

# Hermitage Leisure Centre : Survey Results Summary

Hermitage Leisure Centre is due to close in 2022.

Coalville C.A.N. is proposing a community owned option which includes turning the existing site into a unique, multi-purpose venue with spaces for activities that complement that of the new leisure centre, is self-sustaining and that represents the needs and wishes of the whole community.

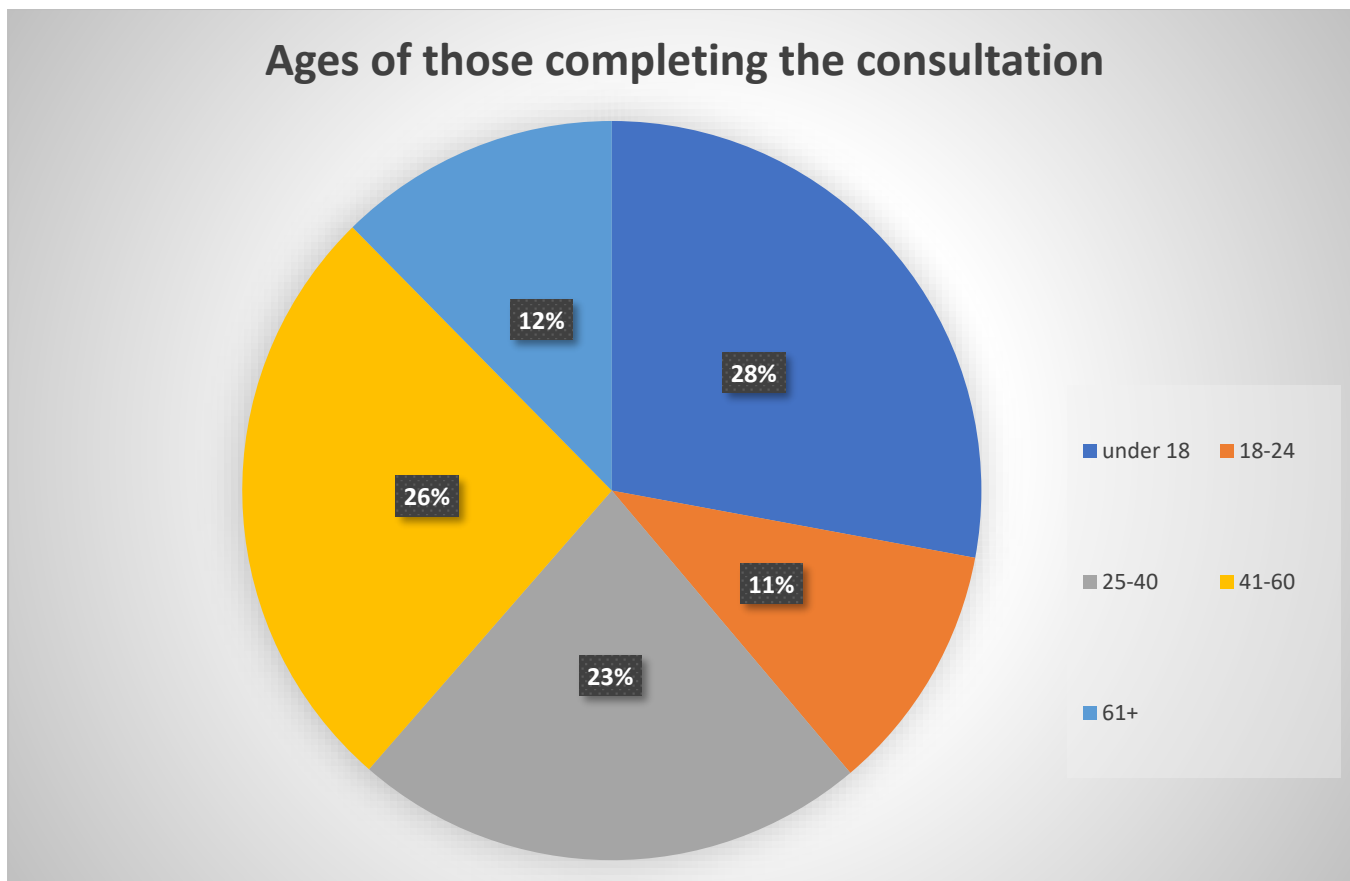
Consultants have been appointed by NWLD Council to advise them on what to do. Along side existing consultation undertaken by the Council, Coalville CAN were invited to share ideas to the consultants. In order to do this, and represent the views of local people, a survey was undertaken on the ideas proposed and the results are shared here.

The survey will remain open, and further consultation is planned. This represents a snap shot of the results obtained from 417 people completing up to July 5<sup>th</sup>.

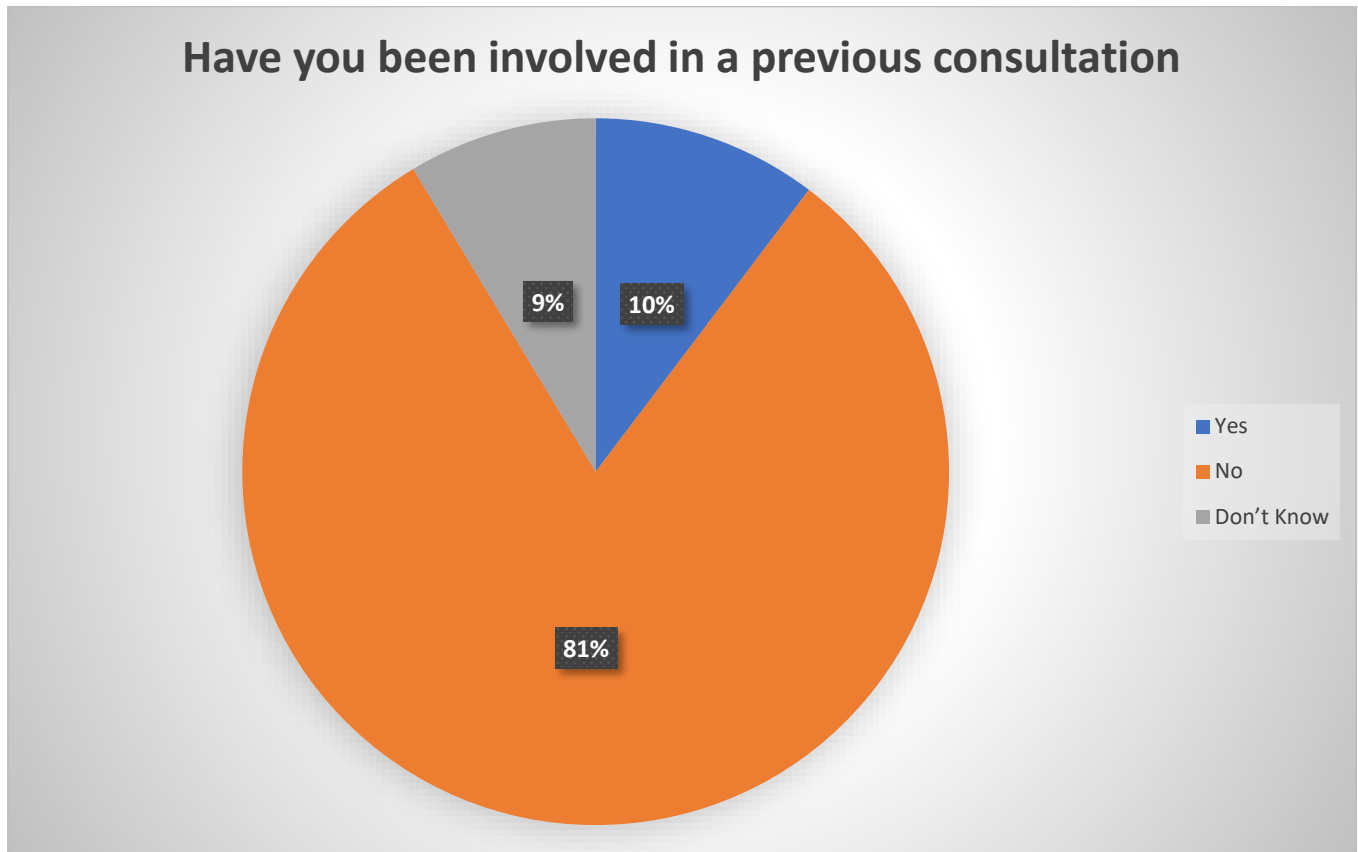
## Results

**The survey was completed by 417 people representing a total of 835 adults and young people in households.**

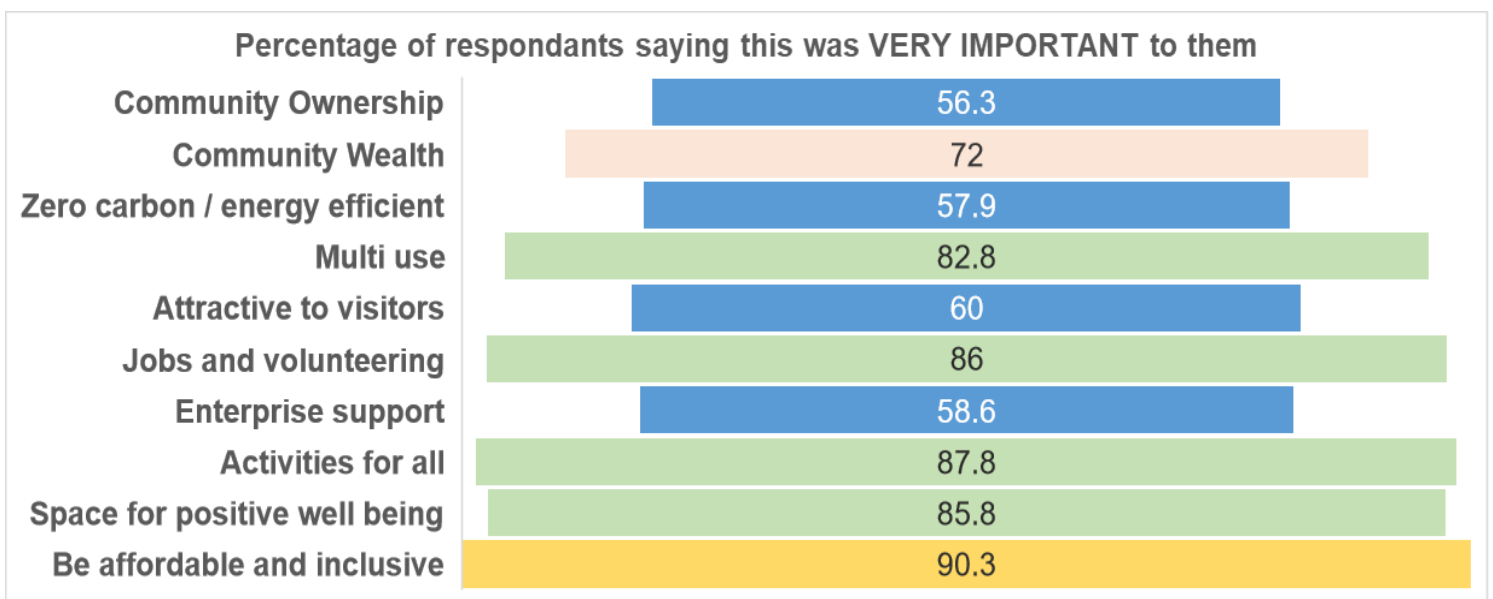
## Ages



# The vast majority of people had not been involved in any previous consultations on the Hermitage Leisure Centre site before



**“90 percent of respondents said that being affordable and inclusive was very important to them”**



Over 98 people have offered their support in one way or another and all will be contacted over the next few weeks. This ranges from sponsorship, to manual labour to coaching skateboarding and offering.

## WHAT'S IMPORTANT ?

Results from the first 417 responses (835 people) as a percentage of the total.

50% or over

40% - 49%

30-39%

| As a unique, community owned space the refurbished building / site could provide opportunities for many different activities. Here's some that have been suggested.<br><br>Results are expressed as a percentage of the 417 respondents (835 people). | RESULTS : How important do you think these activities are for the site to accommodate? |                      |         |                    |                |
|---|--|----------------------|---------|--------------------|----------------|
|   | Not important  | Of little importance | Neutral | Slightly important | Very important |
| Indoor skatepark including special events, training and courses   | 9  | 7                    | 30      | 23                 | 31             |
| Martial arts & boxing including special events, training and courses  | 8  | 9                    | 29      | 30                 | 25             |
| Creche / Day care / Soft Play   | 9  | 8                    | 20      | 27                 | 36             |
| Video / Gaming / Board games area   | 10   | 10                   | 30      | 27                 | 23             |
| Parkour including special events, training and courses  | 9  | 5                    | 29      | 30                 | 27             |
| Dog Friendly Community Café space   | 8  | 5                    | 20      | 29                 | 38             |
| Well being hub – with support   | 4  | 3                    | 18      | 25                 | 50             |
| Safe place for LGBTQT & Neuro diverse groups  | 9  | 5                    | 22      | 21                 | 43             |
| Flexible creative space for hiring – eg for dance, circus Skills, craft   | 6  | 5                    | 18      | 29                 | 42             |
| Music Studio & rehearsal Space  | 7  | 7                    | 24      | 30                 | 32             |
| Enterprise Hub – with E commerce / retail store   | 8  | 10                   | 33      | 28                 | 22             |
| Mini Golf (outside)   | 5  | 6                    | 22      | 32                 | 36             |
| Fishing Activities (on the lake)  | 12   | 8                    | 23      | 24                 | 33             |
| Wild swimming (in the lake)   | 16   | 10                   | 23      | 25                 | 27             |
| Retention of the Mini Railway on site   | 7  | 6                    | 18      | 20                 | 49             |
| Retention of the 3G 'caged' areas   | 7  | 4                    | 29      | 21                 | 39             |
| Bike hire   | 7  | 6                    | 24      | 31                 | 31             |
| Maintenance, repair & upcycle centre  | 6  | 6                    | 22      | 28                 | 38             |

## And on USE of the facilities ?

50% or over

40% - 49%

30-39%

| The number of people that said they would use the facility THEMSELVES QUITE or VERY OFTEN - expressed as a percentage of the 417 respondents / 835 people. | NB brackets includes occasionally |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| Indoor skatepark including special events, training and courses  | 28 (51)                           |
| Martial arts & boxing including special events, training and courses   | 21 (45)                           |
| Creche / Day care / Soft Play  | 20 (35)                           |
| Video / Gaming / Board games area  | 27 (52)                           |
| Parkour including special events, training and courses   | 22 (53)                           |
| Dog Friendly Community Café space  | 41 (61)                           |
| Well being hub – with support  | 35 (62)                           |
| Safe place for LGBTQT & Neuro diverse groups   | 20 (40)                           |
| Flexible creative space for hiring – eg for dance, circus Skills, craft  | 25 (56)                           |
| Music Studio & rehearsal Space   | 20 (40)                           |
| Enterprise Hub – with E commerce / retail store  | 16 (46)                           |
| Mini Golf (outside)  | 39 (68)                           |
| Fishing Activities (on the lake)   | 18 (35)                           |
| Wild swimming (in the lake)  | 23 (40)                           |
| Retention of the Mini Railway on site  | 35 (59)                           |
| Retention of the 3G ‘caged’ areas  | 23 (42)                           |
| Bike hire  | 26 (52)                           |
| Maintenance, repair & upcycle centre   | 24 (54)                           |

## **And on OTHER IDEAS**

Taking out things that are planning to be provided at the new centre (swimming) and therefore not included, there were a number of suggestions for spaces and activities including :

Arial Skills   Baking   Cookery   Gymnastics   Hot Yoga  
Trampoline   Animal Therapy   Dog Agility   Archery   Allotments  
Arcade   Art Museum   Athletic Area   BMX Dirt Jumps   Bowling  
Cricket Nets   Dance classes   Dodge Ball   Evening classes –  
Languages / crafts   Nordic Walking   Assault course   Girls only gym  
Gokarting   Petting Zoo   Bouncy Houses   Kitchen Garden   Laser Tag  
Life Skills inc Money Management   Library   Outdoor skate park   Youth  
Club   Tennis Court   Study Area   Table Tennis   Cinema   Bowling  
Rugby

## **And some suggestions and comments including:**

Using the swimming pool for climbing walls. This happened to a closed down pool in Nottingham and is always busy. Would appeal to a wider age range as well as women rather than skateboarding

I would just like to see the area be used to support young people. I feel it is important to provide them with a safe space that they can access to meet friends outside of school/college hours.

It would also be nice to see the space open to individuals with special educational needs and disability and ensuring accessibility for them.

As well as a skatepark, space to skate and train on flat smooth surfaces would also be beneficial. Skate halls used to be super popular and are growing in popularity again so space for roller discos/roller derby would be great.

Dog Agility area. There is agility equipment designed specifically to fit into public parks and similar areas. It can fit into a very small footprint and is suitable for use by dog owners without agility experience. Agility is great exercise for dogs and handlers so I think this could be a huge benefit.

I would like to be involved in setting up an upcycling/repair/creative workshop facility. I am passionate about diy/woodworking and building stuff.

I'd like to see tournaments and conventions being held at site (particularly tabletop gaming/video gaming). If not run by the in-house team, then letting organisers of events know that the venue is open and available for use for these kind of events.

In the creative space or parkour space, I would suggest the ceiling being appropriate for hanging bungees for a bungee fitness opportunity

It's on there but the Skatepark! There is no indoor park around here for the community when the weather is poor, just don't make the mistake many starter parks make and have it too small so it's overcrowded and dangerous and then you have to turn people away all the time because it can only house 10 people

Like it to incorporate both nature and retail. Running a path from the new sports centre to this area to able to sit and relax. Build Whitwick hub area for pop up business which are inter changeable or host a number of facilities within.

**Housing specifically wasn't part of this consultation due to the known community response against it as part of the Councils previous down consultations, however the following comments were made:**

The area should be for people from the district to enjoy.  
It should never be used for housing as it a fabulous resource for everyone.

None, at 78, nearly 79, only want to see the centre not knocked down for housing!

Details on the creators of the Survey

Coalville CAN CBS

See [www.coalvillecancbs.org.uk](http://www.coalvillecancbs.org.uk)

Results collated on between 30/6/2021 and 4/7/2021 and presented to the consultants and shared.

Coalville CAN 6/7/2021