Community Hub and Chapel Fields Consultation Analysis

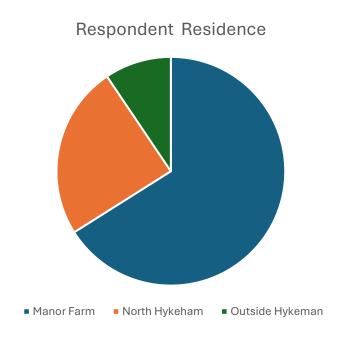
Public Consultation – May 25

• The following slides summarises the analysis of the responses to the public consolation held between 17 Feb and 11 May 2025.

Each slide recaps the question asked and the responses received.

• The total number of responses were very low in respect to the overall population of North Hykeham. The analysis carried out can only represent the detail of the responses provided.

Location of Respondents



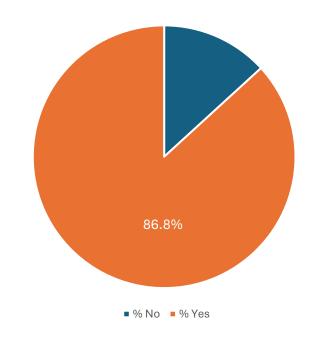
Of the 53 respondents,

5 were from outside North Hykeham, 13 were from North Of the 53 respondents, 5 were from outside North Hykeham, 13 were from North Hykeham but outside Manor Farm and 35 were from Manor Farm.

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Only 53 responses from a population of approx. 17000 is disappointing but as the majority of the responses were from Manor Farm residents, it gives the consultation some credibility.

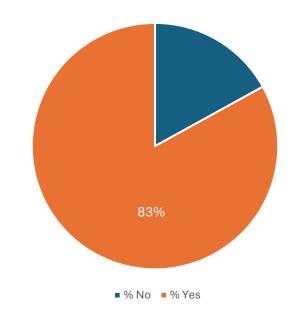
The additional community space would house the library and provide space for a cafe.



Most of the feedback was in favour of an extension providing more social space. The positive impact of having the library and the other groups using the space is reflected in the responses. Using the additional space for children's groups or a rentable hall was also a popular comment

Some of the responses questioned whether another café in the town was required or viable and if this is best use of public money.

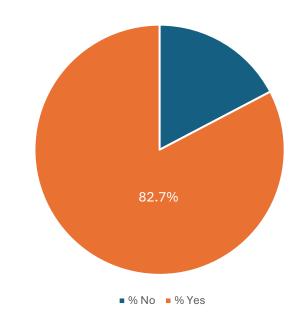
Is this an appropriate use of additional community space?



Many of the responses agreed that this was a good use of community space.

The question of parking and the impact of additional users on the local community is a strong thread through the responses.

Do you consider this proposal appropriate use of public funds?

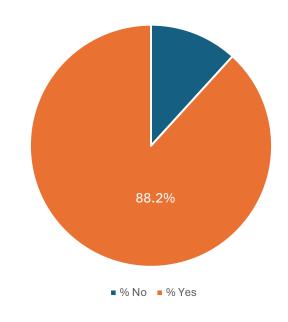


The majority of the feedback was that this would be a positive use of public funds.

There were comments including "better use perhaps purchasing housing for the elderly"

Whilst in the minority, these comments are valid due to the significant indicative costs provided.

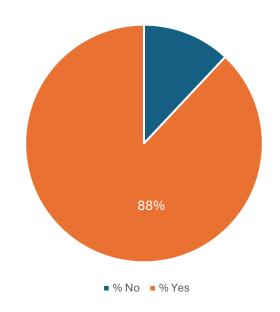
Is a Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) appropriate for this location?



The majority of the comments were in favour of the installation of a MUGA.

There were comments relating to potential for attracting anti-social behaviour and the noise pollution impacting those working from home in the nearby houses.

Would you support amateur adult football on the Chapel Fields site?



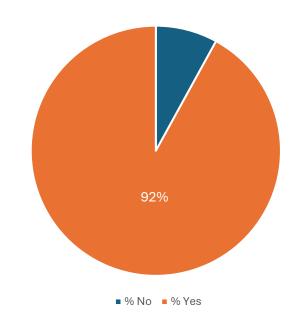
The majority of respondents were in favour of seeing the introduction of football into the area as the site would then be put to the use for which it was originally intended.

The Manor Farm football team would like to play their home games in their home area.

There were concerns about the impact of travelling teams bringing busses or cars into the estate where traffic is already a concern.

Additionally, some mitigation of potential damage to local properties would be required prior to any match play.

Would you support children / youth football on the Chapel Fields site?



A more positive yes vote for the inclusion of children/youth football on this site

The concerns about traffic/parking and proximity to housing were repeated.

Summary

From the feedback received, the majority is in favour of the three discrete elements of the proposal.

Extending the current hub to provide more space for community activity.

Playing adult and youth football on the playing fields.

Building a MUGA on this site.

Each element has some valid concerns which will need to be considered as part of the decision-making process. Concerns such as impact of traffic and parking on the neighbouring community, potential for noise and anti-social behaviour as well as proximity of housing to the football fields.

The Town Council will take these responses into consideration prior to future decisions for the area.