



# **Saxilby and District MUGA Consultation**



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## Executive Summary

There has been a long-held community aspiration for a MUGA (Multi-Use Games Area) in Saxilby, with some funding already being in place to progress the project. The project is listed in the Saxilby with Ingleby Neighbourhood Development Plan as a community project.

In September 2020, a Working Group of residents and councillors was set-up to progress the project.

A survey was developed to understand the needs of the local community and organisations, in-order to create a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) which is fit for purpose.

It was available online, via the Council's social media channels, as a paper survey in the parish magazine, as well as being delivered to neighbours near the proposed site. A total of 249 responses were made.

The predominant sports which people who completed the survey were involved in, were football and hockey, with other responses including multi-sports, primary school sports and a number of other sports.

The gaps in provision identified were: a lack of all-year, floodlit local facilities, including for teams training; a lack of facilities for football, hockey and cricket; and, a lack of provision for children, young people and teenagers

The top two sports people wanted to be played were football (83%) followed by netball (43%). The other sports of basketball (39%), hockey (38%), cricket (38%) and tennis (37%) were all comparable. There was also a difference in response, when filtered by female and male. Females top sports in order were football, netball, basketball and tennis, whilst male participants ranked football, hockey and cricket as their top sports for provision.

Demand was mainly for evenings and weekends for use of the MUGA.

The results of the consultation will inform the development of the MUGA specification.

## Background

There has been a long-held community aspiration for a MUGA (Multi-Use Games Area) in Saxilby.

In 2013, £30,000 was secured from WLDC for purpose of constructing a MUGA. This is currently ring-fenced in the Council's funds. Further funding is also due from a s.106 Agreement<sup>1</sup> relating to the Lovell Homes housing development at Ingleby View.

In 2017, the Saxilby with Ingleby Neighbourhood Development Plan ("NDP") was created. Extensive community consultation, took place with 1778 residents (52% of the parish population), along with consultation with statutory bodies,

As a result of this consultation, a list of community projects were included within the document (see page 55 of the Consultation Summary) and the Parish Council has since been working with the community to progress these projects in a phased manner.

Currently, the existing sports teams in the community train at other facilities in the winter months due to lack of provision in the local area. The closest facility is 6 miles away and these facilities are frequently either fully booked or have very limited slots available.

In September 2020, a local resident contacted the Council to request the project is moved forward. As a result, Full Council resolved to initiate a Working Group to drive the project forward to deliver a MUGA (20-09 meeting, minute ref 146/20), with the first meeting being held in September 2020.

## Introduction

In order to better understand the needs of the local community and organisations, public consultation was carried out by the Working Group, to consult on creating a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) as a new leisure facility for the local and wider community.

The key areas that the consultation set out to understand were:

- The sports people want to be able to play on the MUGA
- The current need and gaps in provision
- When the facility would be used

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<sup>1</sup> Section 106 agreements are agreements made between local authorities and developers and can be attached to a planning permission to make acceptable development which would otherwise be unacceptable in planning terms - [www.planningportal.co.uk/info/200232/planning\\_applications/58/the\\_decision-making\\_process/7](http://www.planningportal.co.uk/info/200232/planning_applications/58/the_decision-making_process/7)

# Methodology

The consultation period was mid-November 2020 to 8<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

*A total of 249 consultation responses were made.*

A survey was developed (see Appendix 1 for a blank version, page 11) which was available via the following:

## 1. Online

The Survey Monkey consultation was accessible via the following social media channels – Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, as well as the council website. The social media promotion had a total reach of over 16,000.

*A total 241 online surveys were received.*

*Table One: MUGA Consultation - Social Media Engagement Reach*

Date of post	Instagram	Facebook	Twitter	Total Reach
12.11.20	53	3,211 (19 shares)	2,087 (1 retweet)	5,351
19.11.20	57	226 (5 shares)	1,884 (3 retweets)	2,167
26.11.20	49	179 (0 shares)	91	319
3.12.20	70	1,191 (4 shares)	130	1,391
10.12.20	66	2,301 (10 shares)	96 (1 retweet)	2,463
17.12.20	58	2,619 (8 shares)	102 (1 retweet)	2,779
24.12.20	77	208 (5 shares)	68	353
29.12.20	87	1,474 (5 shares)	98 (1 retweet)	1,659
<b>Average reach (Per network)</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>1,426</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>16,482 (Not all different people)</b>
<b>Average reach per week: 2,060 Individual accounts</b>				
<b>Total shares/retweets: 63</b>				

## 2. Paper Based

A paper survey was hand delivered to each household immediately surrounding the Memorial Field (the proposed location of the MUGA) – including households on Canal Court, Queensway, Bridge Place, Fosdyke Gardens and Willow Close.

*A total of 7 household surveys were received.*

## 3. Foss Focus

The survey was printed in the parish magazine (Foss Focus, January 2020 edition) which has a circulation of 1,000 households.

*A total of 1 survey was received via the Foss Focus.*

## Results and Analysis

### Main sports to be played on the MUGA?

Respondents were asked to select their top sports which they would like to be able to be played on the MUGA. **Football** (83%) was the primary sport which came out of the consultation, followed by **netball** (43%).

Due to how close the percentages were for the other sports, a third sport cannot accurately be identified – these sports were basketball, hockey, cricket and tennis. Ten respondents selected the ‘other’ category. The responses were skateboarding (x3)<sup>2</sup>, rugby (x2), squash, badminton, dog agility, bowls, and outdoor exercise equipment.

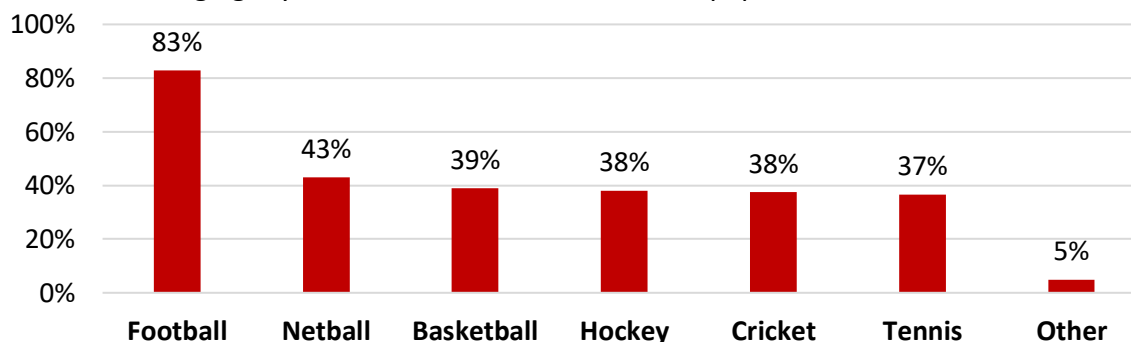


Fig. 1: What main sports should be able to be played?

Question Respondents: 205n

When responses were filtered by female and male respondents the preferences for sports changed, with women rating **football** (76%), **netball** (58%), basketball (42%) and tennis (40%) most highly. Whilst male respondents selected **football** (89%), **hockey** (44%) and cricket (41%) most highly. The Council has an existing basketball court, so this provision does not necessarily have to be a primary sport for the MUGA.

**Therefore, based on the results to this question and the demand expressed from local organisations and sports players, it is proposed the key sports are football, netball, and hockey, with further consideration being given to tennis (with courts being on-site) and cricket nets for training – whether as part of the MUGA or elsewhere on the Memorial Field.**

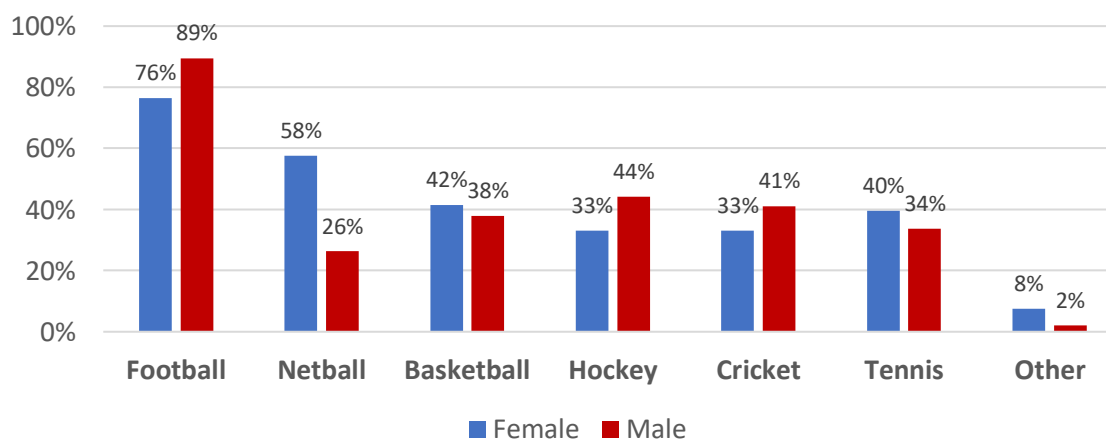


Fig. 2: What main sports should be able to be played? – filtered by female / male respondents

Question Respondents: 205n

<sup>2</sup> A wheeled park project is currently in progress for 2021 and will meet this request for skating provision.

## Use of Facility

The predominant demand for the facility was for evening and weekend use.

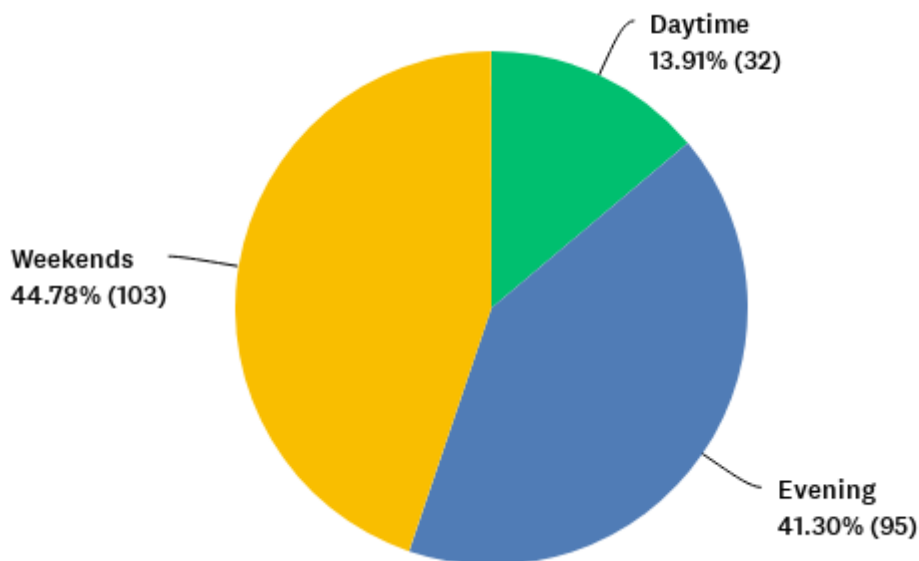


Figure 3: When would you like to use the facility?  
Question Respondents: 230n

## What need/gaps in provision have you encountered locally?

The key themes which came out the question were:

- A lack of all-year, floodlight local facilities, including for teams' training
- The lack of suitable facilities for football, hockey and cricket
- Lack of provision for children, young people and teenagers

The word cloud below visually displays the frequency of responses to the gaps in provision that respondents identified:



Figure 4: Gaps in Provision Word Cloud  
Question Respondents: 230n

## Which sport(s) do you represent/teach/train locally?

The predominant sports which people who completed the survey were involved in, were football and hockey, with other responses including multi-sports, primary school sports and other sports. Respondents represented all ages of participation from primary through to seniors with responses including reception children, U6, U8, U9, U11, U12, U13, adults and seniors.

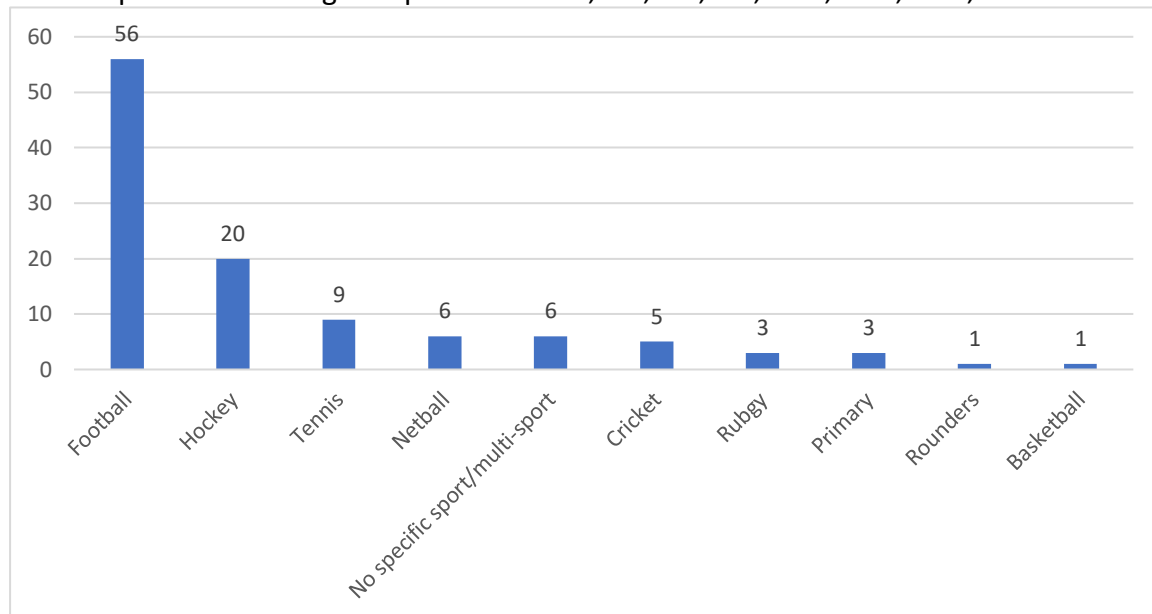


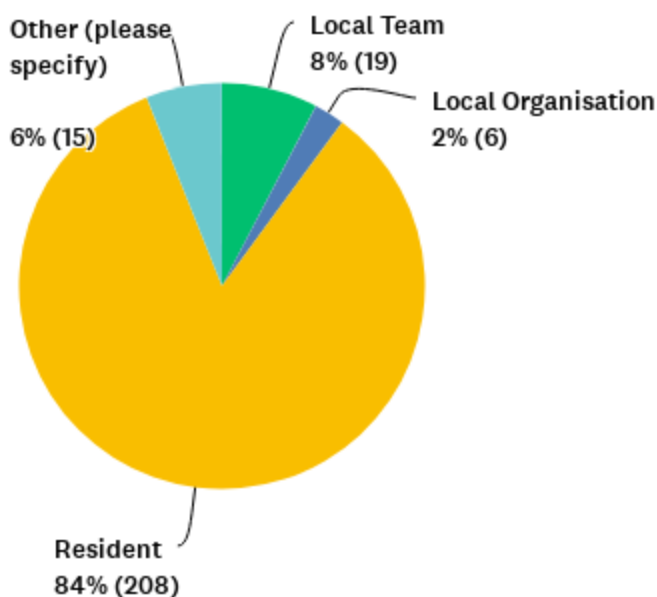
Figure 5: Which sport(s) do you represent/teach/train locally?

Respondents: 248n

## Respondent Profile

### Location of Respondents

Over eight in ten respondents were local residents (84%), with the remaining respondents being from local teams (8%), local organisations (2%) or the 'other' (6%) category.



Where respondents selected 'other' they were asked to specify a response. The results are provided below:

- Local connection (x 7)
  - Local team & resident
  - Saxilby under 8s
  - School
  - Local Neighborhood Policing Team
  - Former resident
  - Grew up in the village
  - Have family there and visit
- Lives in surrounding village (x5)
  - Resident of Sturton x 2
  - Brampton Resident
  - Parent just outside the village
  - Burton waters
- Preparatory School
- Parent of children who play football

Figure 6: Are you a...

Respondents: 248n



## Age Profile of Respondents

There was a mix of respondents with 64% (124n) being 25-54, 18% (43n) being 24 and under, and 18% being ages 55+ (44n).

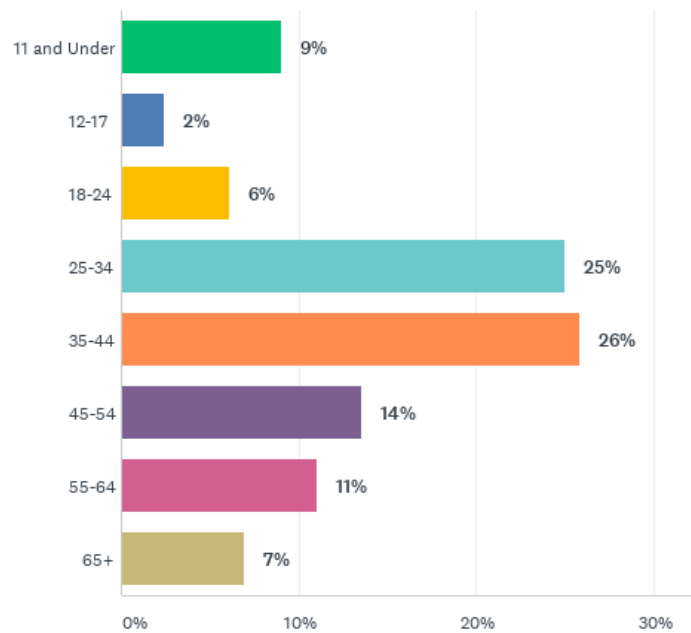


Figure 7: Age of Respondent  
Respondents: 244n

## Sex of Respondent

There was a near even split of respondents between male and female, demonstrating that a representative view of men and women was obtained.

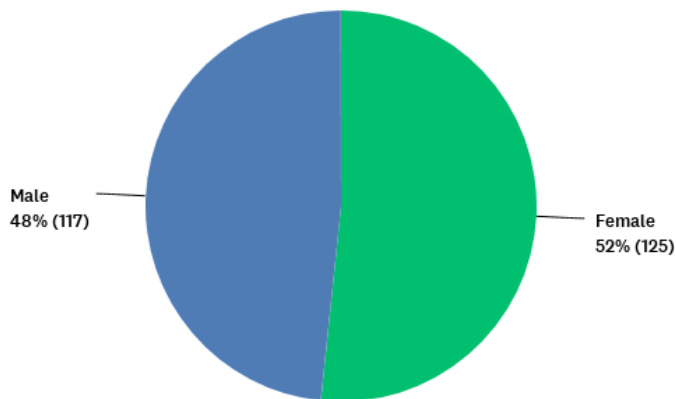


Figure 8: Sex of Respondent  
Respondents: 242n

## Conclusion

The consultation has explored the gaps in provision, the preferred sports and likely main times for useage.

This will inform the development of the specification of the MUGA to ensure it meets the identified needs of the community.

As a next step it is proposed the results of the survey are shared with the community, local organisations and teams to affirm the results are reflective of local demand and then shared with the architect to develop the initial plans.

# MUGA Working Group

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## MULTI-USE GAMES AREA CONSULTATION

We're currently undertaking MUGA consultation. Visit the MUGA Development Page on the Council website to give your views [www.saxilbyparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.saxilbyparishcouncil.gov.uk) or fill in and return the survey below.

Saxilby with Ingleby Parish Council, working with residents, has started a project with the aim of installing a MUGA on the Memorial Field to provide a flood-lit, year-round facility for sports, to increase local provision and meet the needs of local teams. We'd like to hear your views:

1. Are you a:

- Local Team     Local Organisation     Local Resident     Other (please specify)

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2. Which sport/s do you represent/teach/train locally, at what age groups/level? (Leave blank if not applicable) : \_\_\_\_\_

3. What should be the three main sport(s) able to be played on the MUGA?

- Basketball     Hockey     Cricket     Football  
 Netball     Tennis     Other (please specify)

4. What need/gaps in provision have you encountered locally?

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5. When would you like to use the facility?

- Daytime     Evening     Weekends     Other (please specify)

6. What is your age?

- Under 11     12-17     18-24     35-34     35-44  
 45-54     55-64     65+

7. What is your sex?

- Female     Male

8. Any further Comments?

Please post your completed survey in the Community Centre post box (by the main entrance) or to St Andrews Community Centre, William Street, Saxilby, Lincoln, LN1 2LP by 31st December 2020.