



Three Rivers District Council Leisure Needs Consultation

Background and review

- Three Rivers District Council's Leisure Centres have **current refurbishment plans**
- Consultation commissioned to **support and inform decisions relating to the sites:**
 - William Penn Leisure Centre, Rickmansworth
 - The Centre/Sir James Altham, South Oxhey
- The brief was **broadened to take opportunity to explore current leisure needs** and provisions across Three Rivers
 - Sport
 - Arts Development
 - Play
 - Physical Activity

Objectives and Methodology

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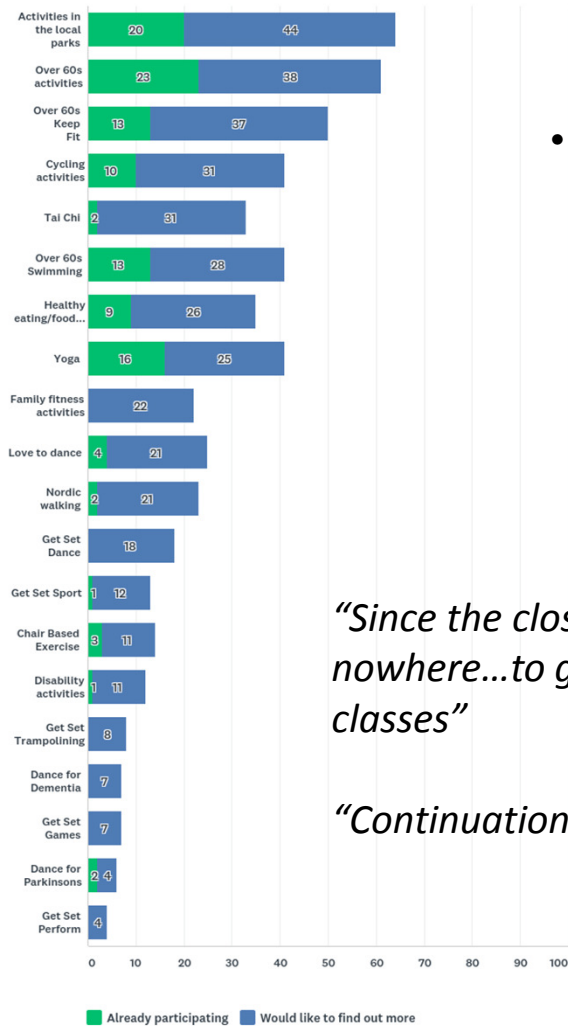
- To assess the **current and future leisure need requirements** of Three Rivers residents
- To assess **local residents' views on the proposed sports hall refurbishments at William Penn Leisure Centre**

Methodology

- On-line survey – open from **8th to 29th October 2018**
- **426** respondents completed the survey
 - Residents given a **good opportunity to complete the survey**
 - **Cannot be deemed representative of all residents**, due to the **self completion model** and **inability to quota** (such as would be possible in telephone interviewing)
 - **Skew** of William Penn **netball and badminton players**
 - **Skew** of **Rickmansworth, Chorleywood, Mill End and Croxley Green residents**
- Survey **promoted**:
 - Three Rivers District Council website
 - Social media
 - Owl (Neighbourhood Watch email list)
 - Local schools and Children's Centres
 - Public drop-in sessions at The Centre, South Oxhey and William Penn, Rickmansworth
- NB: preferred methods of communication by respondents: **email and flyer/brochure**

Three Rivers District Council leisure activity and wishes

Q11 What Three Rivers District Council leisure activities are you currently participating in or would you like to find out more about (tick all that apply)?



- **Key interest for local activities:**

- Activities in local parks
- Over 60s activities
- Cycling
- Tai Chi
- Yoga
- Healthy eating

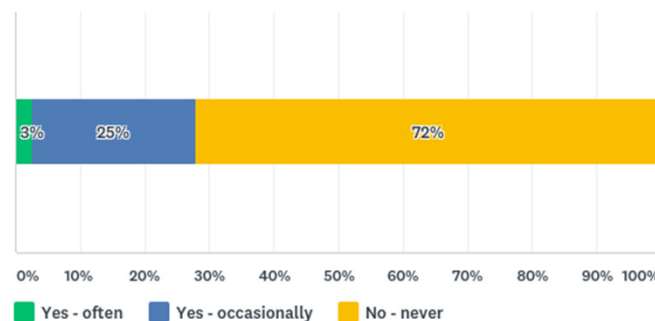
“Since the closure of Rosemary Conley Slimming Clubs, there is nowhere...to get weighed, get advice and appropriate exercise classes”

“Continuation of walking netball”

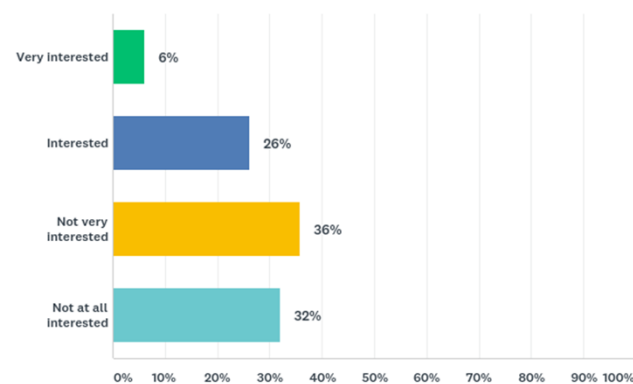
Use of outdoor equipment

- **Just over a quarter (28%)** of respondents **currently use the outdoor gym equipment** in the district
- **Approaching a third (32%)** would be **interested in organised fitness sessions on this equipment**

Q2 Do you currently use the outdoor gym equipment in the district?



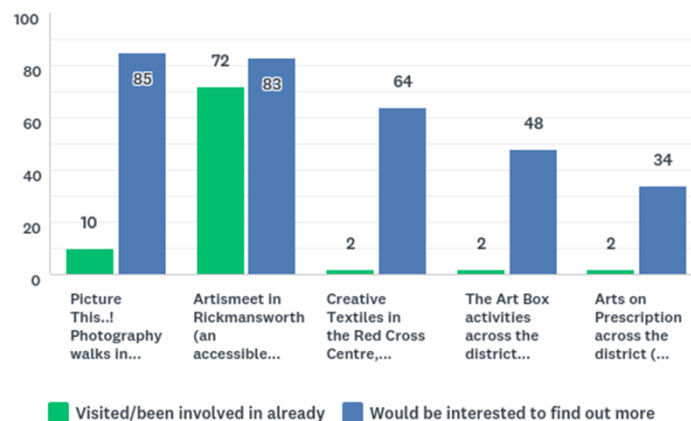
Q3 How interested would you be in organised fitness sessions on the outdoor gym equipment?



Three Rivers art event participation and wishes

- The biggest art event interest was for **photography walks** and **few had currently experienced this**
- **Artismeeet** also saw high levels of interest
- **Creative textiles at the Red Cross Centre** also saw significant interest.

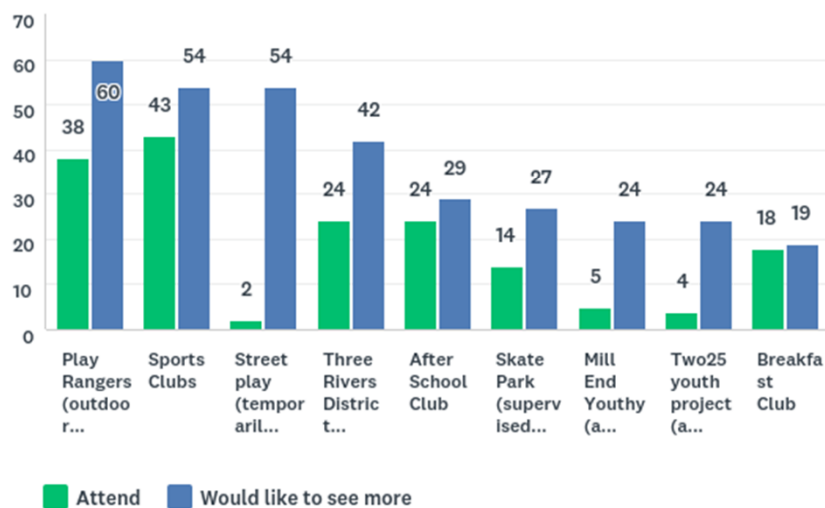
Q4 What art events have you visited/been involved with in the district and what would you be interested in finding out more about (tick all that apply) ?



Three Rivers young people activity participation and wishes

- Of the activities offered, most interest was shown for **play rangers**, **sports clubs**, **street play** and **play schemes**.

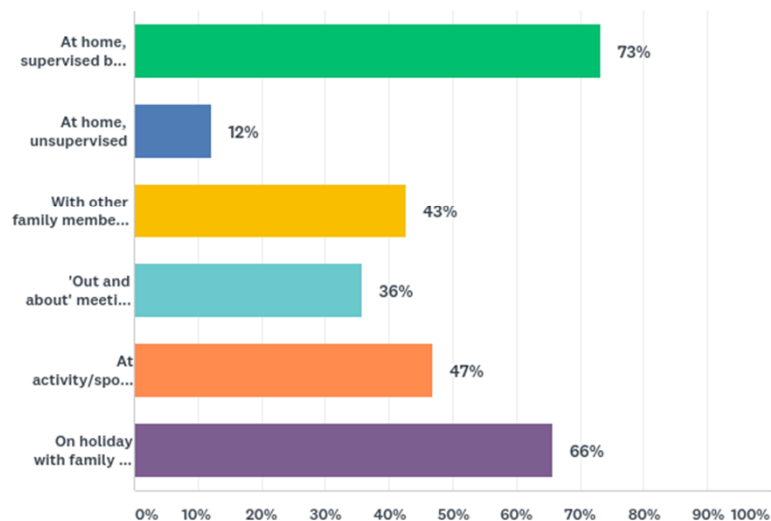
Q6 Which activities do you (or your children) use or attend and which would you like to see more of for yourself or your children (tick all that apply)?



Young people's school holiday care and activities

- Young people's school holiday activities away from home or family care involved:
 - Attending **sports/activities clubs** (47%)
 - Out and about **unsupervised with friends** (36%)
- **Just over a half of respondents (54%) felt that there were not enough activities/care options during school holidays.**

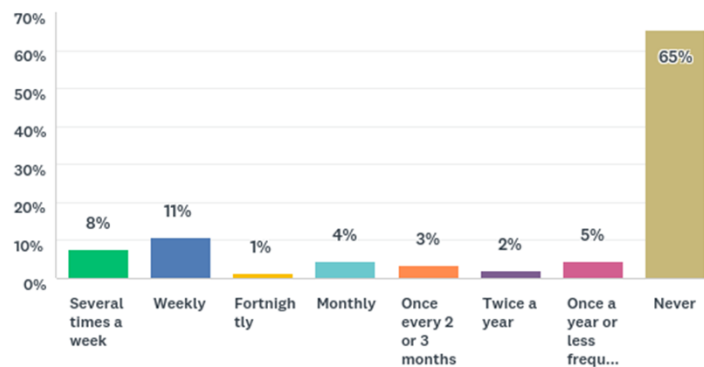
Q7 How do you (or your children) spend Easter and Summer school holidays (tick all that apply)?



South Oxhey: The Centre and Sir James Altham Swimming Pool

- The most popular activities at the South Oxhey centres are: **swimming, fitness classes, the gym and badminton.**
- Travel to the South Oxhey sites is dominated by **car travel** (80%), but a large **minority walk** (29%)

Q12 How often do you currently use either THE CENTRE or SIR JAMES ALTHAM SWIMMING POOL, SOUTH OXHEY?

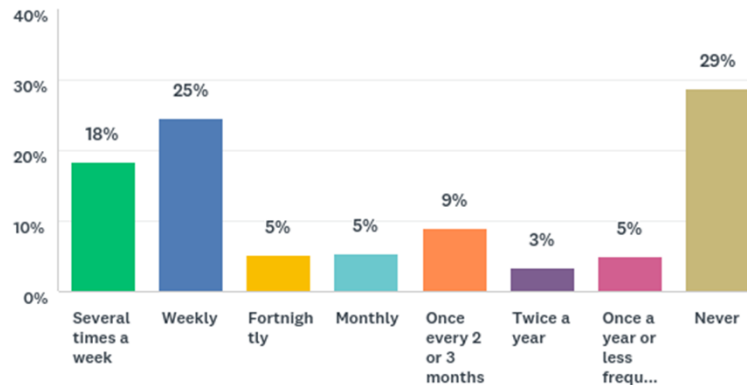


William Penn Leisure Centre, Rickmansworth

- The most popular activities at William Penn: **swimming, fitness classes, the gym and badminton.**
- Travel to the William Penn Leisure Centre is dominated by **car travel** (80%), but a large **minority walk** (34%)

"I feel that many of these activities are not advertised. I do not even know half of these exist"

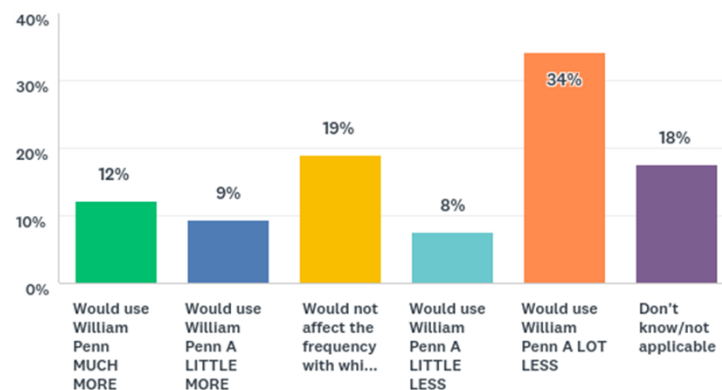
Q15 How often do you currently use William Penn Leisure Centre?



William Penn Leisure Centre Sports hall re-design proposal

- When asked how a **sports hall re-design** would affect usage of William Penn Leisure Centre, results were found to be **polarising**:
 - 40%** stated that the proposal would either **not affect the frequency** they visited William Penn Leisure Centre, or would indeed **make them use William Penn Leisure Centre more** (21%)
 - 42%** stated that the proposal would **make them visit William Penn less**; indeed **34% stated a lot less**

Q18 A proposal exists to re-design William Penn Leisure Centre's Sports Hall (see detail below). Proposal: Re-design Sports Hall (see the Consultation page on Three Rivers District Council's website, for visuals and more information)The current proposal is to re-design the sports hall, which will result in 2 courts being made available for general activities (which is a reduction of 2 courts) and will include the addition of:- New Clip 'n ' Climb facility (for all ages)- Permanent soft play facility (0 - 8 years)- Party rooms- New café- New crèchePlease state how this proposal would affect your usage of William Penn Leisure Centre



William Penn Leisure Centre Sports hall re-design

-FURTHER ANALYSIS

- The **profiles of respondents** who **would visit William Penn LESS OR MORE**, if the sports hall was **re-designed**, were significantly different
- **Suggested next step**: to investigate the **possibilities and appetite** for **other venue use** for **netball and badminton**

Would visit William Penn MORE

- ▶ Under 18 years (49%)
- ▶ Visit William Penn less frequently (42% weekly)
- ▶ The majority swim a William Penn (90%)
- ▶ If the sports hall reduced from 4 to 2 courts, over half of those who played badminton at William Penn stated they would be inclined to find another venue (54%).
- ▶ The 'more' category did not have enough netball players to enable this further analysis.

Would visit William Penn LESS

- ▶ 45 + years (59%)
- ▶ Visit William Penn very frequently (68% weekly)
- ▶ Approaching three-quarters (72%) played badminton at William Penn
- ▶ Over half (56%) played netball at William Penn
- ▶ If the sports hall reduced from 4 to 2 courts, over half of the William Penn sports hall users stated they would discontinue playing netball (60%) and badminton (55%)

William Penn Leisure Centre Sports hall re-design -FURTHER ANALYSIS

Against the sports hall re-design

*“There’s **currently a lot on offer for children and young families in the district.** There’s **not much on offer for adults and over 50s**”*

*“The majority of people who use the sports hall are **older or have children who use it during the day and would not be able to travel further away.** This is the only daytime sports court available”*

*“Quite often **parking can be quite hard there anyway** and it will make it even worse if people are staying on to relax after training or coming just for parties”*

*“It is vital that we keep assets that allow **community groups to continue to get active in a safe place** with a sense of community”*

*“I am really upset about the proposed changes. It feels like the **older generation are being discriminated** against. I have been increasing my fitness and now if these proposals go ahead, once **again making everything for the children,** I would not be able to access other facilities”*

*“**Back to netball has grown and grown** since being there and it has really spurred older ladies to play again. Have met a really great group who have encouraged me to carry on playing”*

William Penn Leisure Centre Sports hall re-design -FURTHER ANALYSIS

For the sports hall re-design

*"There are **no soft play centres locally**. Our younger **children could learn and play and socialise** with other local babies in the soft play"*

*"The upgrade to William Penn is really needed. My family and friends would use the facility much more if there was a permanent soft paly. **These facilities are in high demand as there are none you can walk to in Rickmansworth**"*

*"I greatly feel that the plans for the sports hall would be very welcome. **I know lots of mums who can't wait for something like this as they are unable to get their children over to Watford**"*

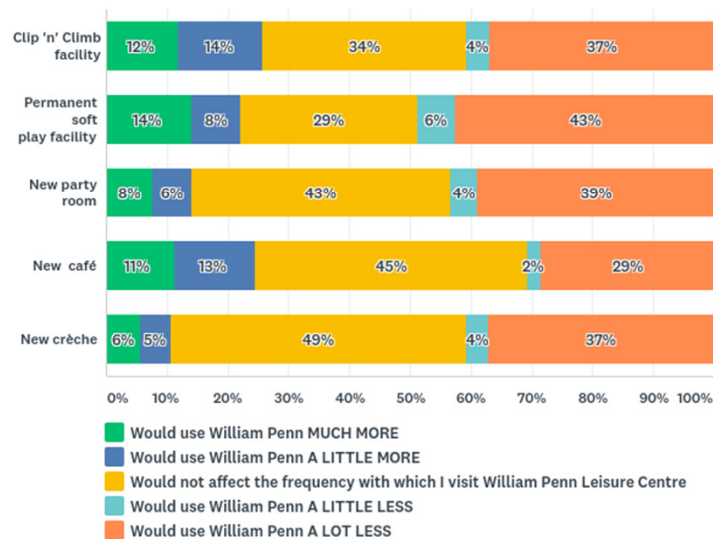
*"I think it's a fab idea. I have kids aged from 2 to 12 and there's **hardly any activities round here for them all!** I know losing the 2 courts is going to affect some people, **but they are grown adults...surely they can travel a bit more**"*

"I think to provide more activities is a very good thing for everyone to get fit and to meet people"

The proposed facilities for the re-designed sports hall

- **Approximately a quarter of respondents** stated they **would use William Penn Leisure Centre more** when **asked individually about climbing, soft play and a new café** respectively
- **A new creche and party room received lower predictions of increased usage of William Penn.**

Q19 Looking specifically at each of the proposed facilities, how would the following affect your usage of William Penn Leisure Centre?(NB: The addition of these facilities would only be possible if the sports hall was reduced from 4 to 2 courts, as explained above)



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Any questions?