

Promoting a thriving and caring community in East Finchley

Grange Big Local Community Profile



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Executive Summary

Introduction:

- Grange Big Local (GBL) is a resident-led community project in an area of East Finchley.
- GBL is investing over £1 million from Local Trust (via the National Lottery Community Fund) to make a positive difference in its pocket of East Finchley.
- GBL has been developing its next Big Local plan and this Community Profile aims to inform this plan by providing a ‘snapshot’ of the neighbourhood.
- The report is informed by using official statistics, a local survey and community consultation.

Our Residents can Flourish:

- Activities for children and families are seen as the highest need in relation to community activity. This also correlates with findings from the economy theme where supporting families with increased activities and engagement, specifically through holiday and after school activities, was suggested as something to help families spend less on bills.
- Other community activity areas supported include exercise and physical activities, one off events that bring the community together, arts activities, learning new skills, outdoor activities, local history.
- Support to older people, people with disabilities or community members who are more socially isolated came through the discussions at Wilmot Close and other consultation.
- Youth provision was a bit lower on the survey findings but there was a strong emphasis on this at the consultation which took place at the Fun Palace plus discussion at the Get Together with a firm view that youth provision is key.
- The Young Barnet Foundation are also currently undertaking a consultation with young people from the GBL area and some of the headline findings are included but the full report should be considered alongside this profile once completed.
- There is a need for a physical community space in the GBL area and whilst the Board had hoped this would be Tarling Road Community Centre previously this may need to be reviewed.

Our Environment can Blossom:

- The Underpass is still a priority – 70% of those who use it want GBL to continue to work to improve it and have given their mandate!
- The biggest concerns are safety and fear of using it and it being unclean and smelling.
- Support for Market Place playground is significant. In terms of improvements – play equipment is the main thing identified by far but there are other ideas including planting and seating.

- Generally, in terms of Environmental projects – improving or increasing play areas, air pollution and the 20 mile per hour zone came top priority closely followed by gardening projects and community clean ups.
- Keeping and sustaining links with provision from Barnwood N2 and encouraging use of the space was strong. The consultation also suggested activities the community would like to see in Barnwood.

Our Economy can Grow:

- For people who struggle financially the main needs identified were skills training, information and advice, CV skills, interview skills and training on budgeting and money management for adults but also in schools.
- To help families around spending less on their bills the top priorities are Holiday activity / after school clubs to help with childcare, Library of things, community food growing and more green energy.
- The idea of a transport scheme for older or more isolated community members to help them get to local shops was suggested.

Introduction

Grange Big Local Partnership

Grange Big Local is a resident-led community project in an area of East Finchley. GBL is investing over £1 million from Local Trust (via the National Lottery Community Fund) to make a positive difference in its pocket of East Finchley.

There are 150 Big Locals across England, each area is given at least £1 million to have a positive impact and leave a legacy in their neighbourhood. It's about bringing together all the local talent, ambitions, skills and energy from individuals, groups and organisations who want to make their area an even better place to live.

What this profile is all about?

GBL has been developing its next Big Local plan and this Community Profile aims to inform this plan by providing a 'snapshot' of the neighbourhood. This profile help create a picture of the community and will inform the priorities that will make a lasting and positive difference for the area.

The main report has been split into the three theme areas that GBL has identified as their focus for their next plan, these are based on the original vision statement and build on work to date. They are:

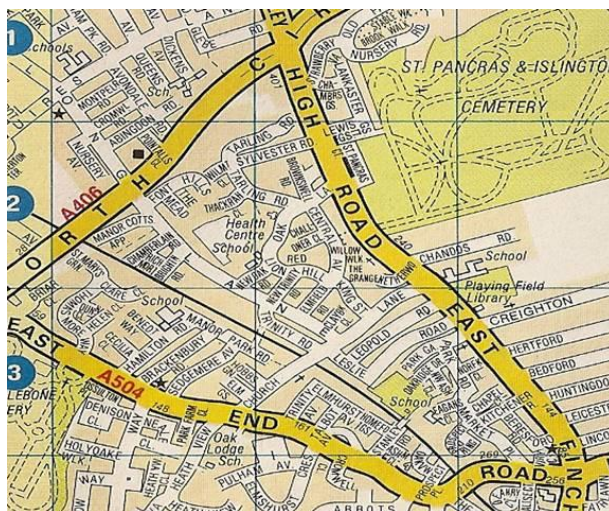
1. Residents can Flourish,
2. Our Environment can Blossom,
3. Our Economy can Grow.

The report is informed by using official statistics, a local survey and community consultation.



Where is Grange Big Local?

GBL is in East Finchley in the London Borough of Barnet in North London. Between 5,000 and 8,000 people live in this area which includes areas such as the Grange, Font Hills and the Thomas More estates¹.



Boundary

The GBL area is enclosed to the North by the A406, East by the High Road, to the South by Church Lane and South West by East End Road. Long Lane and the Northern Line runs almost centrally through the GBL area. Below is a map which show the boundaries of the area.



¹ Grange Big Local, 2019, *About The Grange Big Local area, East Finchley*. Retrieved from <http://www.grangebiglocal.org/about-big-local/4575698484>

Community Consultation Methodology

In this report, you will find official statistics related to the GBL area giving a background understanding alongside analysis of the community consultation that GBL undertook to find out the ideas and opinions of its residents. We have appended the full analysis of the survey data that is referenced through this document (see appendix 1). Responses were collected through an online survey, at community events and through some street interviewing. Finally, there have also been interactive consultations with the Grange Big Local community where local people contributed their ideas to how to make their area even better.

The Community Consultation was carried out from October 2019 till late November 2019. There were two strands to the community consultation.

1. A survey.
2. Consultations with various members of the community and groups.

Official Statistics and Data

The most up to date statistics and data collected from various sources, these include:

- OSCI's Local Insights Profile for 'Grange' area. The Local Insights report comes out four times a year and for this report the 27th September 2019 version was used.
- OSCI's Local Insights Tool.
- GLA ONS Mid-Year Population Estimates.
- London Borough of Barnet's Profile of East Finchley Ward.
- Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government, English Indices of Deprivation.
- London Borough of Barnet's Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.
- Barnet Public Health Team.
- Grange Big Local's website.
- Policy in Practice, Living Standard Index for London.
- Barnet Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.

The Survey

Responses to the survey were collected online and through going out and talking to the community. All these were collated through an online survey as well as at community events and through some street interviewing. There was a really good response to the survey and ***we received a total of 268 responses.***

Community Consultation

There were a number of consultations with the community members and groups, these include:

- Fun Palace Consultation (full write up appendix 2).
- Wilmot Close Focus Group (full write up appendix 3).
- Meeting with the United Guinea Association.
- Meeting with a representative from Finchley Foodbank.

- Consultation at the Toy Library and with Barnet Lone Parents Centre
- Meeting at the Holy Trinity Church.
- Conversations with N2 United.
- Meeting at Newstead.
- Consultation at St Mary's Church.
- Consultation at the GBL Community Get Together.
- Consultation at Wesley Café at the Methodist Church.
- Meeting with a governor of Holy Trinity School.
- Meeting with Save the Library Campaign.
- GBL Get Together theme discussions (full write up appendix 4).
- Consultation of the Coach Trip
- Consultation of the Big Lunch

Data analysis

The data from the survey required a mixture of quantitative and qualitative analysis. For the community consultations this was completely qualitative. Both of these have informed our understanding of each other and of the official data available.

Theme 1. Residents can Flourish

It is important to understand who lives in the GBL in order to understand the needs and wants of the community. In this section you'll find information and analysis about the residents of GBL, the way they feel about their community as well as things that impact and affected their lives.

What People like about the GBL area

From the community consultation survey data there were a number of things that residents and people with a connection to the area liked about GBL. The four main things are:

1. Friendly community/village feeling (129 mentions).
2. Good local shops & businesses (36 mentions).
3. Leafy, green & pleasant environment (31 mentions).
4. Safe (30 mentions).

“Has a good community vibe” – consultation participant

A large number of respondents felt that GBL has ‘friendly community/village feel’, this suggest that GBL is a strong community and so the potential for the community to come together more is great. This is something that was mentioned at the Fun Palace consultation.

Age Profile of GBL

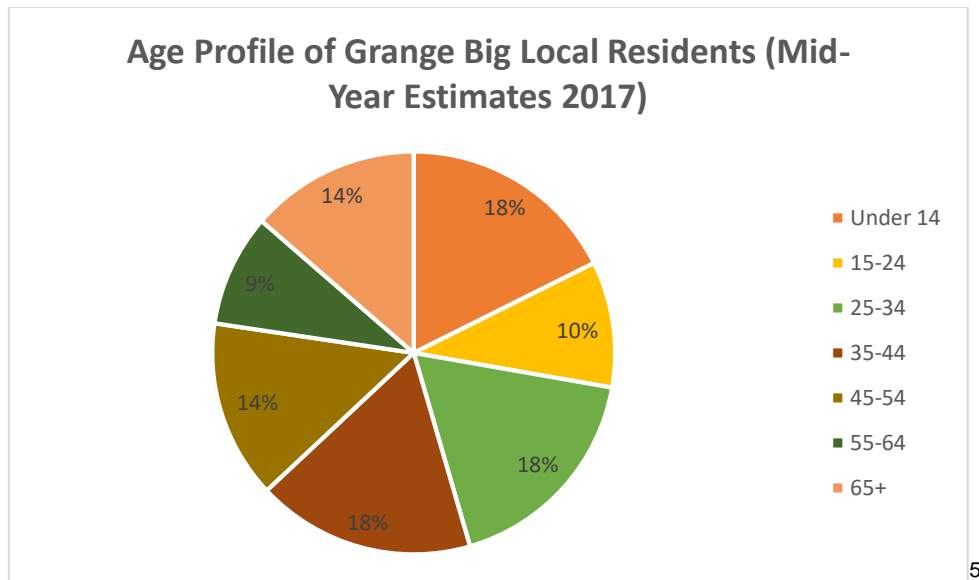
Mid-year Estimates data from 2017 shows that the GBL has a fairly young population, with 62.9% of residents under the age of 44². This figure is relatively similar when compared with data from 2011 for East Finchley, Barnet and London³ however due to the time difference the data from 2011 may be out of date (see appendix 6 for a full breakdown of the age residents in these areas). To break this data down further for GBL, nearly a fifth of its total population is under the age of 14⁴.

What this data set suggests is that there are many families in the area both with young children, teenagers and young adults. Activities as well as facilities for children and young people are therefore going to be needed. It also suggests that there are quite a lot of people of working age or about to become of working age and so training and support for those not in work or looking for work would be useful to the community.

² OCSI, 2019, *Local Insight Profile for ‘Grange’ area*. Retrieved from local.communityinsight.org

³ GLA, 2013. ‘ONS Mid-Year Population Estimates - Custom Age Tables’, Retrieved from <https://data.london.gov.uk/dataset/ons-mid-year-population-estimates-custom-age-tables>

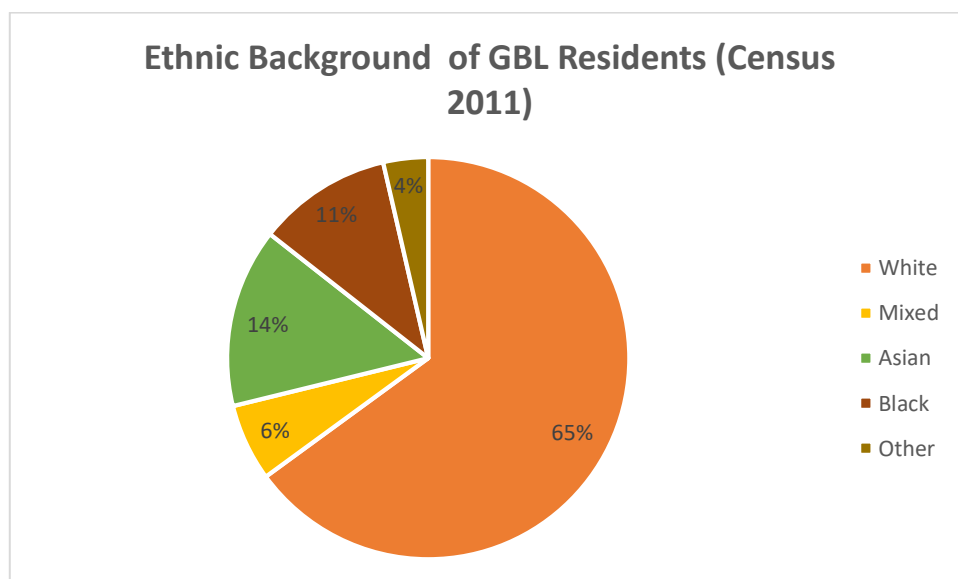
⁴ OCSI, 2019, *Local Insight Profile for ‘Grange’ area*. Retrieved from local.communityinsight.org



Ethnicity

The GBL area is a diverse place with many people from different ethnic backgrounds. Nearly 65% of those in GBL are from a white ethnic background with the next two largest ethnic groups being Asian (14.4%) and Black ethnic background (10.8%)⁶. It is worth noting here that this data is from 2011 and there may be some significant changes to the population.

As well as being a diverse place GBL is also an inclusive place. According to data from 2008, 83% of respondents agree that people from different backgrounds get on well together⁷. From information, there could be an opportunity for people to share and understand other people’s culture as well as an interest in doing this.



⁵ OCSI, 2019, *Local Insight Profile for ‘Grange’ area*. Retrieved from local.communityinsight.org

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Like the rest of London, many languages are spoken in the GBL area. Data from 2013, shows that many pupils attending school in East Finchley speak Somali, Arabic and Gujarati as well as English⁸. English is the most popular language spoken in GBL however nearly a quarter of residents of GBL do not have English as their main language in their household. This is slightly lower than the London⁹ average however it is still an issue that needs to be addressed. As such, it may be important to have support services to teach English as a second language as well as extra support in schools.

Neighbourhood satisfaction and local participation

Overall residents of GBL like where they live. Compared to London, more residents of GBL feel that they belong to their neighbourhood as well as this 80% of residents are satisfied with the local area as a place to live¹⁰.

Despite this sense of belonging and satisfaction for their area there are some issues when it comes to decision that affect their lives. Only 16% of residents have been involved in decisions that affect the local area in the past 12 months and only two fifths of residents believe they can influence decisions in their local area¹¹. This data is from 2008 and this may have changed with the fast-moving political climate and over time.

What this could mean for GBL is that there is a good base for community support and the community to come together. This can be seen in the responses from the community consultation survey with just over 50% of respondents currently being involved in community activities. For those who were not able to get involved in community activities some of the main barriers were:

1. Lack of time (62% of respondents),
2. Childcare (15% of respondents),
3. Lack of activities (15% of respondents).

⁸ London Borough of Barnet, 2013, *Profile of East Finchley Ward*. Retrieved from <https://www.barnet.gov.uk/sites/default/files/assets/citizenportal/documents/councilanddemocracy/war dprofiles/EastFinchleywardprofileCTMarch2013v2.pdf>

⁹ OCSI, 2019, *Local Insight Profile for 'Grange' area*. Retrieved from local.communityinsight.org

¹⁰ OCSI, 2019, *Local Insight Profile for 'Grange' area*. Retrieved from local.communityinsight.org

¹¹ OCSI, 2019, *Local Insight Profile for 'Grange' area*. Retrieved from local.communityinsight.org

Overwhelmingly, lack of time is the biggest factor for people not getting involved in community activities this is a difficult one to address but offering a range of short activities as well as making clear what is available so residents don't need to research them can make a big difference.



It would also be worth considering how to include people who look after children in community activities whether there is a chance for more activities with children or a creche. Further to this offering more activities may be another way to increase community participation.

The data from 2008, may also indicate that residents would like the chance to make a difference in their area and start to have influence over decisions. As such it is important that residents feel empowered in order to take part in the decision-making process.

Community projects and activities

As mentioned above, lack of activities is what a small but significant proportion of respondents to the community consultation survey said was a barrier to them getting involved in community activities. Respondents to the survey also indicated what type of projects and activities they'd be interested in, the four most mentioned are as follows:

1. Activities for children and families (69 mentions).
2. Exercise and physical activities (61 mentions).
3. One off events that bring the community together (54 mentions).
4. Arts activities (50 mentions).

At the consultations at the Fun Palace and at Holy Trinity there was some discussion of having coffee and play sessions for parent and their babies and young children. In particular, Holy Trinity Church was interested in doing a mother and toddler group.

GBL has the Fun Palace as its large community event and there is obvious support for it as seen from the responses to the survey. However, from consultation at the Get Together there was also some calls for "*smaller events and activities*".

To increase community participation with GBL it may be worth considering more projects for children and families, physical activities, both small and large one-off events as well as arts activities, especially if there are no current projects under these themes.

Community centre

“A community centre for everyone” – consultation participant

It was highlighted at the GBL Get Together that there is a lack of community assets on the Grange Estate. Further to this, from the consultations at Wilmot Close, the Fun Palace, the Get Together and Save the Library campaign it is evident that within the community there is a need for a community centre or hub. The suggestions centred around a centre that would be for everyone but also recognised that something specific is needed where children and young people can go to have fun but also for older children to study. At the Newstead consultation there were discussion of having a safe space for young people to meet. This recognises the challenges that have been in place in the community having access to Tarling Road Community Centre as well as the proposed costs for hire. However, whether Tarling Road or somewhere else, the need for a base in the community was recognised through the consultation.

There were also calls during the United Guinea Association that there needed to be an affordable place to meet, this has also been reflected in feedback from GBL's grant recipients that they need a centre for activities.

Vulnerable people

Benefits

There is a confused picture on rates of Welfare claimants in the GBL area. Data from 2019, shows that the GBL area has lower rates of benefit claimants, including Job Seekers Allowance (JSA) and Universal Credit (UC), compared to the London average. However, at the same time there are more people who are on Income Support in the GBL area compared to the London average¹².

There is a need for support in helping those who are out of work. From the same data, when looking at male unemployment claimants for JSA and UC as well as for Department of Work and Pension (DWP) Benefit claimants, working age workless benefit claimants and incapacity benefit claimants the figure is slightly higher when compared to the London average. For females from the same data the figure is only slightly lower than the London average.

People with a disability

Data from the Department for Work and Pensions from 2019 shows that there is a higher rate of people claiming Personal Independence Payments (PIP) in GBL which is related to living with a long-term health condition or a disability compared to London¹³. With a higher proportion of people living with a disability it is well worth

¹² OCSI, 2019, *Local Insight Profile for 'Grange' area*. Retrieved from local.communityinsight.org

¹³ OCSI, 2019, *Local Insight Profile for 'Grange' area*. Retrieved from local.communityinsight.org

considering whether many of those who do have a disability or long-term health condition have enough activities and are also included in the community.

Children

In GBL, 17.6% of the population is under the age of 14 according to data from 2013¹⁴. With a large proportion of the population so young it is striking that data from 2016, shows that in GBL, just over 20% of children are living in poverty. This is also higher than the London average. According from 2017/18 in East Finchley, after housing costs are taken into account 29.1% of children are living in poverty¹⁵. Data from the Children Wellbeing Index from 2009 also shows that the percentage of people living in the 20% most deprived areas of England is at 57.9% for GBL compared to a London average of 42%¹⁶. This indicates that there are high levels of child poverty and deprivation affecting children. It would be useful to have more support services for both families and children in the GBL area.

In terms of household make up, data from 2016 shows that 35.6% of children in GBL live in lone parent households compared to a London average of 32.4%¹⁷. This may be a reason to consider more afterschool and holiday activities and services for those lone parents who also work. This is also backed up in the community consultation survey as activities for children and families was the most mentioned in the question on which projects and activities would be of interest to respondents.

At the consultation at Newstead, there were a number of concerns identified. These include a place for children and young people to feel safe as well as being safe online. Issues to do with anxiety and the lack of opportunities to socialise were also highlighted. This links into a point that was mentioned at the consultation with the Save the Library Campaign group and with an Archer Academy parent that children and young people have limited access to the library.

Some potential solutions to these concerns came up during the consultation with the United Guinea Association where they suggested having more outdoor activities for children and young people as well as trips to museums and holiday activities.

Barnet Youth – Peer-Led Youth Voice Survey

In December 2019, the Young Barnet Foundation produced and kindly shared their first set of top line data from their Barnet Youth Peer-Led Youth Voice survey. The data provided was from young people attending schools in the GBL area. The data from this survey is only an early indication of results and there will be a full analysis followed by focus groups and then a full report. This profile should be read in conjunction with the full report of the survey when it is finalised.

¹⁴ OCSI, 2019, *Local Insight Profile for 'Grange' area*. Retrieved from local.communityinsight.org

¹⁵ London Borough of Barnet, 2019, *Joint Strategic Needs Assessment*. Retrieved from <https://jsna.barnet.gov.uk/>

¹⁶ OCSI, 2019, *Local Insight Profile for 'Grange' area*. Retrieved from local.communityinsight.org

¹⁷ OCSI, 2019, *Local Insight Profile for 'Grange' area*. Retrieved from local.communityinsight.org

There were two main areas from the data that are relevant for this profile, activities for young people and support needs.

The top three activities that respondents (748 total respondents) to the survey wanted more access to were:

1. Cooking and life skills (233 respondents)
2. Sporting activities (204 respondents)
3. Outdoor activities (164 respondents)

Cooking and life skills was the most popular activity, and this is in part reflected in the community consultation where many respondents wanted more skills training. It may be worth considering if there are skills that would both be useful to young people and adults. The next two most popular activities were sporting activities and outdoor activities, this links in with the need in the GBL area for more play areas for children and young people and this shows that this is a priority for young people.

The top three needs that respondents (748 total respondents) needed (more) support with were:

1. Dealing with stress (154 respondents)
2. Healthier lifestyle choices (81 respondents)
3. Losing a loved one (76 respondents)

A significant number of respondents selected dealing with stress as something they needed support with or more support with. When taking into account the higher levels of mental health problems in Barnet and the GBL area, it is worth considering how to support young people to mitigate stress. One way could be through helping young people to have healthier lifestyles which was another priority highlighted by young people in the survey.

This work is very much a work in progress, as stated, and much more data will be available to help with planning any projects or activities once the full report is produced.

Older People

GBL seems to face some of the same issues that many other areas do when it comes to older people such as social isolation and financial support for older people.

According to data from 2017 and 2011, GBL has a higher proportion people aged 65+ compared to East Finchley, Barnet and London¹⁸. Data from 2019, also shows that there will be considerable growth in the older population (ages 65+) in Barnet, it is predicted to increase by a third between 2018 and 2030¹⁹. For pension households, 80.7% of pensioner households only have one pensioner living there

¹⁸ OCSI, 2019, *Local Insight Profile for 'Grange' area*. Retrieved from local.communityinsight.org; GLA, 2013. 'ONS Mid-Year Population Estimates - Custom Age Tables', Retrieved from <https://data.london.gov.uk/dataset/ons-mid-year-population-estimates-custom-age-tables>

¹⁹ London Borough of Barnet, 2019, 'Joint Strategic Needs Assessment'. Retrieved from <https://jsna.barnet.gov.uk/>

compared to a London average of 68.6% according to data from 2011²⁰. On top of this data from 2019 shows that the percentage of pension credit claimants is much higher for GBL at 32.4% compared to the London average of 19.7%²¹.

This data shows that there is a strong need for services for older people in this area. We recognise that the Ann Owen Centre works with older people and provides a programme of activities but there is scope to build on this and create further connections with activities to address social isolation such as clubs and other social activities.

“Would be lovely to have a community bus so elderly people can get out” – consultation participant

This need is echoed through the consultation with different members of the community and community groups. Consultations at Wilmot Close, the Fun Palace and at Wesley Café mentioned more things in general for older people to do, in particular activities such as table tennis and cricket on the lawns. More specifically trips away were mentioned as well as availability of transport, for example a community bus that would help older people get out and about. There was also support for more intergenerational activities with older people mixing in with younger people.

Crime

There is a perception within GBL that it is a safe place. From the survey analysis from the community consultation, the fourth most mentioned thing that respondents like about the GBL area was that it is a ‘safe’ place. However, at the Fun Palace consultation there were also calls for more CCTV.

According to the recorded crime offence from 2019, GBL has relatively less crime compared to London. However, certain types of crime are more pronounced than other. In particular, the vehicle crime level is higher than the London average. Criminal damage, anti-social behaviour incidents and burglaries are all lower than the London average while at the same time being significant and being crimes that have a negative impact on the community²².

Health

The population of GBL overall has good levels of health. Life expectancy (data from 2013-2017) and healthy life expectancy (data from 2009-2013) is higher for both males and females when compared to both London and England²³. Alongside this,

²⁰ OCSI, 2019, *Local Insight Profile for ‘Grange’ area*. Retrieved from local.communityinsight.org

²¹ OCSI, 2019, *Local Insight Profile for ‘Grange’ area*. Retrieved from local.communityinsight.org

²² Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government, 2019, *English indices of deprivation*.

Retrieved from http://dclgapps.communities.gov.uk/imd/iod_index.html

²³ OCSI, 2019, *Local Insight Profile for ‘Grange’ area*. Retrieved from local.communityinsight.org

data from 2019 also shows that adults are more physically active in GBL compared with London and England²⁴.

Data from 2006-2008 shows that the percentage of people who eat 5+ fruit and veg a day is higher, those who binge drink is lower and those who smoke is also lower when comparing it against both London and England. This data also shows that less adults in the area are obese compared to England and London²⁵ whilst it can be expected that things have changed since then this is a good starting point for our understanding.

For children, data from 2015/16 to 2017/18, shows that the proportion of children in both reception and year 6 is who are classified as obese is lower than both London and England²⁶.

This could suggest residents of GBL are interested in taking care of themselves and would be interested in activities and events that promote healthy living. This is also backed up in the community consultation survey as exercise and physical activities was the second most mentioned in the question on which projects and activities would be of interest to respondents. One suggestion that came out of the Get Together consultation was to have an outdoor gym.



Mental Health

In general, there seems to be much more of a focus for communities around mental health. Data from 2016/17, shows that there is a higher recorded prevalence of mental health problems for Barnet at 1.01% compared to England at 0.92%²⁷. Mental health is particularly important for GBL as data from 2019, shows that for GBL there are more people than the London average who are working age adults that receive mental health related benefits²⁸. As such it may be important for GBL to run activities or support services with those mental health issues.

Support for people, especially older people and children, with mental health condition is something that was highlighted at the consultations with St Mary's, Holy Trinity

²⁴ OCSI, 2019, *Local Insight Profile for 'Grange' area*. Retrieved from local.communityinsight.org

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²⁸ OCSI, 2019, *Local Insight Profile for 'Grange' area*. Retrieved from local.communityinsight.org

and Wesley Café. The lack of support has led to issues with homelessness, alcohol dependence and loneliness.

“At the food banks people also need emotion support and comfort”
– consultation participant

Theme 2: Our Environment can Blossom

GBL has a very leafy and green feel to it as well as many other environmental positives. Residents and those with a connection with the GBL agree with this. GBL being a 'leafy, green & pleasant environment' was the third mentioned thing that they liked about the area. However, as this section will show there are some issues related to the environment that affects the GBL area.

Overall there seems to be quite a few areas of deprivation related to GBL's environment. Data from 2019, that measures the 'indoors' living environment e.g. quality of housing and the 'outdoors' living environment e.g. air quality and road traffic accidents shows that areas within and bordering GBL are between the 20% - 50% most deprived neighbourhoods in England²⁹.

In this section, there is information that is related to the levels of green space, air quality, housing as well as a review of some of the open spaces that GBL currently has.

Green Spaces

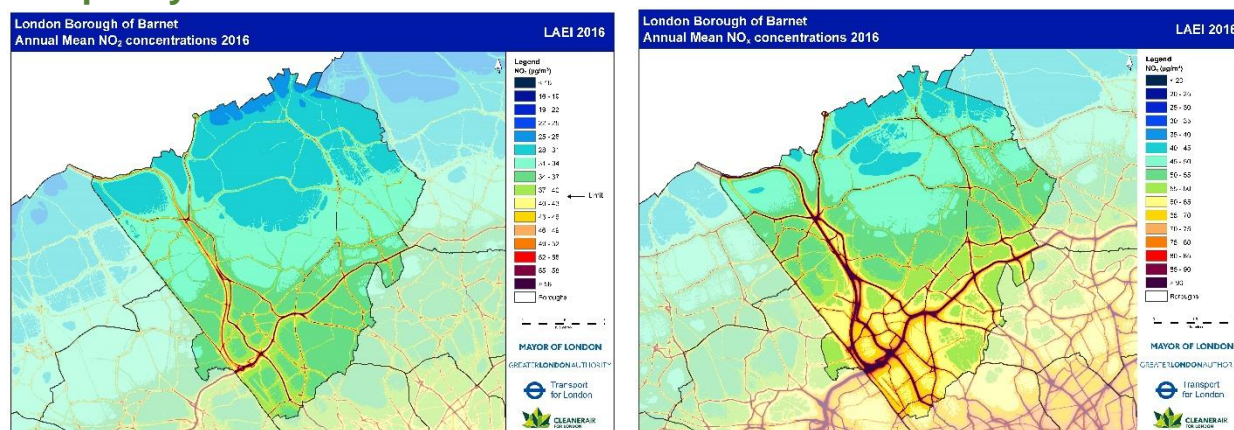
One of the most striking things about GBL is that even though it has a leafy and green feel to it there is relatively little green space. Data from 2017, shows that the London average for total green space is 14.26% whereas for GBL it is only 2.95%³⁰. When considering how active and relatively healthy GBL is, it seems like a major area which would benefit the community.



²⁹ Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government, 2019, *English indices of deprivation*. Retrieved from http://dclgapps.communities.gov.uk/imd/iod_index.html

³⁰ OCSI, 2019, *Local Insight Profile for 'Grange' area*. Retrieved from local.communityinsight.org

Air quality³¹



The two maps above show the air quality of Barnet. The area of East Finchley has levels of nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) that are close to or above the stated limit and with levels of nitrogen oxides (NO_x) reaching up to the top levels. At the Fun Palace consultation there were mentions of the need for cleaner air and in the consultation this was the most mentioned area of environmental improvement. This would suggest that air quality is a concern and would be something to address that would benefit residents of GBL.

Environmental projects

There are a number of environmental projects that respondents to the community consultation survey said they'd be interested in, the three most popular were:

1. Improving or increasing play areas (80 responses)
2. Projects addressing air pollution (73 responses).
3. N2 – 20 mile per hour zone (53 responses).

Improving or increasing play areas links directly to one of GBL's priorities of Market Place playground, Market Place playground is discussed further on. The projects to address air pollution directly links with the issue of air quality seen above. As well as, evidence of high levels of NO₂ and NO_x there is community support for improving air quality. In the area there are already some community groups organising around improving air quality that GBL could further link with. Following this there were a number of other projects which had a good response rate:

4. Gardening projects (50 responses).
5. Community clean ups (48 responses).
6. Outdoor games/exercise areas (40 responses).

As the GBL area has a lack of green space it may be worth considering thinking about places where there could be community gardening. As well as adding the green spaces it could allow for more people to get involved in GBL's activities.

³¹ Provided by Barnet Public Health Team, 2019

At the Get Together and the Fun Palace, it was mentioned that there were issues with fly tipping, dog mess and litter. As the community clean-up has been mentioned by many respondents of the survey this suggests that the GBL could be a cleaner place and that people would be interested in coming together and participating in community clean up events.

Having more outdoor games and exercise areas links with respondents being interested in exercise and physical activities. As well as GBL being a place where its residents are interested in their health as seen above in the section on 'health'.

Households

Data from 2011, shows that GBL has a significant amount of socially rented household with 31.9%, which is much higher than London which is at 24.1%. At the same time there are significant levels of owner-occupied housing³². Data from 2016 also shows that the percentage of households that are overcrowded is higher in GBL than London³³.

There seems to be further inequalities when it comes to housing. Data from 2019, shows that in the Barriers to Housing and Services domain, the area of and bordering GBL is in the 10%-50% most deprived neighbourhoods in England. What this means is that as well as suffering from poor proximity to local services these areas also have barriers related to housing such as affordability³⁴.

There are issues with residents needing more access to advice around housing as well. At the consultation at the Toy Library, a parent explained how they needed help with a housing eviction issue.

This shows that in the GBL area there are inequalities, and this could potentially be divisive. As well as finding way to help those who struggle more it is also worth considering events and activities that bring different sections of the community together.

Walkways and pavements

At both the Wilmot Close and Get Together consultation an issue that was mentioned was the poor condition of the pavements and walkways. In particular for older people, they found it difficult to walk on and keep their balance.

Transport

At the Fun Palace a number of ideas came up with regards to transportation, they included:

³² OCSI, 2019, *Local Insight Profile for 'Grange' area*. Retrieved from local.communityinsight.org

³³ OCSI, 2019, *Local Insight Profile for 'Grange' area*. Retrieved from local.communityinsight.org

³⁴ Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government, 2019, *English indices of deprivation*. Retrieved from http://dclgapps.communities.gov.uk/imd/iod_index.html

- More 24-hour buses.
- Enforcing speed limits.
- An electric car park.
- Minibus service.

The minibus service links in with the need for older people to have more opportunities to get out and about the area. This could be a project that benefits everyone in the community.

GBL's Open Space and Environment Strategy

In 2018, GBL commissioned Space + Place Design, a landscape and urban design consultancy, to work with them in developing an Open Space and Environment Strategy. The report names a number of project that GBL could do, with the board selecting a few from the report to take forward. This report is very detailed and has some important information as well as recommendations for the GBL and the wider community. The strategy was developed through a site walkabout, an in-depth survey, an area assessment, a project wish list and then an action list. From this a number of strategic themes were brought together to create the strategy with a number of proposals for taking the project forward. What we have outlined in this section is the objectives identified in the Open Space and Environment Strategy and the spaces that the GBL currently has. To read the full report please see [here](#).

The Strategy will focus on the objectives for the future delivery of open space projects within GBL; these are to:

1. *Increase the use of outdoor spaces by enhancing their quality, access and functionality;*
2. *Support the physical, mental health and emotional wellbeing of the residents;*
3. *Create an environmental and play legacy for the next generation;*
4. *Improve biodiversity throughout GBL.*³⁵

This report identifies GBL's existing open spaces as:

- The Oak Lane Open Space locally know as Teletubbies land which is the only site that can be considered a public park. There are no seats here or play equipment and limited planting.
- For children's play areas there are only small spaces with limited play equipment. This includes the locally known *play spaces* and *Animal Park*.
- For outdoor sports, the only space is the playing fields within Bishops Douglass school. There are some private outdoor sports clubs.
- There are some natural or semi-natural green spaces, most are located by the North Circular.

³⁵ Avra Ploumi-Archer & GBL Open Spaces Task Group, 2018, *GBL Open Space and Environment Strategy*.

- There is also Vale Farm allotments at the North Edge of GBL which has an open day once a year to promote and teach gardening.
- There are a number of private open spaces³⁶.

What this shows is that the GBL is lacking in outdoor space and this limits its residents' access to outdoor activities. Again, with being a very healthy and active community we can assume that there is a desire for this to improve.

The strategy Open Spaces and Environment Strategy report also identified a number of strategic themes and a number of proposals. Please see appendix 5 for more information on this.

Barnwood N2

Barnwood N2 is located on Tarling Road, it has been developed from a small woodland area to a useable green space by GBL and Barnet Council. The aim of this space is to use it as a gardening area for local residents³⁷. Barnwood opened in 2019, and as it is so new the majority of respondents to the community consultation survey had not heard or visited it. This could suggest that more promotion and advertising is needed to make sure that people who live, work or play in the GBL know about this project.

In the community consultation survey, respondents were asked the kind of activities and events they'd be interested in at Barnwood. The most popular responses were:

1. Access to nature (87 responses).
2. Exercise activities (66 responses).
3. Fruit picking (62 responses).
4. Community events (60 responses).

The interest in 'access to nature' could potentially link to the lack of green space in GBL and suggests that visitors of Barnwood would enjoy just being in the space itself. Some specific ideas for this came out of the consultation at the Get Together with having nature skills workshops at Barnwood.

'Fruit picking' was another popular activity and this could link into 'access to nature' and be a fun activity for people of all ages.

It is interesting to see again that 'exercise activities' is the second most popular choice and has been a theme in other aspects of the community consultation.

There was some suggestion for ideas for Barnwood at the Wilmot Close and Get Together consultations with a community lunch being held at Barnwood as well as having afternoon tea events there with bringing children to Barnwood to encourage intergenerational activities.

³⁶ Avra Ploumi-Archer & GBL Open Spaces Task Group, 2018, *GBL Open Space and Environment Strategy*.

³⁷ GBL, 2019, *Barnwood*, Retrieved from <http://www.grangebiglocal.org/open-spaces-and-environment/4593834131>

Market place Playground

Market Place sits just off the High Road and is just outside the GBL border boundaries. This area has been a focus for GBL as it is the main playground in an area that is lacking in play areas and play equipment for children and young people. Data from the community consultation survey shows that the most popular environmental project that respondents would be interested in was improving or increasing play areas. Market Place itself is a large space however the lack of play equipment is striking. Barnet council currently consider Market Place Playground as a low priority, although GBL thinks the community could seek a review of this.

“In my opinion there are very few playgrounds in this area for kids”
– consultation participant

Market Place playground is an important place for many GBL residents, this can be seen as a majority of respondents to the community consultation survey said that they either know or use Market Place. Of those who use Market Place playground most used it ‘a few times a year’ (41%) while a significant percentage, 22%, used it weekly. It is important for the Holy Trinity School community as well, something that was highlighted at the consultation with the Holy Trinity School governor.

The area of Market Place Playground³⁸ suffers from deprivation, according to the indices of deprivation 2019. In terms of overall deprivation, most of this area is in the 20% most deprived neighbourhoods in England. In terms of health and disability, all three areas are very deprived with the areas being in 10% - 20% most deprived neighbourhoods in England³⁹.

“...it is a concrete jungle” – consultation participant

According to data from 2019 from the Community Needs Index - Civic Assets score, the area around Market Place playground is in great need of *“facilities that provide thing to do often, at no or little cost, which are important to how positive a community feels about its area”*⁴⁰. Playgrounds are very important for an area such as GBL which has nearly a fifth of its population under the age of 14⁴¹ this is additionally important when considering the high rates of child poverty highlighted above.

Given these factors it seems as appropriate that it should be a high priority area for investment and change from the Local Authority as well as GBL. It has also already been shown (in the Open Space and Environment Strategy section) that the GBL area is severely lacking in play areas and Market Place, despite being just outside the GBL area, is a widely used by its residents. This was highlighted at the Grange

³⁸ Identified using three lower-super output areas (LSOAs): Barnet 029A, Barnet 029C & Barnet 027B.

³⁹ Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government, 2019, *English indices of deprivation*. Retrieved from http://dclgapps.communities.gov.uk/imd/iod_index.html#

⁴⁰ OCSI, 2019, *Local Insight*. Retrieved from <https://local.communityinsight.org/map/>

⁴¹ OCSI, 2019, *Local Insight Profile for ‘Grange’ area*. Retrieved from local.communityinsight.org

Big Local Big Lunch were most people felt that play facilities for children was a key priority.

Respondents to the community consultation survey agree with this assessment of Market Place playground. The main improvements they would like to see included:

1. Better and more equipment (83 mentions).
2. Renovate (26 mentions).
3. Green, more grass, plants etc (22 mentions).
4. More equipment for older children (20 mentions).

‘Better and more equipment’ was overwhelmingly mentioned as the main improvement to Market Place playground and links in with Market Place playground being renovated. At the Get Together there were some suggestions for improving Market Place such as some shelters, seating and softer ground.

‘More equipment for older children’ is something that was also mentioned in the community consultation at the Get Together and the Fun Palace. There were suggestions of having a skatepark as well as more space for teenagers. It was mentioned that Brownswell was popular with teenagers but that there were some issues with it being damaged at nights and that better security was needed. At the Big Lunch and Coach Trip consultation many people mentioned that youth clubs for older children is a priority.

Market Place playground is in great need of being improved for both the people who lives close to it and use it. Respondents to the survey in the community consultation explained why Market Place was important to them. The main reasons was because it is a close, local amenity, it is a place where children, parents and families can socialise and because of the importance to the children in the area. This again shows how Market Place playground is anything but a low priority area.

“...if we could manage a bigger playground for all the local children then it would be great for people living in this community” – consultation participant

Manor Park Underpass

The Manor Park underpass has been a longstanding priority for GBL, and a substantial amount of work has taken place to date to progress this project. The underpass runs under the tube line and connects Manor Park Road and Trinity Road. There are a number of issues with the underpass which include, suffering from poor sightlines, being poorly lit and bad drainage⁴².

⁴² Grange Big Local, 2018, *Grange Big Local Plan 2018-2020*. Retrieved from <http://www.grangebiglocal.org/plan/4592100204>

Data from the community consultation survey shows that most respondents know of the underpass and most of the respondents use the underpass. Of those who use the underpass they describe feeling:

- Scared (31 mentions).
- Feel unsafe (30 mentions).

Of those who don't use the underpass the reasons why they don't use it are:

- Don't need to use it (11 mentions).
- Feel unsafe (9 mentions).
- Not a nice looking/smelling (7 mentions).

A common theme here is that it is not a nice place to be and that people feel unsafe or scared while using it. This sentiment was echoed in the consultations at Wilmot Close and the Get Together with respondents says that they don't feel safe using it, especially at night and this is why other completely avoid it. This may indicate why 70% of respondents agreed that improving the underpass is still a priority for them.

All this suggests that the community supports GBL in continuing its work with the underpass.

It is useful to understand where the underpass project currently stands. Mills Power have produced a report to lay out what has been done so far as well as the next steps and challenges.

Summary of the work to date

The Mills Power report⁴³ explains that:

- There has been extensive contact with Barnet which includes agreed lists of work and costs, but no work has taken place.
- There has been little correspondence with Transport for London (TFL) and no formal application has been made to TFL.
- There have been discussions with the owner of 46 Trinity Road.
- Proposals have been made to paint murals along the boundary wall of 26 Manor Park Road. No agreed design or vision as yet for the project.

Things to consider

There are some challenges that would need to be considered to develop the underpass.

One decision to be made is the vision of what should be done to the underpass. The report highlights that currently there are many ideas for what should be done to the underpass that are all valuable. However, taking into account funds and time it would be worth focusing on one of these ideas.

⁴³ Mills Power Architecture, 2019, *Grange Big Local Manor Park Road and Trinity Road Underpass*, Retrieved from Grange Big Local Partnership

The report also suggests that the projects should have ‘*continuity*’ so that any changes to the underpass should fit in with the surrounding area. A useful example that is given is *“if there is a planter replacing the barriers from Manor Park Road, the planter that sits at the corner of 44 Trinity Road’s garden should be of the same materials and be planted similarly, so that people are able to appreciate the consistency of thought that has gone into the improvements.”*.

Next, the report highlights that GBL needs to define how much involvement in the decision making the community should have. What does the community expect from this project? This will hopefully be made clear from the results of the community consultation.

Mill Power has also compiled two programmes for the delivery of the underpass project which can be seen in appendix 7.

Theme 3: Our Economy Can Grow

Like any community the local economy and the financial health of its residents is essential for it to prosper. In this section, we have reviewed information related to jobs, levels of income as well as education and skills in the area.

Jobs

Data from 2011 shows that residents of GBL work in a variety of different sectors. The largest employment sector is retail, with professional, scientific and technical second and health and social work third. Over half of the people who are employed in GBL are employed in managerial, professional or associate professional occupations. This is a higher proportion than both London and England⁴⁴. This is census data from 2011 and it is safe to assume that this has changed but it is still a useful guide for the job market of GBL.

GBL, according to data from 2011, has good levels of employment with higher levels compared to London in terms of self-employment, full time and part time employment⁴⁵.

Despite the good levels of employment and relatively skilled residents in GBL, data from 2012 shows that in GBL the 'unemployment to available jobs ratio' is much higher at 27.50 claimants per job. The London average is only 6.67 claimants per job⁴⁶. Further to this, data from 2019, show that the areas within and bordering GBL are in the 10%-30% most deprived neighbourhood in England when it comes to employment⁴⁷.

This suggests that there is a higher level of competition for jobs and so GBL residents may require more support, advice and training with gaining employment. This is supported in the community consultation survey with the most common ideas to help those who struggle financially being skills training, information & advice.

Local shops and Business

Local people who either live in GBL or have a connection with the area find that there are good local shops and businesses in GBL. This was mentioned the second most in the community consultation survey. This shows that as well as having these local business and shops that there is support from locals.

⁴⁴ OCSI, 2019, *Local Insight Profile for 'Grange' area*. Retrieved from local.communityinsight.org

⁴⁵ OCSI, 2019, *Local Insight Profile for 'Grange' area*. Retrieved from local.communityinsight.org

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⁴⁷ Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government, 2019, *English indices of deprivation*. Retrieved from http://dclgapps.communities.gov.uk/imd/iod_index.html

Income

The GBL area has a mixed picture when it comes to the income of its residents. According to data from 2015/16, annual household income is higher for GBL than the London average⁴⁸. However, data from 2019 shows that the percentage of people living in the 20% most deprived areas of England (Indices of Deprivation) in the Income Domain for GBL is 55% compared to the London average of 20.9%⁴⁹. This is a significant proportion. As well as this the percentage of low-income households in East Finchley with a cash shortfall in 2018 is higher than most other areas in London and that in the years between 2016-18 this increased by 13%⁵⁰.

This indicates that GBL has some people who are relatively well off, living very close to others who are struggling financially. It is quite concerning that there are increasing number of those who are struggling financially. There is a limitation here with the data on cash shortfall as we are comparing East Finchley to GBL but we can assume that there are people within the GBL area who have or are suffering from a cash shortfall.

There were a number of financial issues that were stressed at the Finchley Foodbank consultation, these included benefits being sanctioned, high bills, Christmas costs, coping with school holidays, including the issue of no school meals. At the Big Lunch, there were specific calls for information, advice and advocacy around benefit and entitlements.

From this data we could suggest that GBL residents need help with either increasing their income or help with their bills and expenses.



⁴⁸ OCSI, 2019, *Local Insight Profile for 'Grange' area*. Retrieved from local.communityinsight.org

⁴⁹ OCSI, 2019, *Local Insight Profile for 'Grange' area*. Retrieved from local.communityinsight.org

⁵⁰ Policy in Practice, 2019, *Living Standards Index for London*. Retrieved from <http://policyinpractice.co.uk/LSI-London/>

Practical things that would help those who struggle financially in GBL

In the community consultation survey, respondents were asked what type of things would help people who are struggling in GBL. The most popular ideas were:

1. Skills training, e.g. coding, first aid and other transferable skills (91 responses).
2. Information and advice service (84 responses).
3. CV skills, interview skills (76 mentions).
4. Training on budgeting and money management for adults (70 mentions).

These ideas link in with information that there is a lot of competition for jobs mentioned in the jobs section above. At the Fun Palace consultation, a particular focus for advice and support that was needed was over housing. At the Get Together, Finchley Foodbank and the United Guinea Association there were suggestions that practical courses and retraining opportunities were needed, for example in IT or running a small business. As such it may GBL putting more emphasis on running projects that help with skills, training and advice. This is backed up with data from GBL's Citizens Advice Barnet End of Project Report from 2019 that showed that the main issues that clients came with were benefits and tax credits (55%) and debt (32%).

How can the community help people to spend less on their bills?

Respondents in the community consultation survey were also asked how people can spend less on their bills. The most popular ideas were:

1. Holiday activities/after school clubs to help with childcare (119 responses).
2. Library of things – borrow things you need but don't want to buy (106 responses).
3. Community food growing (94 responses).

Afterschool clubs and holiday activities to help parents were also highlighted at the consultations at the Big Lunch, Wilmot Close, the Fun Palace and with the Finchley Food Bank. At the coach trip consultation, one person specifically mentioned how they have struggled to find holiday activities for teenagers.

In addition, holiday activities/after school clubs to help with childcare links in with barriers that stop respondents getting involved in community activities as childcare was the tied second most common barrier for people to get involved in community activities. This suggest that this is an important activity to consider that would really help GBL residents.

Community food growing also links Barnwood N2 and how respondents to the survey are interested in access to nature. Linked to this at the Finchley Foodbank consultation there were suggestions of a community fridge as food growing is limited and it takes a long time to grow food. The suggestion of the Community Fridge was also acknowledging that the Foodbank had become busier over the last three years.

Library of things also was very popular and as GBL has a strong community feeling (as mentioned in the survey) this may be a project that would get strong support and be relatively easy to set up.

Education and Skills

Schools

There are a number of schools in and around the GBL boundaries.

- Bishop Douglas, a Catholic secondary school, received a ‘Good’ Ofsted rating in 2013.
- Christ’s College is just on the GBL area boundaries.
- Archer Academy which is a comprehensive free school and is just outside the GBL area.
- Compton is situated in North Finchley.
- Martin Primary School is just outside the GBL boundary but is probably the main primary school for the GBL area.
- Holy Trinity is a Church of England school and is just outside the GBL boundaries.
- Oak Lodge school, a special academy, is also just outside the area.
- Tutor Primary School has about one third of families from the GBL area.
- Our Lady of Lourdes, St Teresa’s and Akiva are all relatively close to the GBL area⁵¹.

Qualifications

GBL has good levels of qualifications. This data is limited as it is from 2011. The percentage of people with no qualification is slightly lower for GBL compared to London and the percentage of people with a degree or higher is the same as the London⁵².

⁵¹ Grange Big Local, 2018, *Grange Big Local Plan 2018-2020*. Retrieved from <http://www.grangebiglocal.org/plan/4592100204>

⁵² Policy in Practice, 2019, *Living Standards Index for London*. Retrieved from <http://policyinpractice.co.uk/LSI-London/>

Conclusion

This Community Profile and Community Consultation Report has provided the evidence base for the Grange Big Local's next plan which covers the period of 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2023.

The first theme of *Our Residents can Flourish* has highlighted that children, young people and families are a priority. Whether it is helping them with spending less or support during school holidays. Following this, youth provision is a need in the area linking to the lack of play areas for children and young people. Community focused activities are something the community supports especially those that reduce social isolation. The community is still supportive of a physical community space whether this is at Tarling Road Community Centre or somewhere else.

In the second theme of *Our Environment can Blossom*, this profile showed that the Underpass and Market Place Playground are still top priorities for the community and residents. Other environmental projects such as air pollution and the 20-mile per hour zone are important to the area. The community is also very interested in the variety of activities that will be held at Barnwood N2 and hopes that links with Barnwood remain strong.

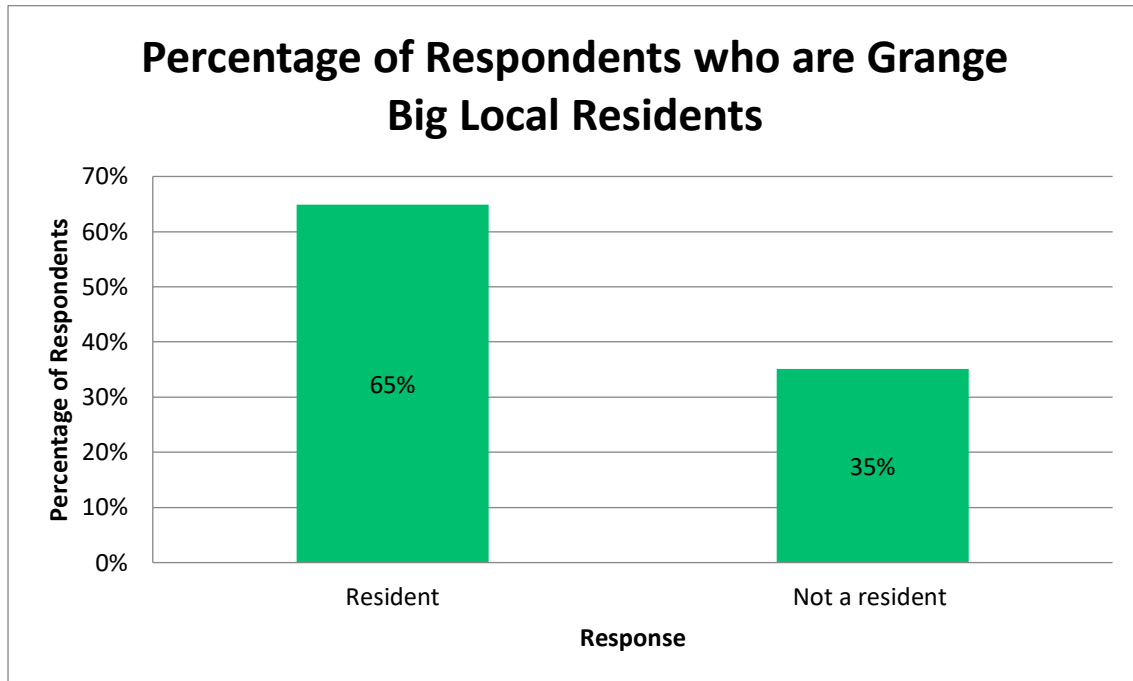
Our Economy can Grow is the third theme and this report has identified that those who struggle financially need skills training, information and advice. This could also stretch to focusing on money management and budgeting for both young people and adults. For reducing social isolation, the idea of a transport scheme was popular.

We hope that the extensive research and consultation is a strong basis from which to deliver an even better place to live.

Appendix 1: Survey Data

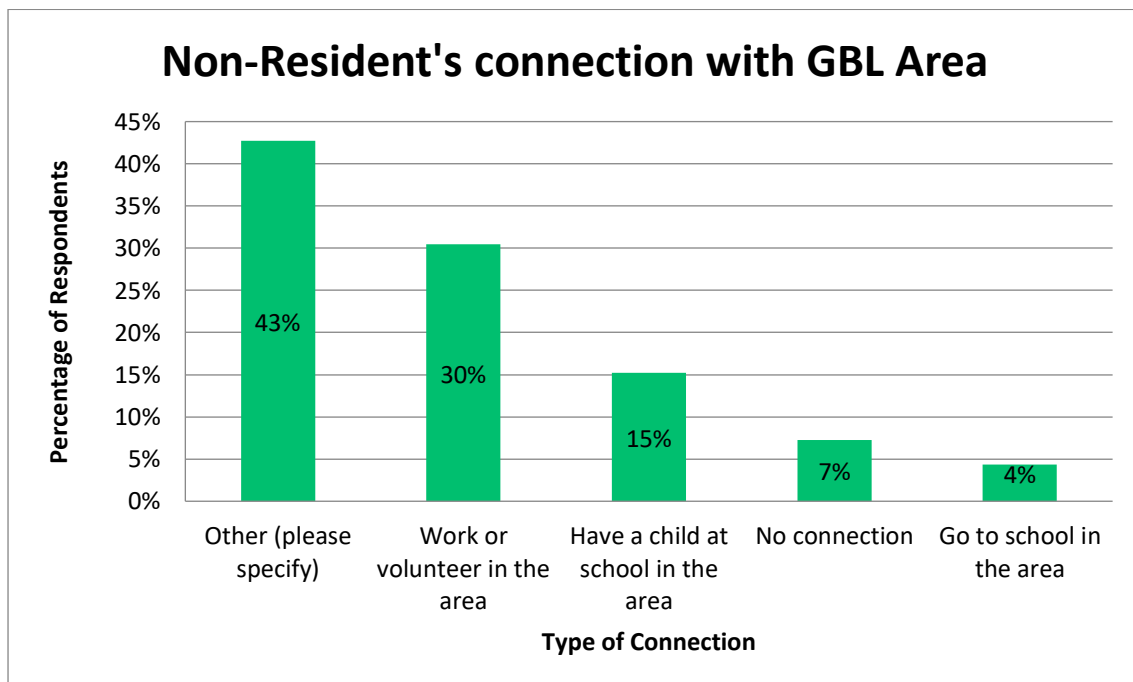
Percentage of respondents who are residents of Grange Big Local

259 respondents & 3 skipped



Breakdown of non-resident's connection with the GBL area

138 responded & 130 skipped



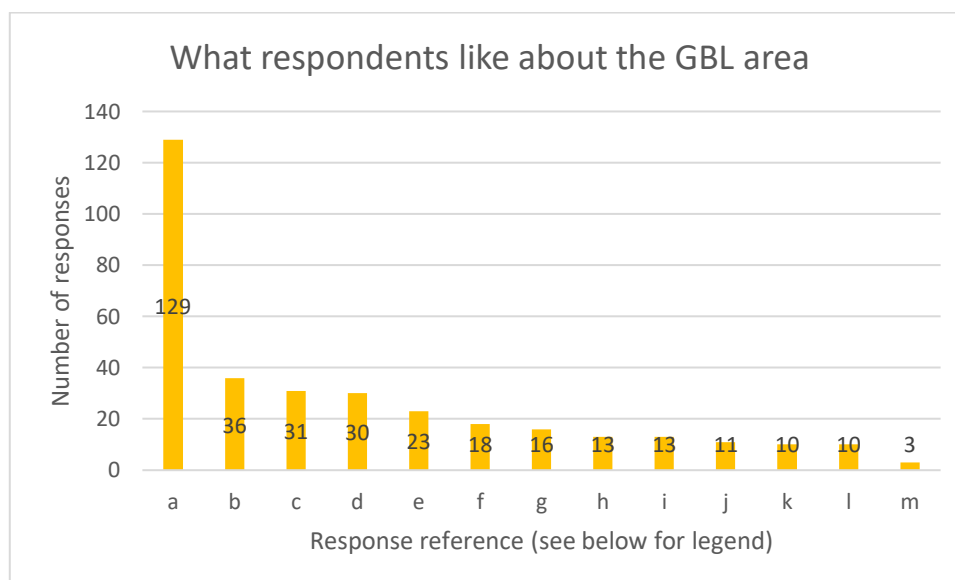
Of those who responded “Other (please specify)”

These responses were broken down into the following categories (56 total responses):

| Response | Number of responses |
|---|---------------------|
| Live close by | 16 |
| Involved in a community group | 14 |
| Resident – mistake ⁵³ | 12 |
| Children activities and activities e.g. Newstead, playgrounds | 4 |
| Friends live here | 4 |
| Visit regularly | 3 |
| Used to live here | 3 |

What respondents like about the GBL area

This was an open question and so needed some qualitative analysis. The responses were categorised into 13 different themes. 216 respondents answered this question and 52 skipped. Most respondents also mentioned two or three themes.



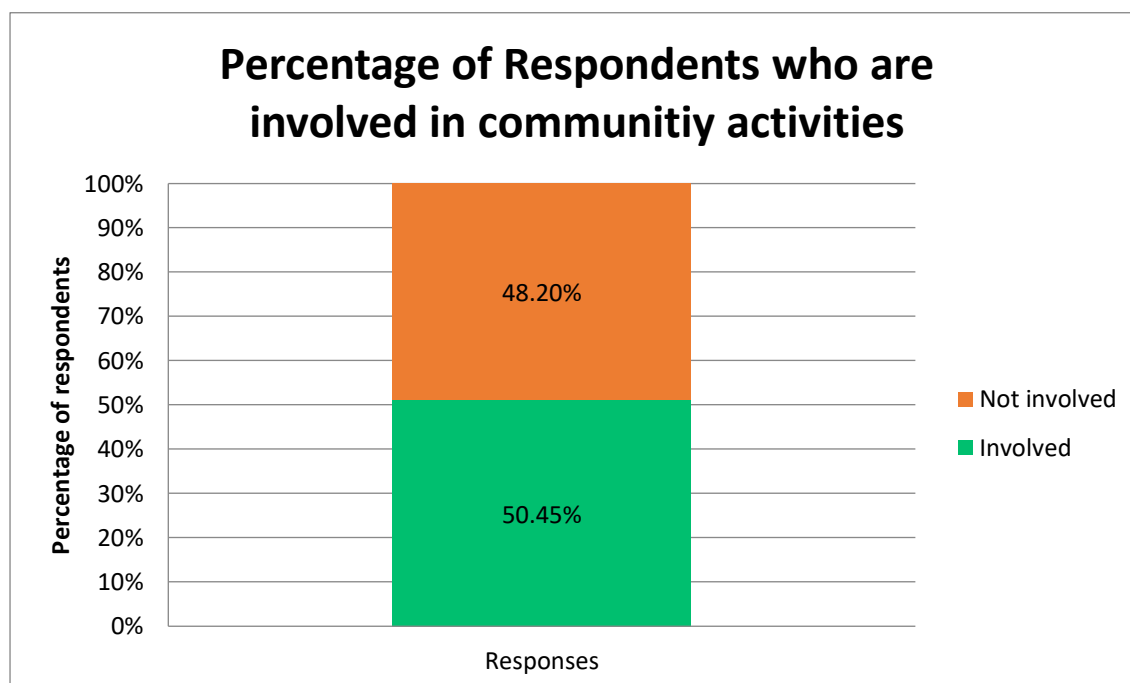
| Response reference | Theme |
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| a | Friendly community/village feeling |
| b | Good local shops & businesses |
| c | Leafy, green & pleasant environment |
| d | Safe |
| e | Peace & quiet |
| f | Good community facilities & activities |
| g | Everything, nice place to live |
| h | Good schools |
| i | Diverse |

⁵³ This question was only meant to be answered by those who weren't residents but some resident's still answered

| | |
|---|---|
| j | Good transport links |
| k | Good location |
| l | Good facilities & activities for children |
| m | History |

Whether respondents are involved in community activities or not

222 respondents answered this question and 46 skipped. For those who were involved in community activities, they were asked to specify. For this specification section there has been some qualitative analysis to categorise.

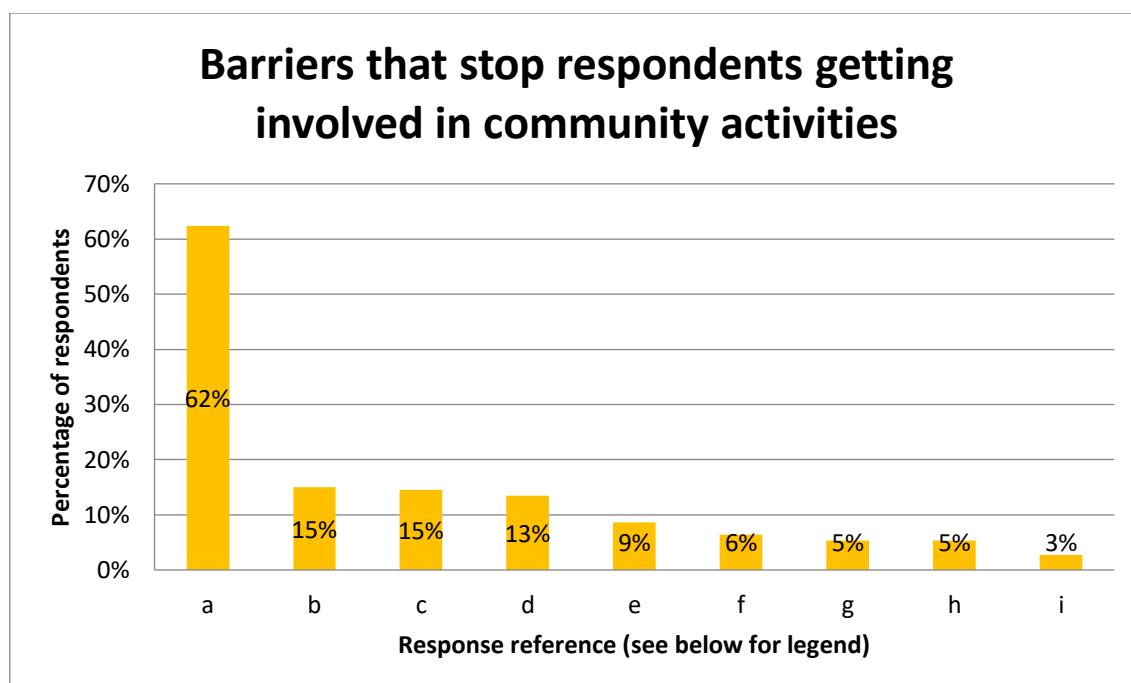


For this question respondents were asked to specify if they answered yes. 222 respondents specified and their responses have been categorised into themes.

| Theme | Number of mentions |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Involved in a community group | 66 |
| Involved with a hobby group | 19 |
| Involved with a school | 13 |
| Involved with a church | 13 |

Barriers that stop respondents from getting involved in community activities

186 respondents answered this question and 82 skipped. There was an ‘other please specify’ answer for this answer there has been some qualitative analysis to categorise.



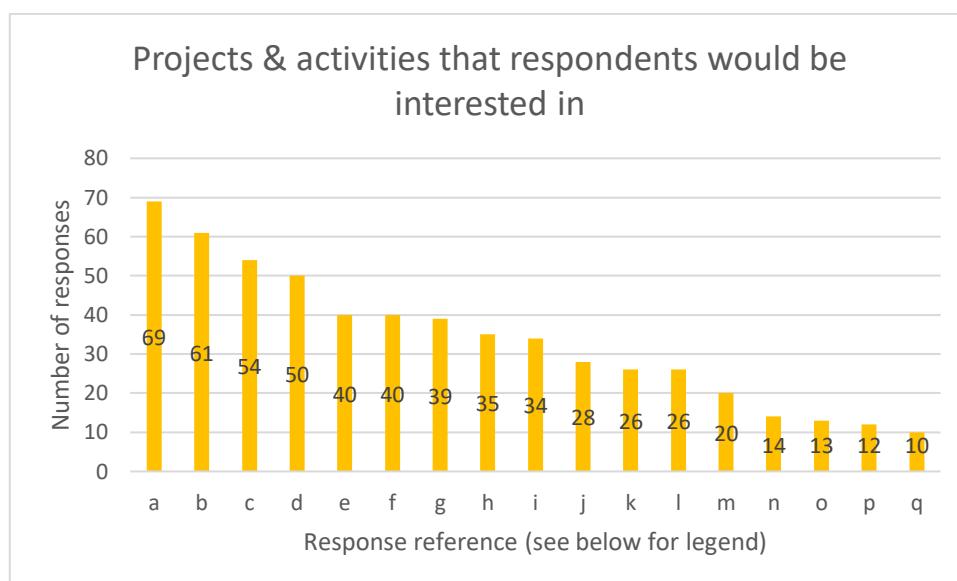
| Response reference | Theme |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| a | Lack of time |
| b | Childcare |
| c | Lack of activities |
| d | Money |
| e | Nothing for young people |
| f | Transport/access |
| g | Nothing for older people |
| h | Lack of outdoor space |
| i | Lack of language support/language |

39 respondents answered 'other (please specify)'. A number of respondent either didn't answer or their answer was not related to the questions. Below is a breakdown of the responses into themes:

| Theme | Number of mentions |
|--|--------------------|
| They can't get involved for health or disability reasons | 13 |
| They don't know what's available | 8 |
| There is nothing that they'd enjoy | 4 |
| They are involved in community activities elsewhere | 2 |
| They have difficulty travelling to the area | 2 |
| The cost of activities | 1 |
| They used to get involved | 1 |
| Too far to travel | 1 |

Projects and activities that respondents would be interested in

216 respondents answered this question and 52 skipped. There was an ‘other please specify’ answer for this answer there has been some qualitative analysis to categorise.



| Response reference | Theme |
|--------------------|--|
| a | Activities for children and families |
| b | Exercise and physical activities |
| c | One off events that bring the community together |
| d | Arts activities |
| e | Learning new skills |
| f | Outdoor activities |
| g | Local history |
| h | Holiday Activities |
| i | Ongoing youth provision |
| j | Skills sharing |
| k | Activities for over 50's |
| l | Community Centre or Hub |
| m | Coffee mornings |
| n | Social evenings |
| o | Science activities |
| p | Games and activity based get togethers |
| q | Groups to join |

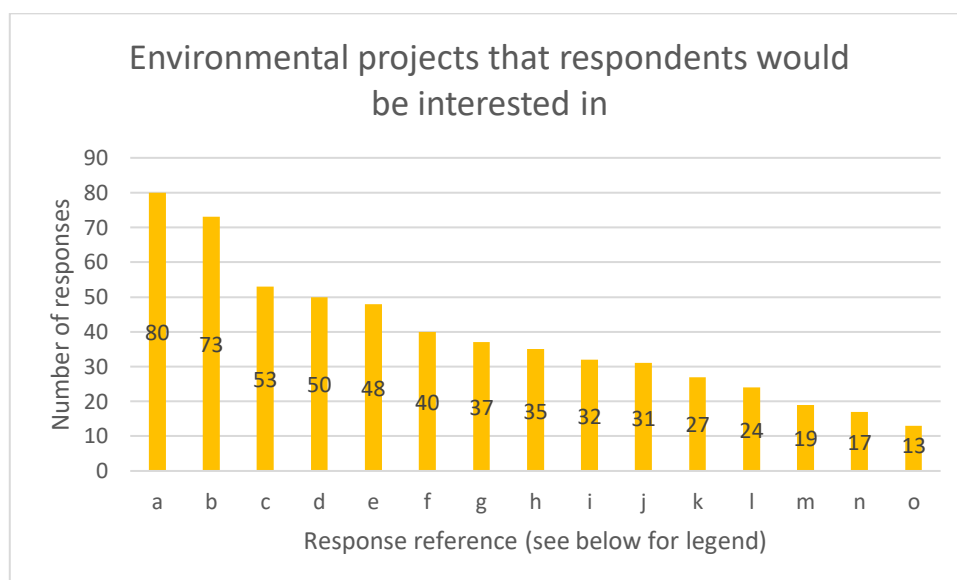
25 respondents answered, ‘other please specify’, there responses have been categorised into themes below. A number of respondent either didn't answer or their answer was not related to the questions.

| Theme | Number of mentions |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Children and young people activities | 8 |
| Health and wellbeing activities | 6 |
| Activities that support the elderly | 4 |

| | |
|--|---|
| Would be interested in social club or events | 2 |
| Activities to improve the local area | 1 |

Environmental projects that respondents would be interested in

216 respondents answered this question and 52 skipped. There was an ‘other please specify’ answer for this answer there has been some qualitative analysis to categorise.



| Response reference | Theme |
|--------------------|--|
| a | Improving or increasing play areas |
| b | Projects addressing air pollution |
| c | N2 - 20 mile per hour zone |
| d | Gardening projects |
| e | Community Clean Ups |
| f | Outdoor games/exercise areas |
| g | Having more play streets |
| h | Low maintenance wildflowers and shrub planting |
| i | More benches and places to sit |
| j | More and new litter bins |
| k | Allotment or food growing projects |
| l | Signage about the history of the area |
| m | More play events |
| n | A Green Corridor |
| o | Bird boxes |

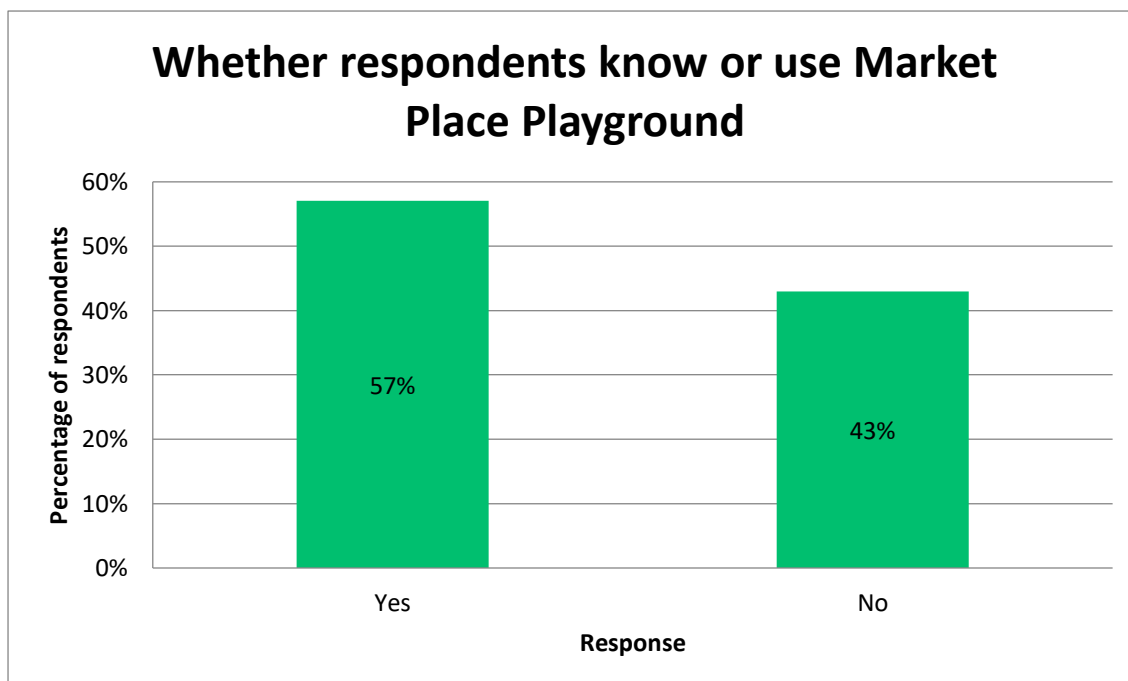
16 respondents answered ‘other (please specify)’, their responses have been categorised below. A number of respondent either didn’t answer or their answer was not related to the questions.

| Theme | Number of mentions |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Protecting the environment | 4 |

| | |
|-------------------------|---|
| Improving public spaces | 5 |
| Children and youth | 2 |
| Physical activity | 2 |
| Allotment | 1 |

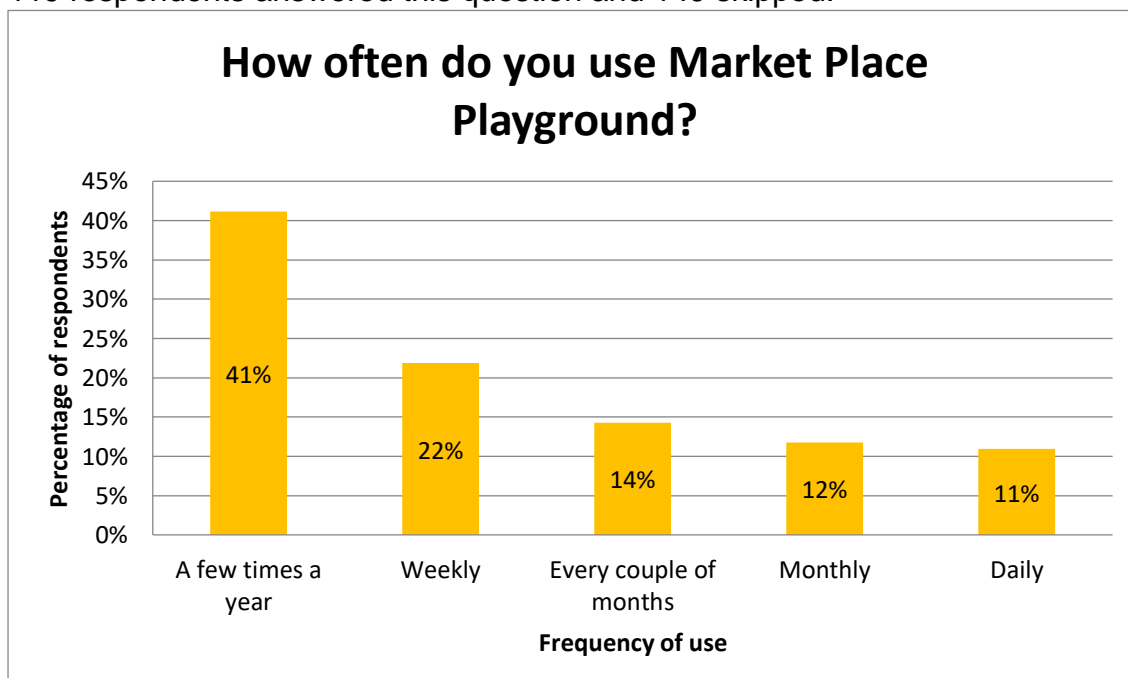
Whether respondents know or use Market Place Playground

228 respondents answered this question and 40 skipped.



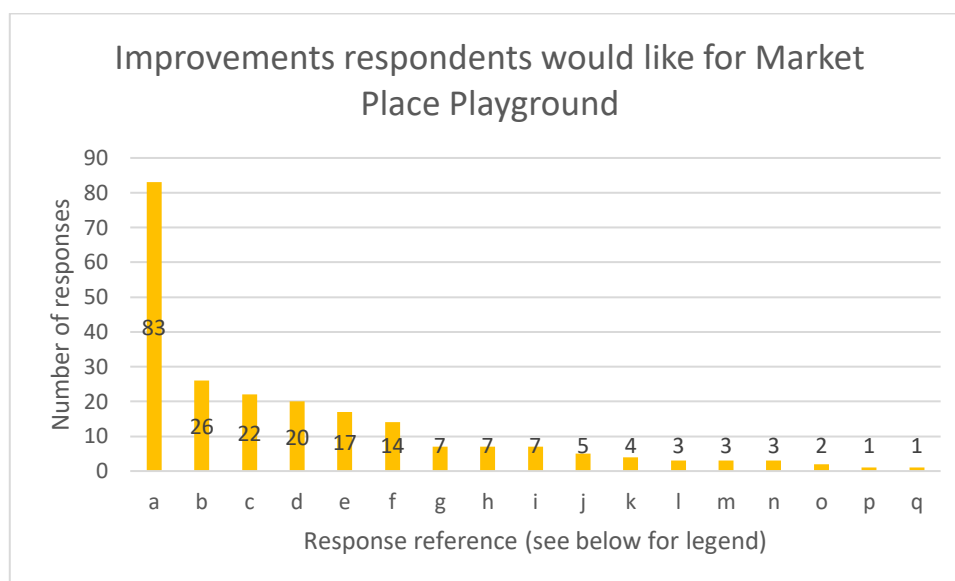
How often respondents use Market Place playground

119 respondents answered this question and 149 skipped.



Improvements for Market Place Playground

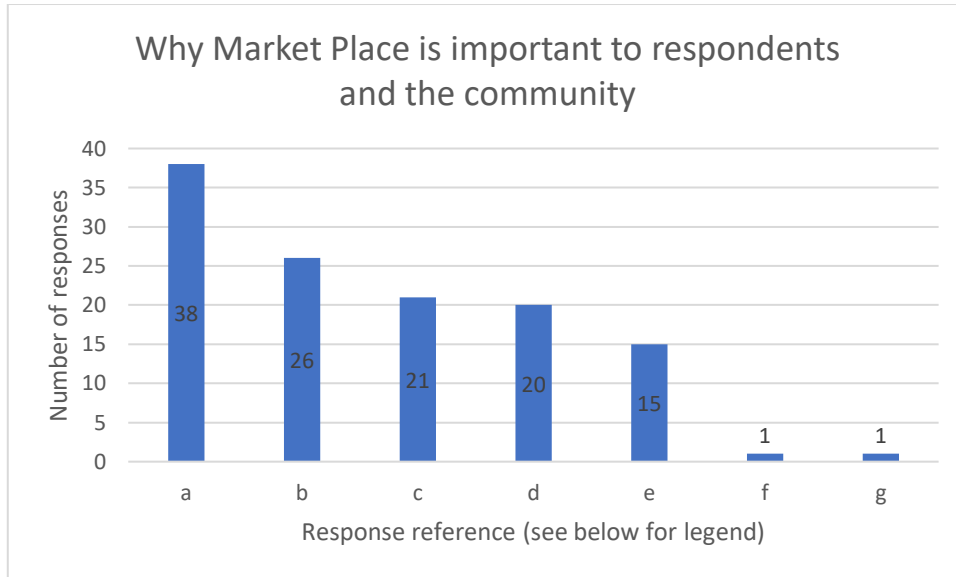
117 respondents answered this question and 151 skipped.



| Response reference | Theme |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| a | Better and more equipment |
| b | Renovate |
| c | Green, more grass, plants etc |
| d | More equipment for older children |
| e | Seating and benches |
| f | Space for ball games |
| g | Improve surface/floor |
| h | Safer |
| i | Cleaner |
| j | Things for adults e.g. gym |
| k | Toilets |
| l | Reduce ASB |
| m | Better lighting |
| n | Disabled friendly |
| o | Bigger area |
| p | Shelter |
| q | Traffic control |

Why Market Place playground is important to respondents and the community

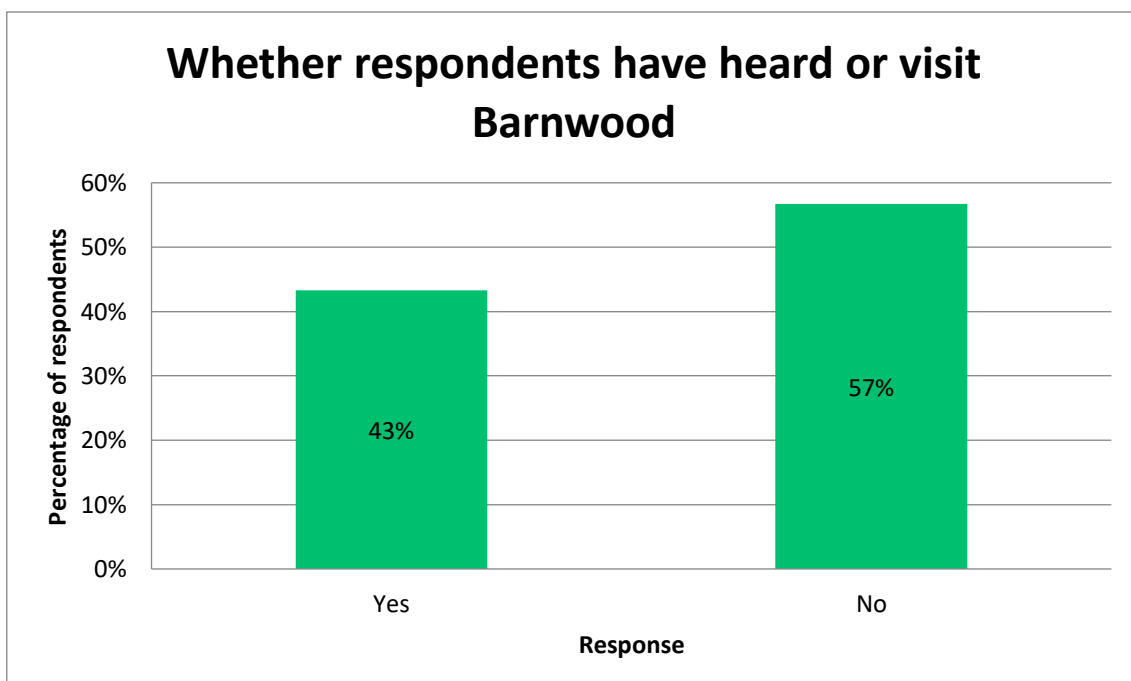
This was an open question and required qualitative analysis. The responses were categorised into 7 different themes. 120 respondents answered this question and 148 skipped.



| Response reference | Theme |
|--------------------|--|
| a | It is a local amenity and the closest |
| b | A social place where children, parents and families can meet |
| c | It is important because of the children in the area |
| d | Outdoor space gives opportunity for children to be active |
| e | It is the only playground in the area |
| f | It is a free space |
| g | Always used it |

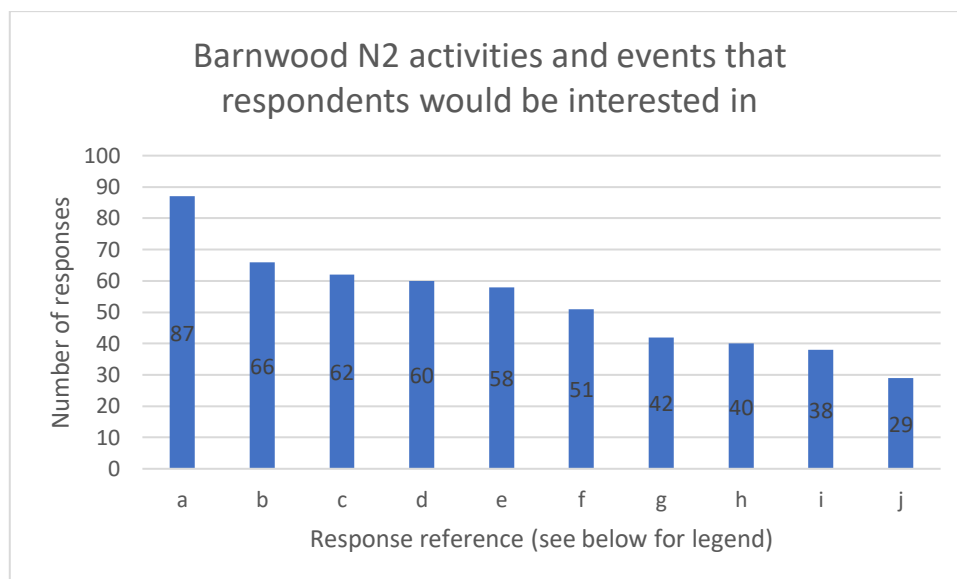
Whether participants have heard or visit Barnwood

208 respondents answered this question and 60 skipped.



Barnwood N2 activities and events that respondents would be interested in

219 respondents answered this question and 49 skipped. There was an ‘*other please specify*’ answer for this answer there has been some qualitative analysis to categorise.



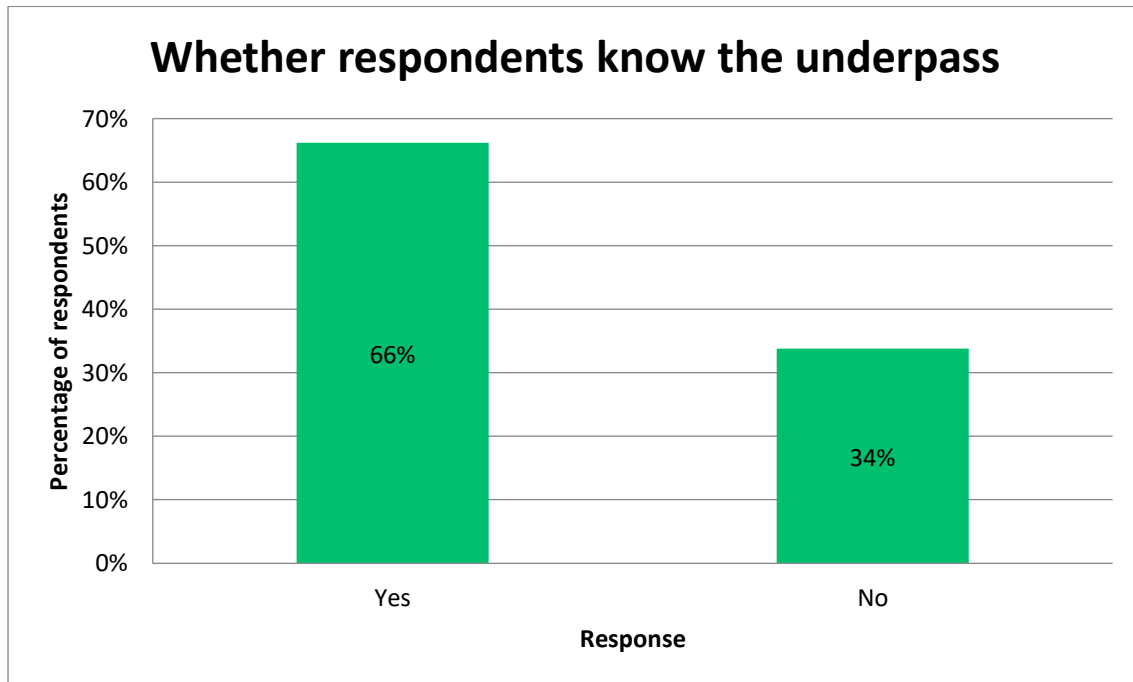
| Response reference | Response |
|--------------------|--|
| a | Access to nature |
| b | Exercise activities |
| c | Fruit picking |
| d | Community events |
| e | Well-being activities |
| f | Gardening |
| g | Walking |
| h | Opportunities to learn more about nature |
| i | Leisure activities |
| j | Social events |

14 respondents answered ‘other (please specify)’, their responses have been categorised below. A number of respondent either didn’t answer or their answer was not related to the questions.

| Theme | Number of mentions |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| Exercise and wellbeing | 3 |
| Children activities | 2 |
| Open access | 1 |
| Fruit picking | 1 |
| Arts activities | 1 |

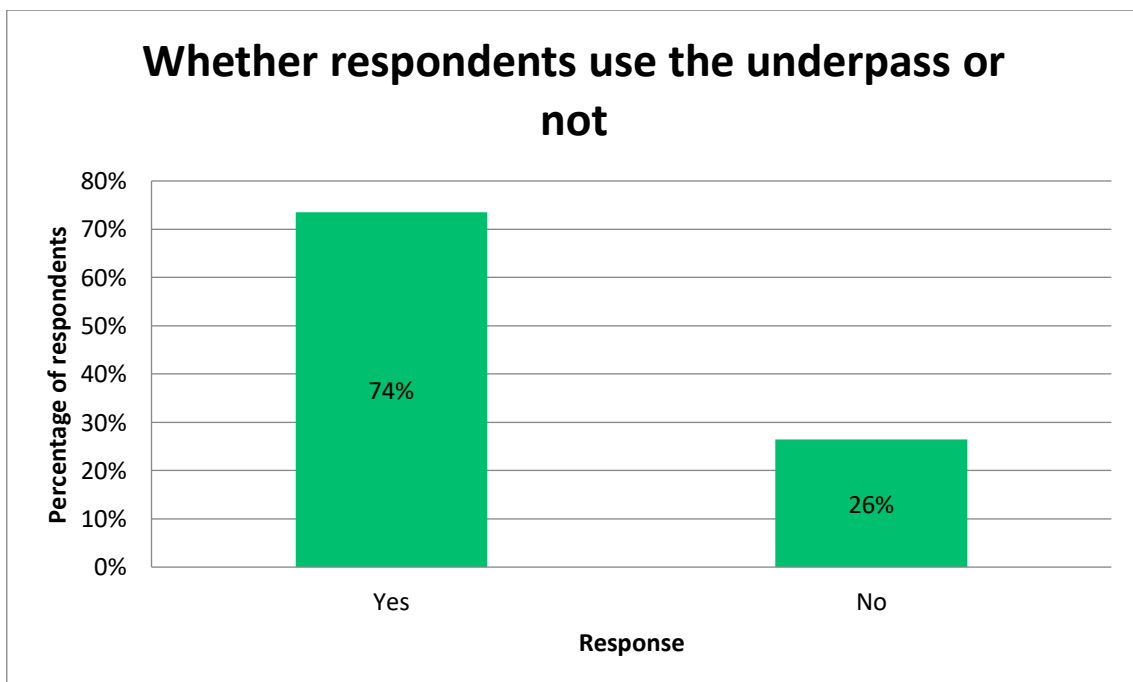
Whether respondents know the underpass

219 respondents answered this question and 49 skipped.



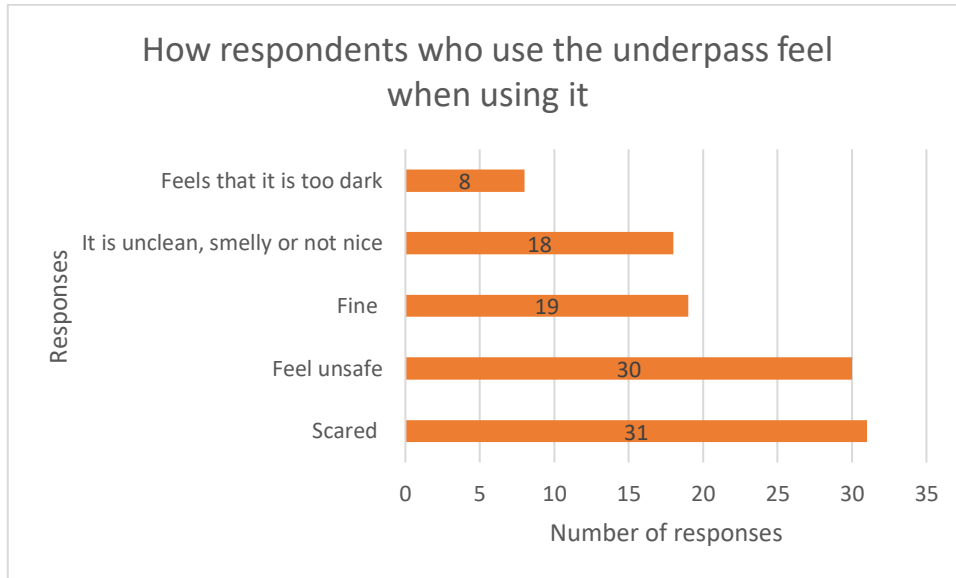
Whether respondents use the underpass or not

136 respondents answered the question and 132 skipped.



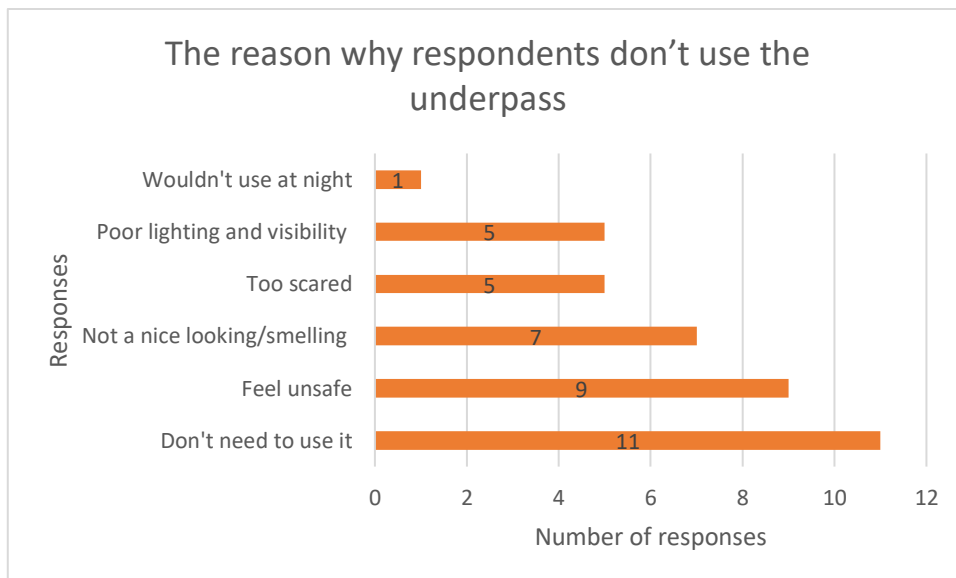
How respondent who use the underpass feel when using it

This was an open question and required qualitative analysis. The responses were categorised into 5 different themes. 110 respondents answered this question and 158 skipped.



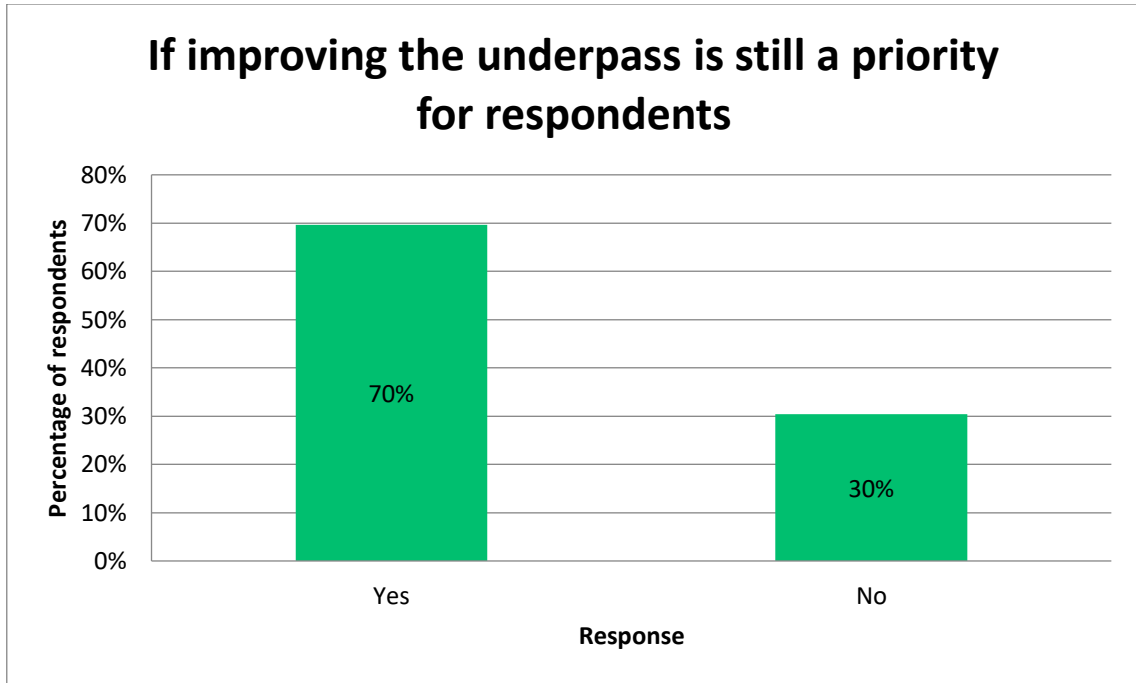
The reason why respondents don't use the underpass

This was an open question and required qualitative analysis. The responses were categorised into 6 different themes. 49 respondents answered this question and 219 skipped.



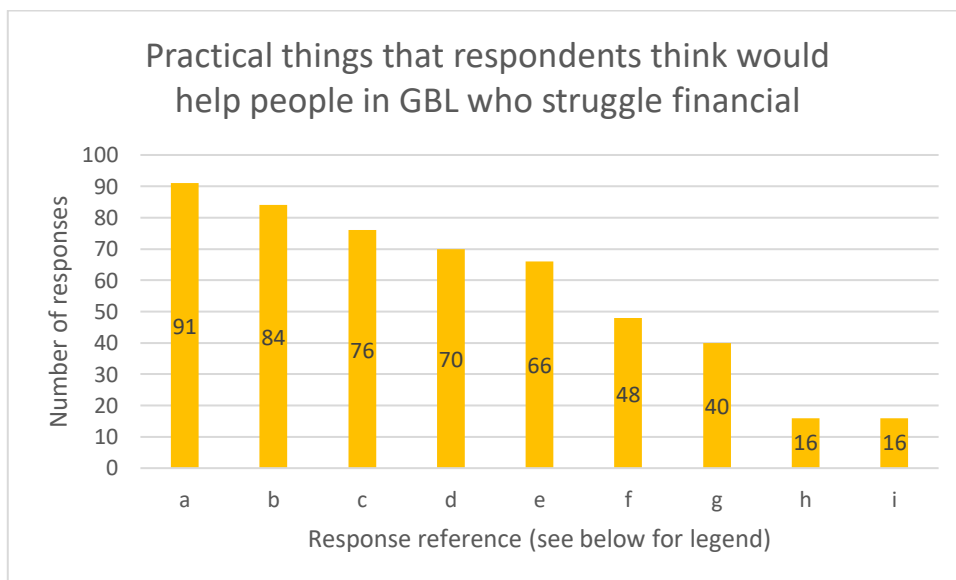
If improving the underpass is still a priority for respondents

135 respondents answered this question and 133 skipped.



Practical things that respondents think would help people in GBL who struggle financial

189 respondents answered this question and 79 skipped. There was an ‘*other please specify*’ answer for this answer there has been some qualitative analysis to categorise.



| Response reference | Response |
|--------------------|---|
| a | Skills training, e.g. Coding, first aid and other transferable skills |
| b | Information and advice service |
| c | CV skills, interview skills |
| d | Training on budgeting and money management for adults |

| | |
|---|---|
| e | Training on budgeting and money management in schools |
| f | Job club or economic support |
| g | Training on starting your own business |
| h | Business Mentoring |
| i | Business support |

23 respondents answered 'other (please specify)', their responses have been categorised below. A number of respondent either didn't answer or their answer was not related to the questions.

| Theme | Number of mentions |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Help and training with skills | 6 |
| A social club | 4 |
| Help and advice | 4 |
| Youth provision | 2 |

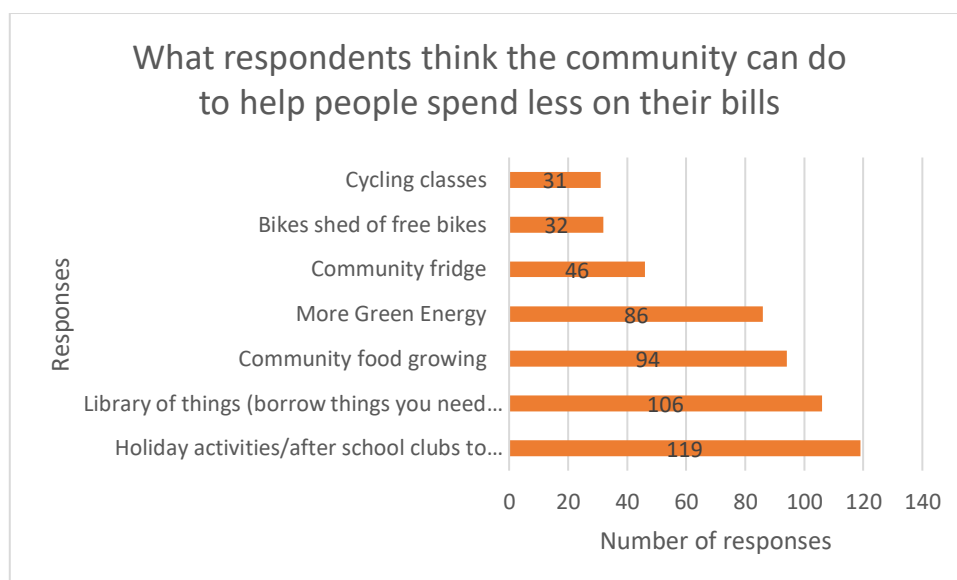
Which of the above ideas would be helpful to the respondent or their family

129 respondents answered this question and 139 skipped.

| Response | Number of mentions |
|---|--------------------|
| Information and advice service | 24 |
| Skills training, e.g. Coding, first aid and other transferable skills | 16 |
| Training on budgeting and money management for adults | 10 |
| Training on starting your own business | 6 |
| Business support | 5 |
| All | 4 |
| Job club or economic support | 2 |
| Social activities addressing loneliness | 1 |

What respondents think the community can do to help people spend less on their bills

203 respondents answered this question and 65 skipped. There was an 'other please specify' answer for this answer there has been some qualitative analysis to categorise.



18 respondents answered 'other (please specify)', their responses have been categorised below. A number of respondent either didn't answer or their answer was not related to the questions.

| Theme | Number of mentions |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Insulation of their home | 4 |
| Library of things | 3 |
| Advice on saving | 3 |
| Repair help | 2 |
| Cycling | 2 |

Which ideas would be helpful to the respondent or their family

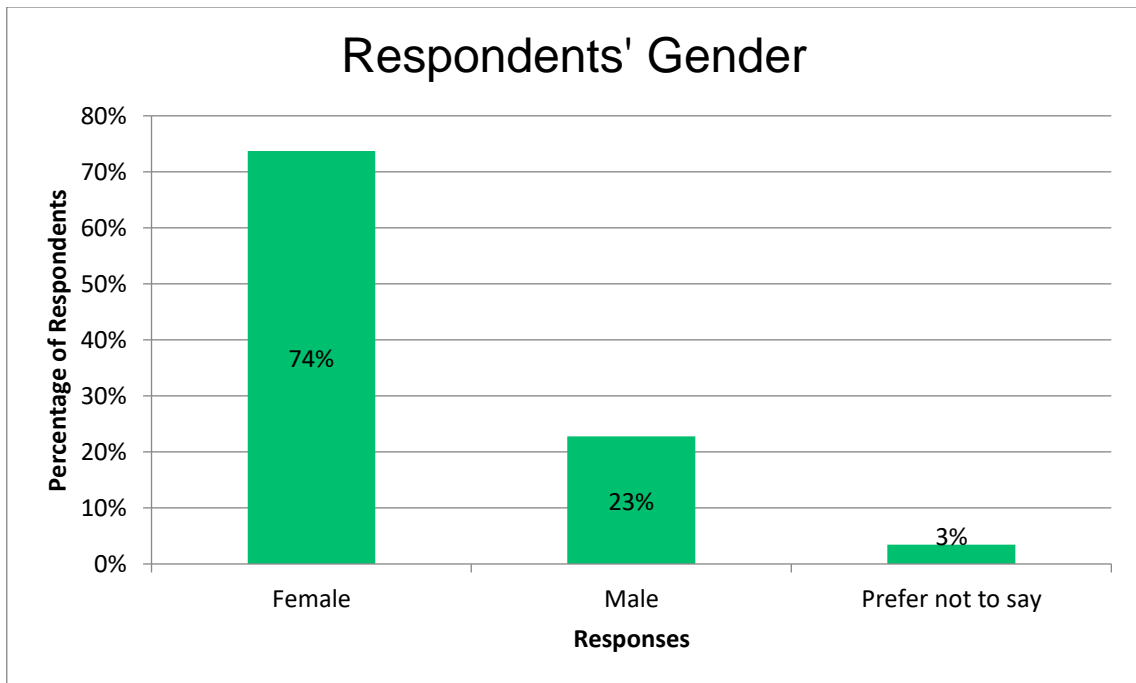
119 respondents answered this question and 149 skipped.

| Response | Number of mentions |
|--|--------------------|
| Library of things | 32 |
| Holiday activities/after school clubs to help with childcare | 21 |
| More green energy | 10 |
| All | 9 |
| Cycling classes | 4 |
| Community fridge | 3 |
| Bikes shed of free bikes | 3 |
| Community meals | 1 |
| Support for elderly | 1 |
| Transport support | 1 |

Monitoring information

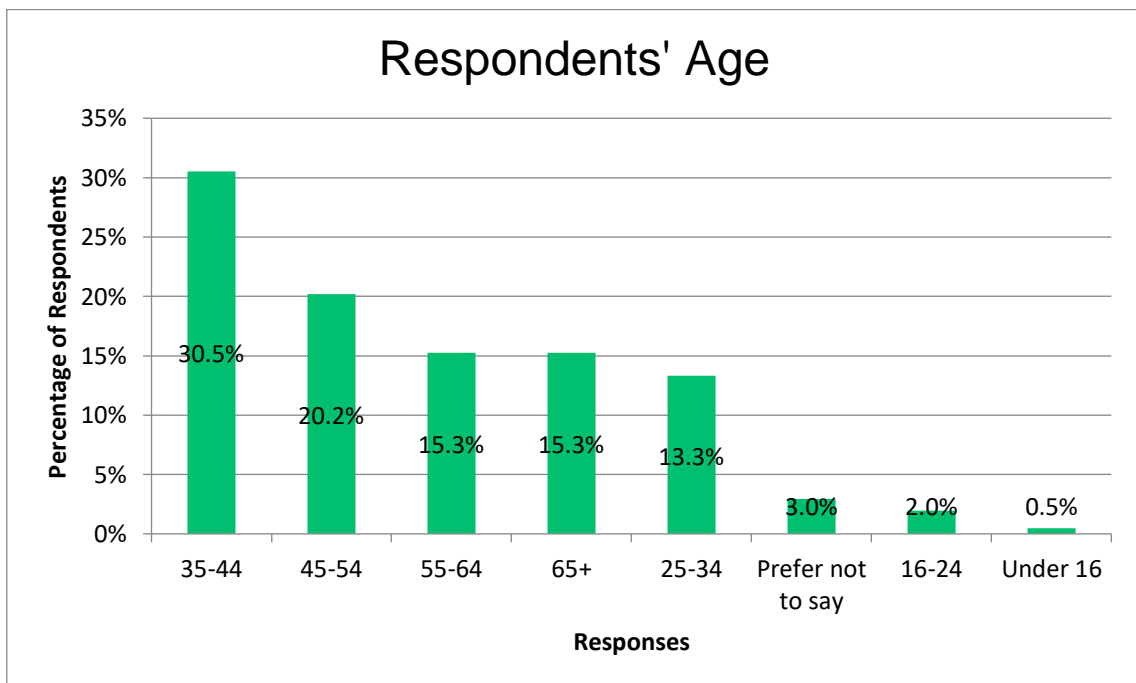
Respondents Gender

202 respondents answered this question and 66 skipped.



Respondents Age

203 respondents answered this question and 65 skipped.



Respondent's ethnic background

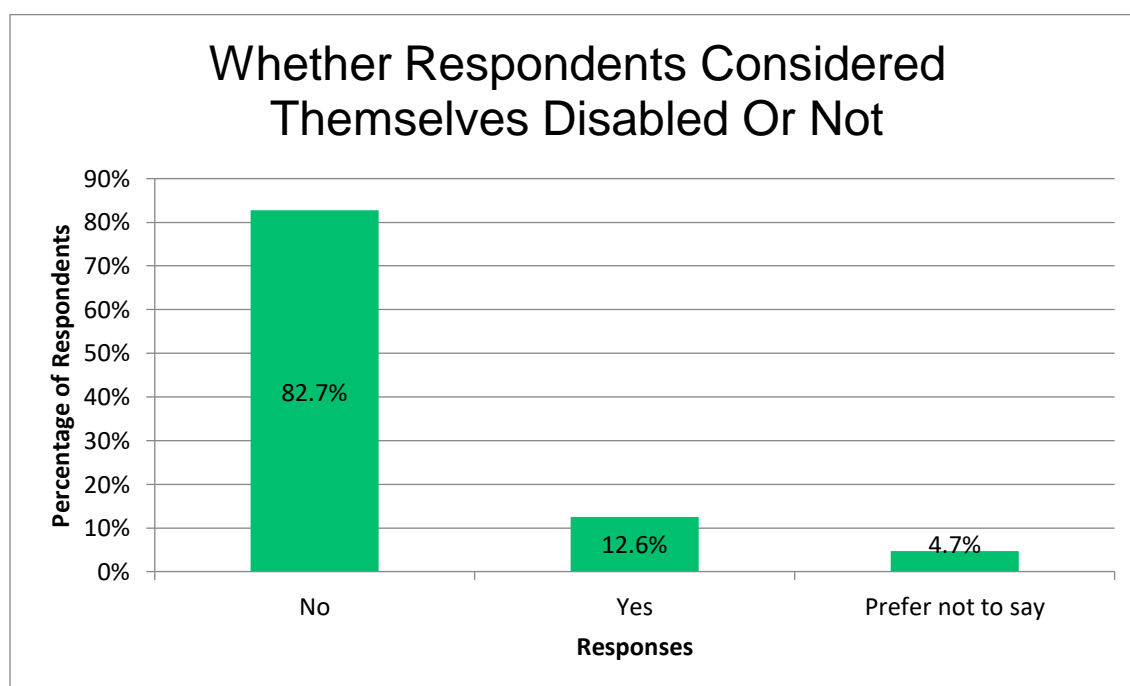
192 respondents answered this question and 76 skipped.

| Respondents' Ethnic Background | Percentage of Responses |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Arab | 0.5% |

| | |
|--|-------|
| Asian / British / English / Irish / Scottish / Welsh | 5.7% |
| Asian / Bangladeshi | 1.0% |
| Asian / Chinese | 0.5% |
| Asian / Indian | 2.6% |
| Asian / Pakistani | 1.0% |
| Any other Asian background | 2.1% |
| Black British / English / Irish / Scottish / Welsh | 4.2% |
| Black / African | 1.6% |
| Black / Caribbean | 0.5% |
| White / British | 37.0% |
| White / English | 10.4% |
| White / Northern Irish | 1.6% |
| White / Scottish | 1.6% |
| Any other White background | 15.6% |
| Mixed / White and Asian | 1.0% |
| Mixed / White and Black African | 1.0% |
| Mixed / White and Black Caribbean | 1.6% |
| Any other Mixed / Multiple ethnic background | 1.6% |
| Prefer not to say | 4.2% |
| Other | 4.7% |

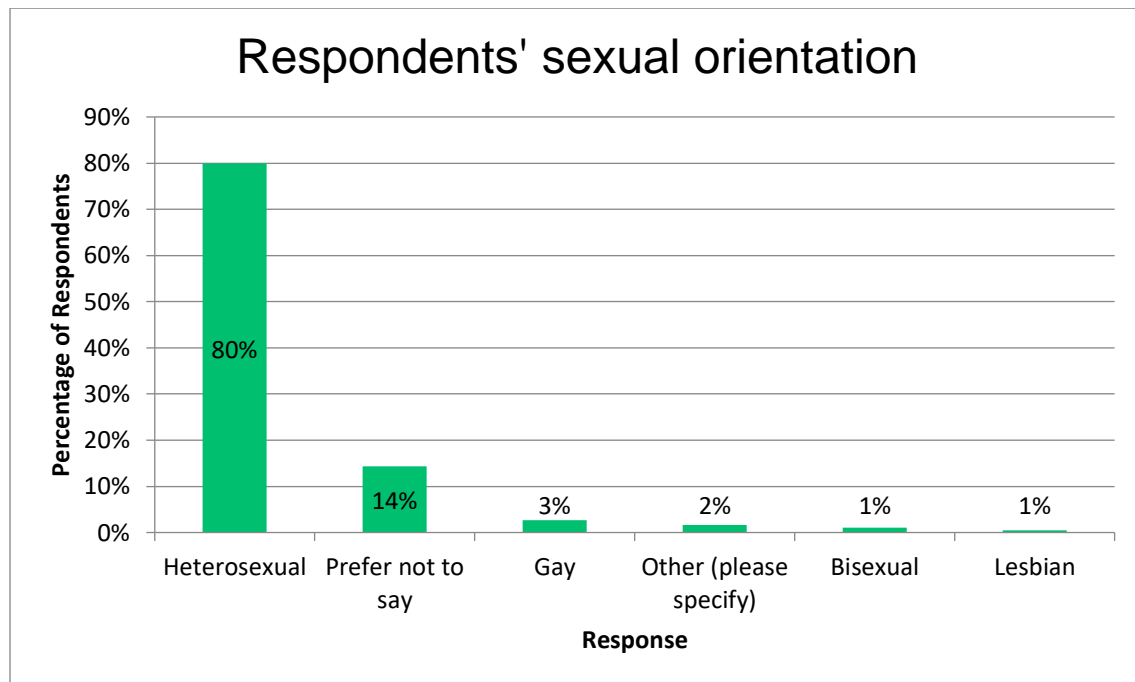
Whether respondents consider themselves disabled or not

191 respondents answered this question and 77 skipped.



Respondents' sexual orientation

189 respondents answered this question and 79 skipped.



Responses for 'other (please specify)' included one person who was 'pansexual'. The other two responses were not relevant to the question.

Appendix 2: Fun Palace Consultation

On 6th October 2019, we facilitated community consultation at the Fun Palace, which comprised of two exercises.

1. **Socks, top and pants exercise**

The first exercise comprised of a washing line, where participants hang socks, pants and tops on a washing line. The tops represent what the participants like about their area, pants represent what the participants do not like about the area and socks represent what the participants would like to change.

Socks – what to change

- Playground on the Grange.
- More groups for children, also more groups for children in need.
- Things for the elderly.
- Change the community areas.
- Make the grassy area next to the playground (by Holy Trinity School) into a dog-free zone where families can sit and play, it could be joined to the playground.
- It would be good to have a bigger play area.
- More climbing frames.
- We should be allowed to use the centre for youth groups, people in Fallows Close should be able to hire rooms for events.
- Making it greener, conserving and planting trees.
- I would like if events not to take place during weekend school.
- Local community to be more accommodating and thoughtful when children having break time outside.
- Free activities for children and young people.
- Youth workshops.
- Building awareness between communities.
- Educational play.
- More housing for the need, More council housing and support.
- Free activity schemes in the school holidays (with nutritious food too).
- Cleaner air, cleaner air, cleaner air.
- In my opinion there are very few playgrounds in this area for kids, so if we could manage a bigger playground for all the local children then it would be great for people living in this community.
- Lack of children spaces.
- Add ore outdoor objects for kids to play in the parks, i.e. swings.
- Afterschool clubs and activities for kids.
- Coffee and play for mums with babies and kids.
- Job opportunities for mums with young children.
- Adult courses with creche.
- Add a skate park.

- Safe place for children to cycle to practice their cycling skills.
- Getting to know other neighbours.
- Good green space for children. Issue dogs and children, a dog free space for children to play.

Tops – what you like about the area

- More youth facilities.
- I like a lot of the area (all of it) because usually all this stuff is not free but here it is, so it is good for the community.
- Genuine community vibe, so many smiles and hellos, homely spirit.
- Activities for children in our local area and great community.
- I like how friendly the neighbours are in Fallows Close.
- Very friendly people. Nice and green and very friendly kids.
- Love the Grange event, nice built community centre, friendly people, wonderful event happening today.
- Nice community atmosphere.
- Really appreciate The Green Man Community Centre, in particular the table tennis.
- I like the park.
- Have some activities for outside children.
- Good community, lots of youth clubs, Green Man, church at 5, Eden Hope House put on activity for youth. There is a good community.
- The children centre was the greatest place to take my so up until when he was three. The place is welcoming and met other mums wo are now in my circle of friends.
- I like how there are clubs such as fixation theatre.

Pants - what you don't like about the area

- More 24h buses, we only have number 263.
- Not so green, no green play area for children.
- Lack of hub 'community café', none are close.
- I don't like how it is all closed off, not enough community areas.



2. Mapping exercise

The participants also completed a mapping exercise where they listed their ideas and opportunities for their local area.



Some of the highlights that participants included are;

- Basing Way – participants commented that would like;
 - More childrens activities.
 - More support clothes/equipment.
- East End Road is too busy.
- Community centres
 - Youth club needed at Tarling Road Community Centre.
 - Community centre – participants would like to run an activity in the centre (now closed).
 - Create centre similar to the Green Man at Tarling Road community centre.
- Improve facilities and activities for children, some of the ideas specifically mentioned are;
 - Create playgrounds for children with swings, monkey bars, zip wire etc.
 - Swimming Pool.
 - Youth centre needed.
 - Space to play football.

- Create facilities/activities for older children and teenagers.
 - No facilities for children, especially children with special needs.
 - Free after school activities for children.
 - Little play area in park around Oak Lane needed.
 - Activities for children, including social events to keep children busy.
 - More stuff in the ‘telletubbies land’.
- Improve/create facilities and activities for the elderly, some of the feedback shared is;
 - Community events for elderly – mixing with people from care/retirement homes.
- Environmental issues included;
 - Too much pollution, especially on busy roads.
 - Air pollution on the High Street.
 - Overgrown bushes and hedges make walkers more vulnerable.
- Suggestions for the improvements to local facilities included;
 - Storage garages.
 - Space to keep bicycles.
 - Electric car park.
 - Enforce speed limits on busy roads.
 - Reintroduce clothing recycling banks.
 - More supervision – CCTV in car park.
 - Access to 263 bus – disabled access to pavements.
 - Fly tipping, dog mess, bin collection and littering is an issue.
 - Improve open spaces/park.
 - Market Place playground improvements – sad looking.
 - Fix the burnt-out house.
 - Allotment entrance area – making the area more friendly.
- Positive comments about the local area;
 - Food bank is amazing.
 - Nice neighbours around Todd House.
 - Good and positive community.
 - Garden plants and flowers on back of Myddleton on the current green.



Appendix 3: Focus Group Report: Wilmot Close

28th October 2019 with Emma, Claire and Sandy

Wilmot close is one of 3 sheltered housing schemes run by Finchley Charities. (Criteria for applications: over 55 years of age, lived in the London Borough of Barnet for at least five years at some point, in need of sheltered housing, able to live independently and have limited means.)

It has 71 units - a variety of studio, single and double-bed dwellings. A Sheltered Housing Officer lives onsite.

15 residents took part in the conversation. The majority of participants had not heard of GBL before.

What do you like about the area?

- Walking distance to the station.
- Some local activities at AgeUK (e.g. Keep fit, yoga, bridge).
- There are some in house activities including zumba, tai chi - bridge once a month (the range and frequency has diminished recently).

What activities would you like to see?

- The main request is to get out and about – leave the estate to get involved in activities with the wider community.
- Activities mentioned: table tennis, croquet on the lawn, chess clubs, socials clubs, university of third age.
- Trips off site – to the Phoenix cinema, theatre, sea side etc. (one had enjoyed the GBL coach trip this summer).
- Local lunches / teas to attend and socialise.

Barriers to community activity

- The main issue is lack of transport to get to activities off site – the dial a ride service is limited and requires sign up.
- The poor road surfaces making walking / using scooters very difficult. Pavements are bad – particularly on Sylvester Road.
- Bus service 263 isn't great.
- Some of the "walks" pathway network is difficult for access – too daunting if you are not mobile. Alleys are overgrown, and the slope towards the church is very difficult.
- Within the Close there could be more bars to ease walking between areas, or seats to sit on for a rest.
- Balance issues make getting about difficult, residents are prone to injury.
- Parking too close to the entrance is an issue – it is difficult to drive out of the close.

Underpass

- A long-standing issue – it doesn't feel safe.
- Some people use it during the day, but night time is a no go.

- Renovation is seen as important as a number of people have to use it, including school children.

Playground

- The group saw the need for more activities for families and young people in the area.
- Market place was recognised as a heart to the community – it could do with softer ground, landscaping, shelter and seating.
- Would like to see more things for young people – perhaps a skate park, youth club building, place to ride bikes.

Community centre

- Residents would like to see the community centre available for all in the community.
- One thought it unfair that use is so limited currently – and parking has become an issue.
- Activities as described above and a café here would be a real bonus at the new centre.

Economy

- Transport costs are high – but cycling not really an option for this group.
- Community food project a good idea – some limitations around ability to do physical gardening.
- Childcare – a good idea.
- Library of things – a good idea.
- Outside storage is a real issue for this group – they cannot currently store scooters and walking frames etc.

Other comments

- A request for CCTV.
- Could funding go to medical research?

Appendix 4: Get Together Table Notes

Get Together Table notes for ‘Our Residents will Flourish’

A need for community building: The group reviewed the summary of ideas and suggestions for this are of the plan so far. They very quickly get onto talking about the need for a community space and this took up at least 50% of the discussion time on the table. When prompted to move on, the group all came back to this point about needing a sense of place. There was some discussion too about the extent to which there should be lobbying around the new community centre to ensure it is brought into proper community use and ownership, but one board member was very clear there had already been significant time spent on this.

Large events vs smaller regular activities There was also some discussion about the nature of activities and events that the GBL spend it's time, money and energy on. People seemed supportive of large events like the Fun Palace but were also very supportive and encouraging of doing smaller scale more regular activities that might reach different people.

Crime and Inequality There were also strong feelings about the perceived level of crime in the area and comments that our recording of statistics for the area made it appear crime was not an issue. Linked to this there was suggestion that part of why a community centre was needed was so that people felt there was a safe space to go and report crimes – coffee shops and the Library are not enough, too public and/or inaccessible.

Notes from flipchart-

- We need a building and a sense of place.
- Lobbying needed around the community centre not being used.
- We need a safe place where people can pop into report crimes (linked to discussion about a centre and the statistics on the sheet we had at the tables).
- There is need for a mini bus service to and from places (fed into discussion about safety but also roads being too complicated to navigated and/or badly kept).
- Intergenerational projects – and these ‘don’t need to be expensive’.
- Improved lighting and pavements (a bit of a discussion about the fact that GBL aren’t Barnet Council and attempts to manage expectations, some discussion about whether or not improving signage at least might help to some extent, maybe something GBL could do).
- There is huge income inequality in GBL area and linked to this the conversation about crime stats and who is impacted and who doesn’t report

and why came up. (Need to make sure plans reflect everyone's true experience).

- Suggestions for community space included a container being brought into the area and stationed on one of the greens in the grange estate and also a Garage inside the Ann Owens Centre.
- Grange Big Local should facilitate the bringing together of local youth providers in the absence of own very local club.
- Skills sharing café.
- Time Banking.
- Outdoor Gym.
- Better to focus on smaller regular activities that meet different groups needs than just one off events.

Top three priorities for Residents Can Flourish were:

- 1) Place or Places – need for a building,
- 2) Youth,
- 3) An outdoor gym on the grange estate.

Get Together Table notes for 'Our Environment Can Blossom'

Notes from flipchart-

- Priority green spaces
 - Barnwood – lot of events
- Cherry Tree Woods – outside the GBL boundary
- Barnwood
 - Kiosk for tea & coffees, place to socialise
 - Issue of having to staff kiosk
 - There is already for more volunteers
 - Interest in skills with nature
- Planting for bees grants project for 2020
 - East End road near Thomas More
 - Link to plants
 - Potential for other spots & scalable
 - Versatile
 - 4 Saturdays in March
 - Bring council on board
- Seed planting
 - Good idea → but need patience
- Workshop on nature skills
 - E.g. how to trim & care for plants
 - Lavender eye bags, making other things with plants

- Get school involved
- Eco team at school
- Smaller activities to dip in and out of
- Market Place
 - GBL comms with council
 - Boring and uninspiring playground
 - Soft ground needed
 - Investment and care
 - 100% a priority
- Brownswell
 - Mainly teenagers
 - Lots of football and basketball can be unsafe for young children
 - Issue of damage at night → more or better security to stop getting trashed
- Underpass
 - Hardly anyone uses, scary and looks unsafe → doesn't look nice
 - Need straight line visibility in the underpass
- Litter-picking
 - Next Saturday
 - Wider and around GBL

Top three priorities for Our Environment Can Blossom were:

1. Market Place – play spaces,
2. Underpass,
3. Barnwood – plant for bees, working with nature workshops.

Get Together Table notes for 'Our Economy Can Grow'

Notes from flipchart-

- Residents are customers for small businesses
- Address fuel poverty
 - Warm house surveys
 - Good for environment
- Developing a strategy to engage with young people
 - Hubs are helpful
- Pocket money club
 - Supplier jobs, e.g. leafleting
- Young people want to earn money and to be trusted
- N2United can link us to businesses
 - Skills transfer
- Upcycling furniture

- Youth Barnet – happens in High Barnet
- Pop up design studios (Lab24)
- Practical courses work for young people
- Barnet council employ people on local jobs – older unemployed
- Retraining opportunities, less physical option/IT training
- Production training etc as have working
- Developing/scaling small businesses, franchise opportunities
- School of social entrepreneurs offer good courses (national organisations), also pop up business school
- Social media training

Top three priorities for Our Economy Can Grow were:

1. Community library projects – people + skills/skills bank.
2. Young people's entrepreneurial projects.
3. Supporting working people.

Extra Notes

- Report from Hope North London.
- Additional feedback from Helen who attended the Get Together:
 - My big comment would be about the lack of community assets on The Grange Estate.
 - The estate has been asset stripped of all of its community assets; including its two community centres, play areas and even park benches.
 - I hope GBL can help to restore some of what has been taken from this community.

Appendix 5: GBL Open Space and Environment Strategy: Strategic Themes⁵⁴

The GBL Open Space and Environmental Strategy names a number of projects that GBL could do, the board has selected a few from the report to take forward.

Play grid / Play trail

Grange Big Local covers a wide area and although the space is not available to create a large central play area, there is an opportunity to create smaller play spaces, creating a play grid.

GBL wants to:

- Improve existing play spaces, such as Oak Lane Open space.
- Work with Barnet Homes and Optivo Housing Association to create new playgrounds within the estates.
- Create play opportunities and playful spaces throughout GBL.

A new garden suburb

The survey highlighted residents' appetite to improve their natural environment. Currently there are many green spaces that are well-maintained but underused. Barnet Council have indicated that, in order to get permission for new play facilities and equipment, a reduction in maintenance costs on other open spaces would need to be shown.

GBL wants to:

- Reduce expensive grass-cutting maintenance and create wildflower meadows where appropriate.
- Plant more shrub and perennial planting and take over their maintenance;
- Organise community gardening clubs for all generations.
- Create a community orchard.

Green corridor

The location of GBL plays a very important role in creating and strengthening an environmental link with other significant green spaces nearby, namely Stephens House– St Marylebone Crematorium– Long Lane Pasture – Roughlands wooded area – St Pancras Cemetery and Glebelands Wood Nature Reserve.

GBL wants to:

- Strengthen the ecological corridors for pollinators, invertebrates, birds and small mammals (like hedgehogs).

⁵⁴ Avra Ploumi-Archer & GBL Open Spaces Task Group, 2018, *GBL Open Space and Environment Strategy*.

- Organise a BioBlitz event with the London Wildlife Trust, a biological survey to record all the living species within GBL.

Historic Route

Some of the footpaths within GBL are part of an old merchants' route where drovers would bring their livestock from the north to the area now known as the Market Place.

Market Place lies outside GBL, but it is regularly visited by GBL residents as it has a nearby playground.

It is thought that the footbridge by the Vale Farm allotments linking the two sides of the North Circular forms part of this route.

It's proposed to do further research and introduce signage along this route to bring this historic route back to 'life'.

Proposals⁵⁵

Playful & Fun Places

- Create a new toddler play space within Grange Estate; fixed equipment within an enclosed area and create playful spaces outside of it.
- A new toddler play space within Thomas More Estate; fixed equipment within an enclosed area and create playful spaces outside of it.
- A new junior play space within Grange Estate; fixed and non-descriptive equipment.
- Install new seating and play equipment at Oak Lane open space.
- Repair and improve Brownswell Road playground and the wider open space;
- Improve the play offer at Horace memorial playground.
- Enhance with additional equipment the playground near Market Place.
- Organise annual outdoor temporary play events.

Healthy & Active Places

- Create a new outdoor gym / exercise trim trail for all ages and abilities along Oak Lane and Tarling Road.
- Install new half-size basketball court at Grange Estate.
- Install new table tennis, chess and football tables throughout GBL.
- Organise bi-annual skateboard events at the Grange Estate hard-standing or the local schools.
- Organise an outdoor senior exercise / walking club.
- Organise community exercise clubs.
- Collaborate with Bishop Douglass school for AstroTurf pitch and opening the pitches for community use after school hours.

⁵⁵ Avra Ploumi-Archer & GBL Open Spaces Task Group, 2018, *GBL Open Space and Environment Strategy*.

- Liaise with other local schools to explore opportunities for community use of their sport facilities.
- Liaise with local tennis clubs for community outreach programme.

Accessible & Safe Places

- Implement the Underpass project.
- Liaise with Barnet Council on areas that need pavement replacement or new drop kerbs to create a more accessible environment.
- Liaise with Highways department at Barnet Council for additional traffic calming measures along Church Lane and Oak Lane.
- Liaise with Barnet Council on additional needs for cycle stands throughout GBL.
- Liaise with Barnet Homes on defining parking areas within Grange Estate.

Social & Cultural Places

- Liaise with Barnet Council on installing new litter bins and benches throughout GBL.
- Continue to work with Barnet Council on the new community centre on Tarling Road.
- Install interpretation panels for the heritage route between Barnet and the Hog Market at Market Place.
- Liaise with Phoenix cinema and other organisation about pop up theatre and cinema opportunities.
- Organise a Big Lunch event.
- Invite ideas from local artists on street art opportunities.
- Implement the Underpass Street Art project.

Environmentally-friendly Places

- Liaise with Barnet Council, Barnet Homes and Optivo Housing Association to review maintenance regimes on certain locations to allow for increased biodiversity.
- Liaise with Barnet Council to add more street trees and explore possible locations for a community orchard.
- Create shrub and vegetable planting beds and organise community gardening clubs for all ages and abilities to maintain them.
- Organise with London Wildlife Trust a two-day BioBlitz event to record current biodiversity levels.
- Collaborate with London Wildlife Trust, Stephens House, St Marylebone crematorium, St Pancras cemetery and Long Lane Pasture on strengthening the wildlife green corridor.
- Install bird and bat boxes at appropriate locations.
- Review with Barnet Council the use and access of the wooded land by the North Circular Road for ecological events; for example, insect days, etc.

Appendix 6: Demographic Data Tables

| Age⁵⁶ 2017 | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| | Grange Big Local |
| Under 14 | 17.6% |
| 15-24 | 10.1% |
| 25-34 | 17.7% |
| 35-44 | 17.5% |
| 45-54 | 14.3% |
| 55-64 | 9% |
| 65+ | 13.6% |

| Age⁵⁷ 2011 | | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | % in East Finchley | % in Barnet | % in London |
| Under 16 | 19% | 21% | 20% |
| 16-24 | 9% | 11% | 11% |
| 25-34 | 20% | 17% | 20% |
| 35-44 | 17% | 15% | 16% |
| 45-54 | 12% | 13% | 13% |
| 55-64 | 9% | 9% | 9% |
| 65+ | 13% | 14% | 11% |

⁵⁶ OCSI, 2019, *Local Insight Profile for 'Grange' area*. Retrieved from local.communityinsight.org

⁵⁷ GLA, 2013. 'ONS Mid-Year Population Estimates - Custom Age Tables', Retrieved from <https://data.london.gov.uk/dataset/ons-mid-year-population-estimates-custom-age-tables>

| Ethnic Background ⁵⁸ | | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|--------|--------|
| | Grange Big Local ⁵⁹ | East Finchley | Barnet | London |
| White | 64.9% | 72% | 64% | 60% |
| Mixed | 6.2% | 6% | 5% | 5% |
| Asian | 14.4% | 12% | 18% | 18% |
| Black | 10.8% | 7% | 8% | 13% |
| Other | 3.6% | 3% | 5% | 3% |

⁵⁸ GLA, 2011. *London Ward Atlas*, Retrieved from <https://data.london.gov.uk/dataset/ward-profiles-and-atlas>

⁵⁹ London Borough of Barnet, 2013, *Profile of East Finchley Ward*. Retrieved from <https://www.barnet.gov.uk/sites/default/files/assets/citizenportal/documents/councilanddemocracy/war dprofiles/EastFinchleywardprofileCTMarch2013v2.pdf>

Appendix 7: Underpass report

Mills Power identify two programmes for the delivery of this project to be reviewed by the board in 2020:

Strategy led programme rough outline of steps:

1. Establish the vision for the project and be clear how this meets GBL's broader vision.
2. Establish the brief for the artwork if this is part of the vision. Or establish the brief for the planting or urban realm improvements. Or both or all.
3. Evaluate all elements of the project and define scope, procurement routes and establish a broad brush budget with a contingency and a programme.
3. Initiate dialogue with TfL and continue with Barnet.
4. Commission selection of artist and development of the concept for the artwork.
5. Review scope, budget, procurement routes and programme and get sign off from GBL board level for implementation by a project board/steering group.
4. Commission design and procurement of the artwork.
5. Commission and instruct design and procurement of other works.

Pragmatically led programme rough outline of steps:

1. Commission and instruct street works by Barnet as currently described to gain some quick win improvements to the pathways.
2. Quickly establish whether the more cosmetic works to TfL structures can be done by Barnet within the same work package above and instruct if possible.
3. Establish the vision for artwork if desired and other works and be clear how this meets GBL's broader vision.
4. Follow from step 2 above, establish brief for artwork etc...

There are number of recommendations for immediate next steps:

- A decision on the programme for delivery first needs to be decided and then the steps can be taken.
- Focusing on a vision or guiding principles for the project aligned with GBL's wider vision.
- It also suggests setting up a meeting with Barnet to move forwards with the project.
- Set up a steering group for the project.

