Wonford Health and Wellbeing Hub- design options survey results

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Engagement on first three options (drop-in)

PEOPLE LIKE:

- Dedicated Youth Space
- Outside spaces: accessible toilets, cycle paths, changing rooms, cycle hub
- New spaces -Cafe, Climbing Wall & Skatepark
- Preferred option 2
- Accessible facilities
- Parking changes, travel options
- Open spaces, views & connection to Ludwell Valley
- Phased development
- The focus on community
- Design & Visual impact

CONCERNS

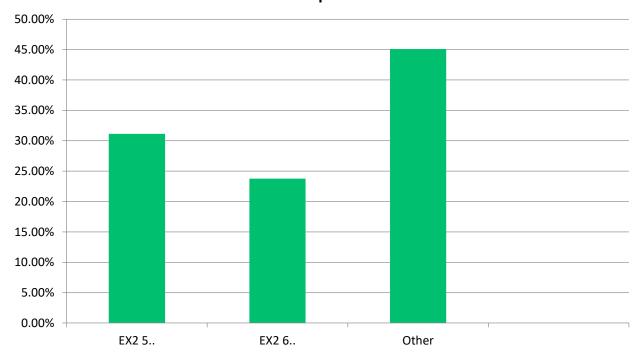
- Location of skatepark and MUGA
- Location of GP
- Will reduced parking be a barrier?
- Vandalism



Engagement on 4 options - overview

- Online survey: 122 responses, 55% Wonford residents
- Face to Face drop in events 110 participants (before lockdown 2!)
- Promoted on Facebook – 5784 people reached

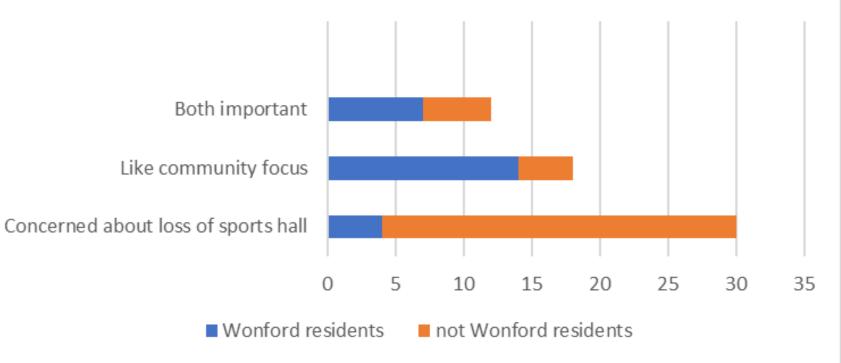
Where do you live? Please select from the choice of postcodes.



Key message from survey- sports provision

- This was the issue that received the most comment.
- Clear difference in views between Wonford and non-Wonford residents

What do you think about the focus of the Hub being on community rather than sports activities? (n=60)





I feel it's important to build community spirit and connections. We already have a sports centre which hasn't done this, so I'm happy to see an alternative being proposed which will hopefully provide space and connections for locals of all ages



I'm happy with that, provided the sports activities are still given proper thought

I don't see a problem. If the space is flexible I think allowing the community to decide what happens in it is great.

I really like option 4. It keeps the youth activities facing on to the field to reduce noise and increase oversight of activities. Really like the outdoor gym. It will hopefully brighten up the space.

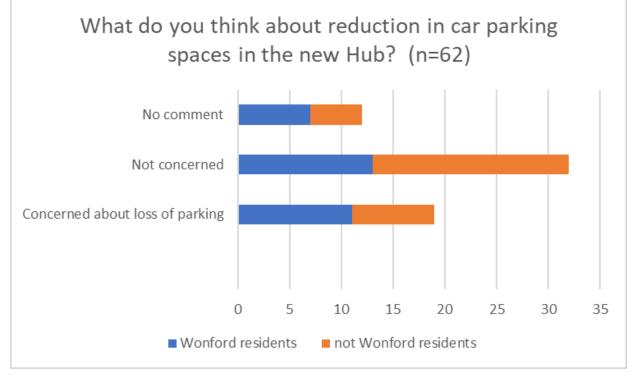
I really like it when you go to small villages and everyone looks out for each other and there is lots of local activities going on like farmers markets etc. it would be nice to have that sort of activity occur at this hub and for it to be a focal point for the local community.

I think this is great idea – particular for those living in Wonford. However, it's not so good for badminton players who live in Whipton!

- This is a very bad idea. With that loss of Clifton Hill sports centre, there are already insufficient sporting venues in Exeter. Losing Wonford as well would be terrible for the health and well-being of Exeter residents.
- I am part of a community who come together to play indoor sports at Wonford. Most sports are team activities played with people from a local area. Therefore I'm not sure why you are differentiating between the community and sports activities.
- Whilst I absolutely agree this is important, I think sport is a key part of the community. Reducing the sports focus might have an effect on the overall health/wellbeing of locals, as well as pushing away groups who currently use this space, which in itself will have an effect on the local community as well as the city as a whole.
- (our club..)has booked weekly sessions at the sports hall pretty much continuously over the last 3 years and for matches regularly over the last 15 years. We have already lost Clifton Hill as a full size sports hall. If we lose Wonford as well it will likely be the end of our club as, on our next check, there are no other sports halls in the area with spare capacity.

Other messages - parking

- Majority of respondents not concerned about reduction in parking
- No significant difference between Wonford residents and others





Other messages

- Some concerns about vandalism and anti-social behaviour
- Mixed feelings about the transparency, most concerns related to being seen while exercising

it may encourage some people to get involved, however for some it may discourage them to "get started" on a fitness regime if they feel that they will be visible during those early stages.

I feel this is a great idea, encourages openness and makes it harder to "hide" destructive and negative behaviour.



Engagement on Option 5

- Three meetings of Sounding Board, with Councillors and James Bogue presenting at two meetings.
- Some concerns raised but Option 5 was supported

Concern was expressed that this approach would result in the community being pushed out by city-wide sports use. If this approach is followed, management will be crucial to ensure local needs are prioritised.

Providing some sports use is part of the financial model that will contribute to viability, and therefore affordability.

Important to communicate the results of the process and the reasons for choosing Option 5.



Thank you

