

The Future of Warren Farm

Public Consultation results

August 2022

EALING COUNCIL

Overview of the consultation

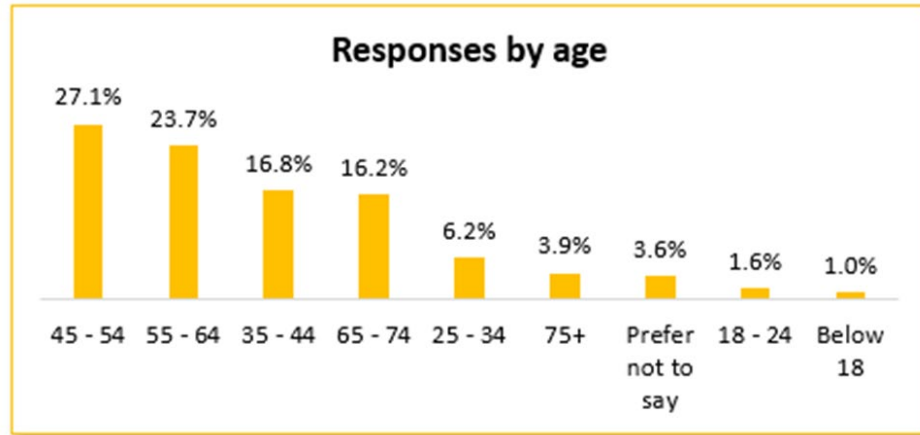
- The Warren Farm consultation was carried out between 24 March and 20 May 2022
- A short online survey was launched using the GiveMyView platform, consisting of a series of open-ended questions inviting feedback on how the area is currently being used by residents and what preferences they have about its future
- A total of 1,520 responses were received, representing a strong community response to the consultation
- 45% of respondents were from Hanwell, 30% from Ealing town, 16% from Southall and less than 4% from each of the other towns.

Summary findings

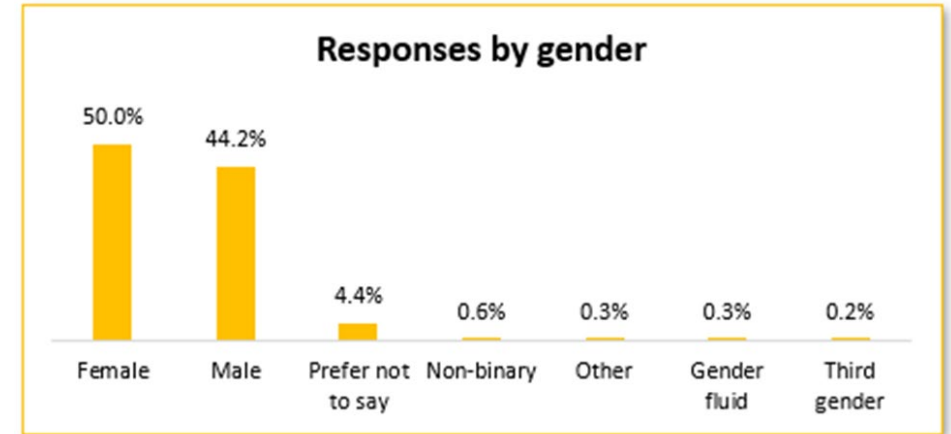
- Warren Farm is seen as being actively used for walking, running, exercising and enjoying nature (*Note that formal sports facilities are not currently available on the site*)
- A majority of people say it is a valued green space and a wildlife haven, and view it as a precious escape to nature for locals that should be preserved
- Residents ask to improve walking, cycling and running paths to continue these activities while enjoying the nature
- There is strong consensus that the old buildings at the site should be demolished and the land needs to be rejuvenated
- A number of residents support incorporating sports facilities into an enhanced and improved green space
- There are calls for a new swimming pool and a leisure centre in the area, albeit not on the grounds of Warren Farm

Responses by age, gender, ethnicity & area

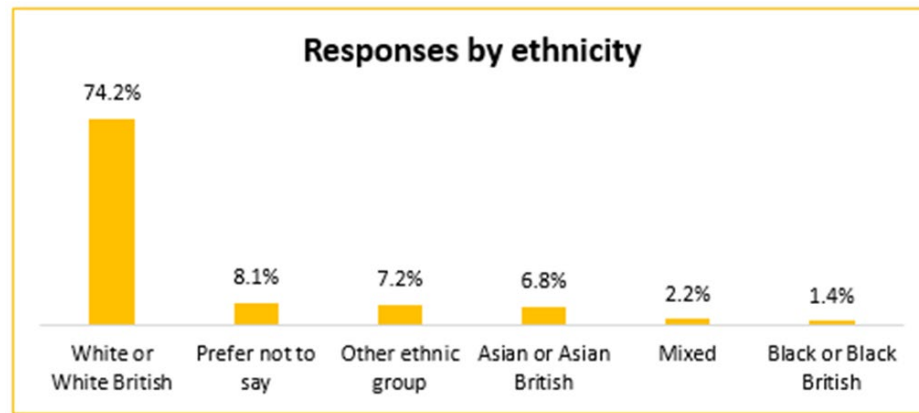
Breakdown by subgroups



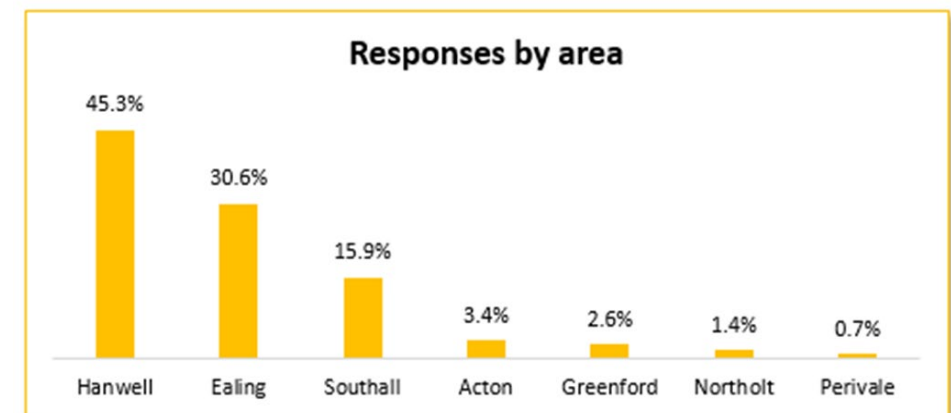
- Most responses received from people aged 35+



- Close to even split between responses from females and males



- Nearly three quarters of respondents identify as White or White British




- Most responses received from Hanwell (45%), Ealing and Southall


How do you currently use Warren Farm*?


**Note that formal sports facilities are not currently available on the site*


Current Usage of Warren Farm

Enjoying as a nature reserve, birdwatching and relaxing
 (245)

 **Walking (dog walking, running or exercising)**
 **(1,056)** 

Equine activities (riding, feeding, viewing, keeping horses, etc)
 (38)

Don't use Warren Farm currently
 (260)

 **Picnics**
(33)

Total 1,461 responses

What do you like about Warren Farm?

It is
peaceful
and calm
(273)

**Biodiversity
&
open/green
space
(1,001)**

Countryside
feel
(91)

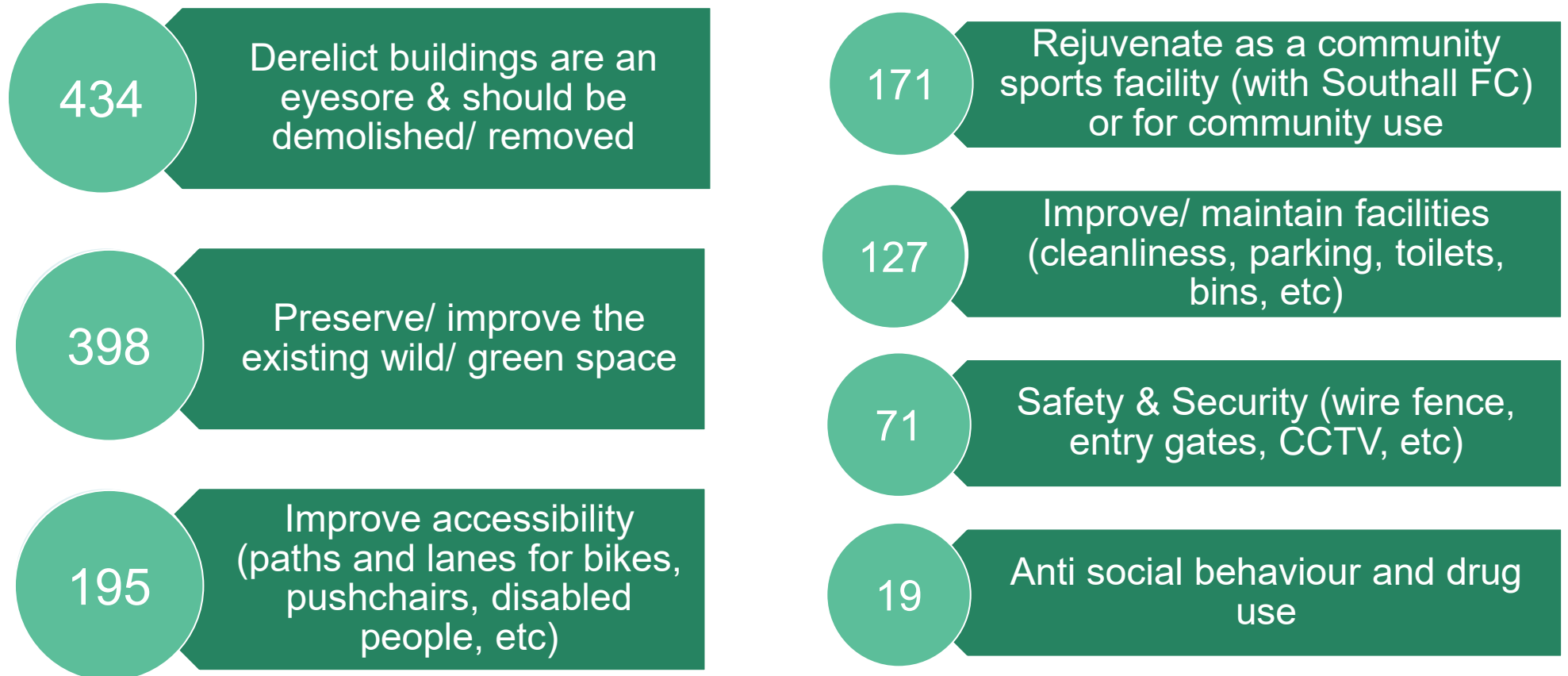
Location
and ease of
access
(79)

Opportunity
to revive
Southall FC
(89)

Total 1,428 responses

What do you dislike and think should be improved at Warren Farm?

Dislikes & Improvements



Total 1,385 responses

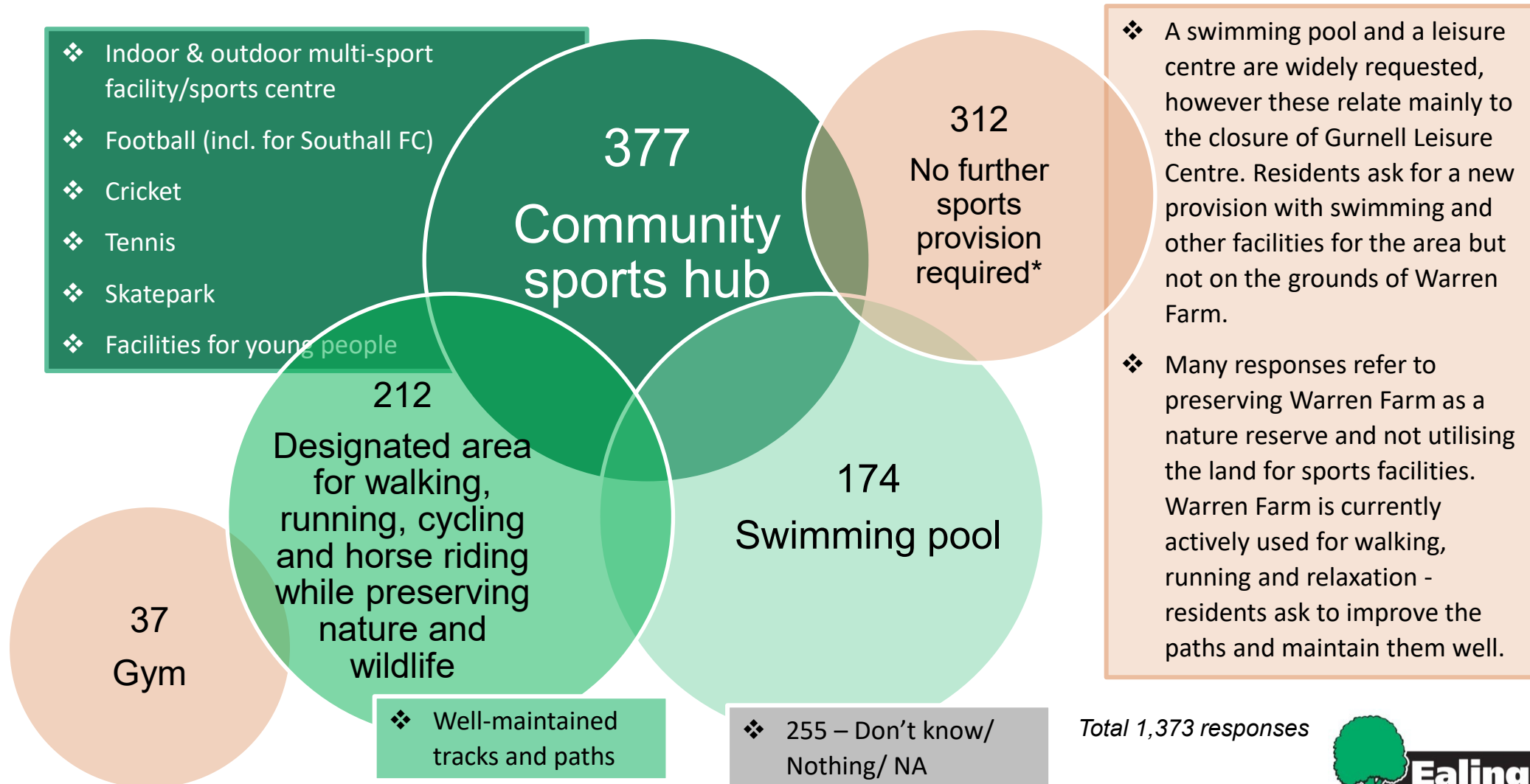
What do you dislike and think should be improved at Warren Farm?

- ❖ Respondents to the consultation stated a strong negative feeling about the run-down buildings being an eyesore and a safety issue, and many made strong requests to immediately demolish them.
- ❖ Residents ask to substitute the old buildings with facilities such as toilets, benches, café, wildlife information and education centre, drinking water, more bins etc.
- ❖ A large number of people would like the current wildlife and greenspace to be preserved and improved further, allowing more ways to enjoy nature. Warren Farm is seen as important for people's relaxation and mental well-being, and they refer to it as 'rare' and 'precious'.
- ❖ A number of residents suggest the land could be utilised for sports facilities, provided this does not disrupt the wildlife and the peaceful vibe of the area. Residents state the need to establish clear pathways to preserve the bird nests, introduce dogs bylaws and ensure that any developments do not interfere with the wildlife.
- ❖ There are also suggestions for a balanced use of the area - for instance, converting the old tarmac into a multi-use sports area whilst also planting more trees and meadow, encourage more wildlife and biodiversity and maximise the beauty of the area. Many, however, feel that there are already enough sports facilities nearby so this area should be preserved as it is*.

**Note that evidence from Ealing's Sports Facility Strategy supports a need for additional facilities in the area.*

What type of sports provision is needed for the Hanwell and Southall areas?

Ideas for Sports provision



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