part of the Harrow Council's wider agenda / strategy for **improving well-being, healthy living and tackling poverty**.
- The **Steering Group commissioned the survey** and will discuss the findings with the **Council and the architects Hawkins/Brown** who are designing the Hub.