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King Solomon Academy Multi-Use Games Area

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The Multi-Use Games Area at King Solomon Younger Years School will offer year-round facility for students.
A Community Use Agreement allows residents to use these facilities outside school hours and during half-term. This initiative seeks to increase participation and wellbeing for both the school and the Little Venice community.

The development of the new Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) aims to benefit the school with an all-weather multi-use surface during school hours, giving students an enhanced space for playtime, lunchtime, and sports activities.

Outside of school hours, the MUGA will be open for community use during evenings and weekends, creating new opportunities for sports, recreation, and bringing people together.

Objectives

Westminster City Council is seeking to gather opinions about the new Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) at the King Solomon Academy. This is to understand the types of activity residents would want to use the Multi-Use Games Area for, likelihood of use and utility of the area and to understand any objections and concerns.

Methodology

Approach and timings

- The King Solomon Academy Multi-Use Games Area survey was conducted online and through in person drop-in sessions with a total of 79 respondents answering the survey.
- In person sessions were held on Church Street and at Little Venice Leisure Centre.
- The survey was in field from Friday 30th January to Sunday 22nd March 2026.

Demographic overview of respondents

- No quotas were set for data collection.
- 19 respondents from Park Place Villas and St Mary's Terrace, comprising 32% of the overall completes, were identified as having strong objections to the Multi-Use Games Area.

Survey structure and content

- Respondents were presented with plans for the Multi-Use Games Area via Commonplace and on printouts at the in person events.
- The survey also contained an upfront description of the Multi-Use Games Area.
- Respondents were asked questions around their frequency of using recreational spaces, types of activity, likeliness to use the Multi-Use Games Area and any concerns they may have.
- Respondents were also asked about their likelihood to use the Multi-Use Games Area. This was followed by the opportunity to provide rationale for their responses.

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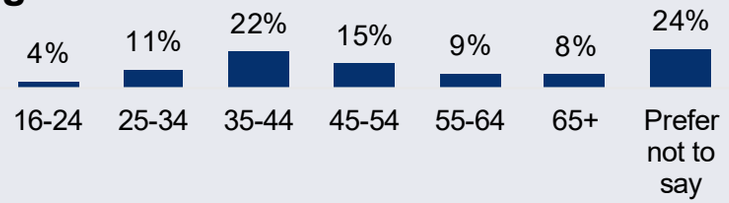
Demographics

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Sample: Details of respondents surveyed

In total there were 79 respondents who answered the survey. Their demographic information is below:

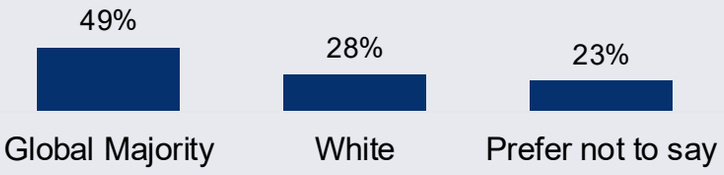
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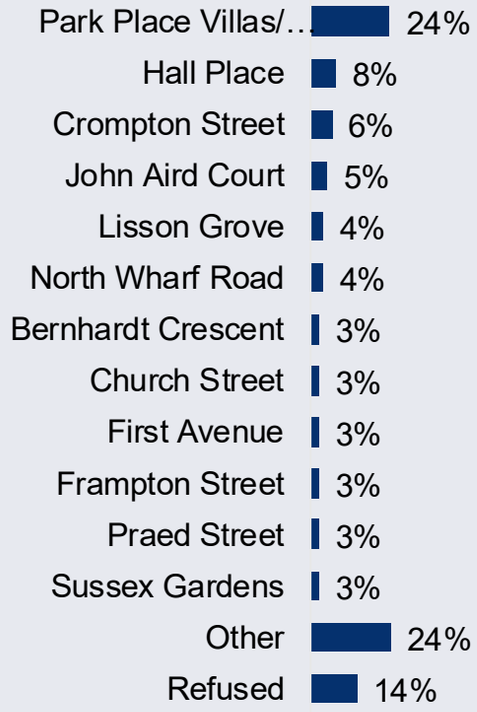
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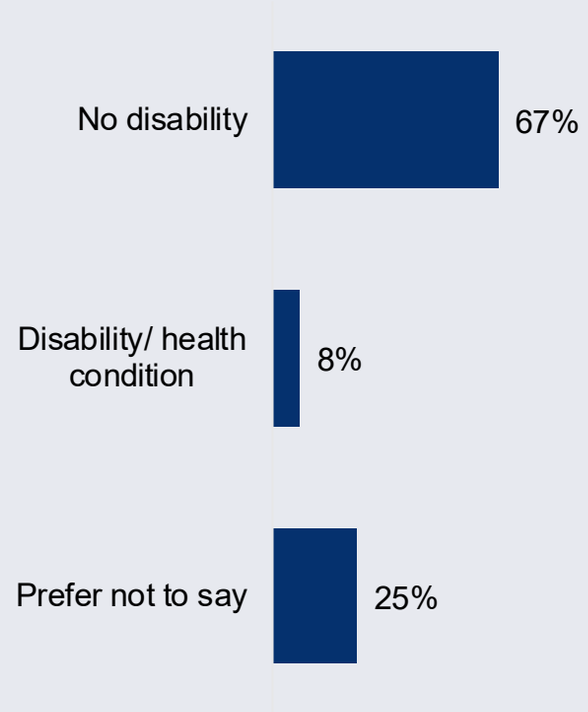
Ethnicity



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Results

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Key findings

Active users

72% of respondents use recreational spaces at least weekly. – with **35%** of this group using them every 2-3 days.

Activities in the MUGA

38% say they would use the MUGA space for football, while **29%** say they would use it for basketball, fitness classes and children's play activities.

Usefulness of the MUGA

56% of respondents would find the MUGA useful. **41%** of respondents who do not find MUGA useful for the local area say it is because similar spaces already exist locally.

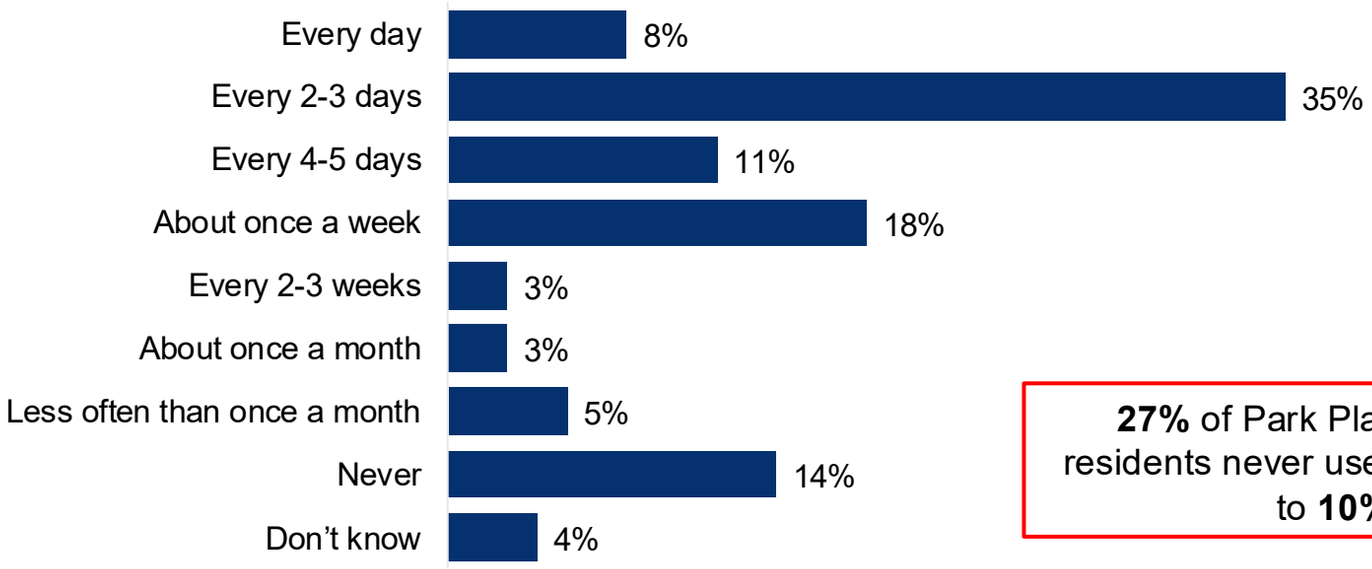
Concerns about the MUGA

66% of respondents with a concern about the space worry about it not being used for its intended purpose and about an increase in anti-social behaviour.

Residents are most likely to use recreational spaces every 2 to 3 days.

- Almost 3 in 4 respondents use recreational spaces at least weekly. This is higher among those with children.
- A third (35%) of respondents say they use recreational spaces every 2-3 days, only 8% say they use them daily.
- Over 1 in 10 (14%) say they never use recreational spaces.

Frequency of using recreational spaces (%)



72%

of respondents use recreational spaces at least weekly

▲ 86% Those aged 35-54

▲ 85% Those with children

27% of Park Place Villas/ St. Mary's Terrace residents never use recreational spaces compared to **10%** in all other areas

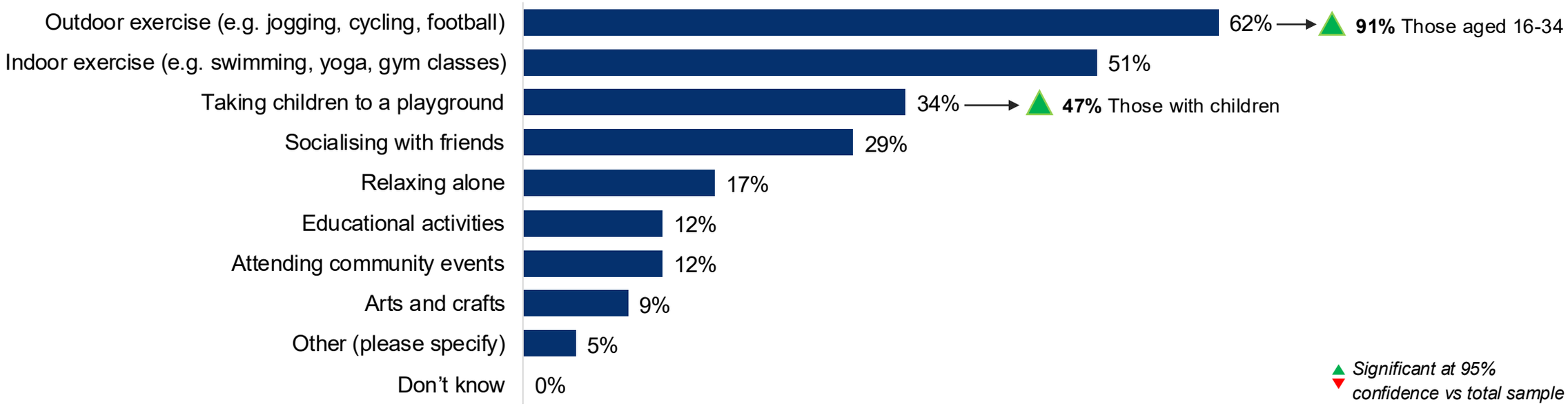
▲▼ *Significant at 95% confidence vs total sample*

Q2: How often, if at all, do you use recreational spaces?
Base: 79 (All respondents)

Both outdoor and indoor exercise, is the most common type of use of recreational spaces.

- After exercise, the most popular activities undertaken in recreational spaces are taking children to a playground (34%), socialising with friends (29%) and relaxing alone (17%).
- Taking children to a playground is higher still among those with children in the household (47%).

Activities undertaken in recreational spaces (%)

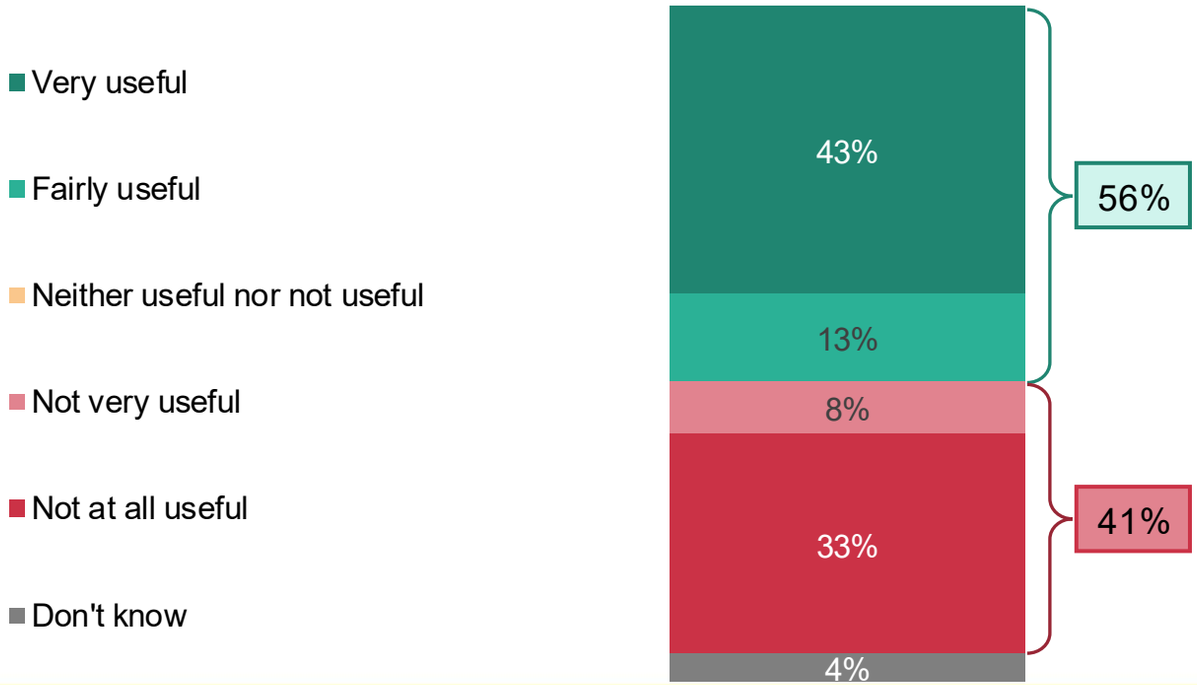


Q21: You said you use recreational spaces. Which, if any, of the following activities do you do there?
Base: 65 (All who use recreational spaces)

Over half of respondents think that the proposed Multi Use Games Area would be useful for the local area.

- 2 in 5 (43%) find the proposed MUGA ‘very useful’ to the local area.
- 2 in 5 (41%) do not find the proposed MUGA useful – with a third (33%) saying it is ‘not at all useful’.

Usefulness of proposed MUGA to the local area (%)



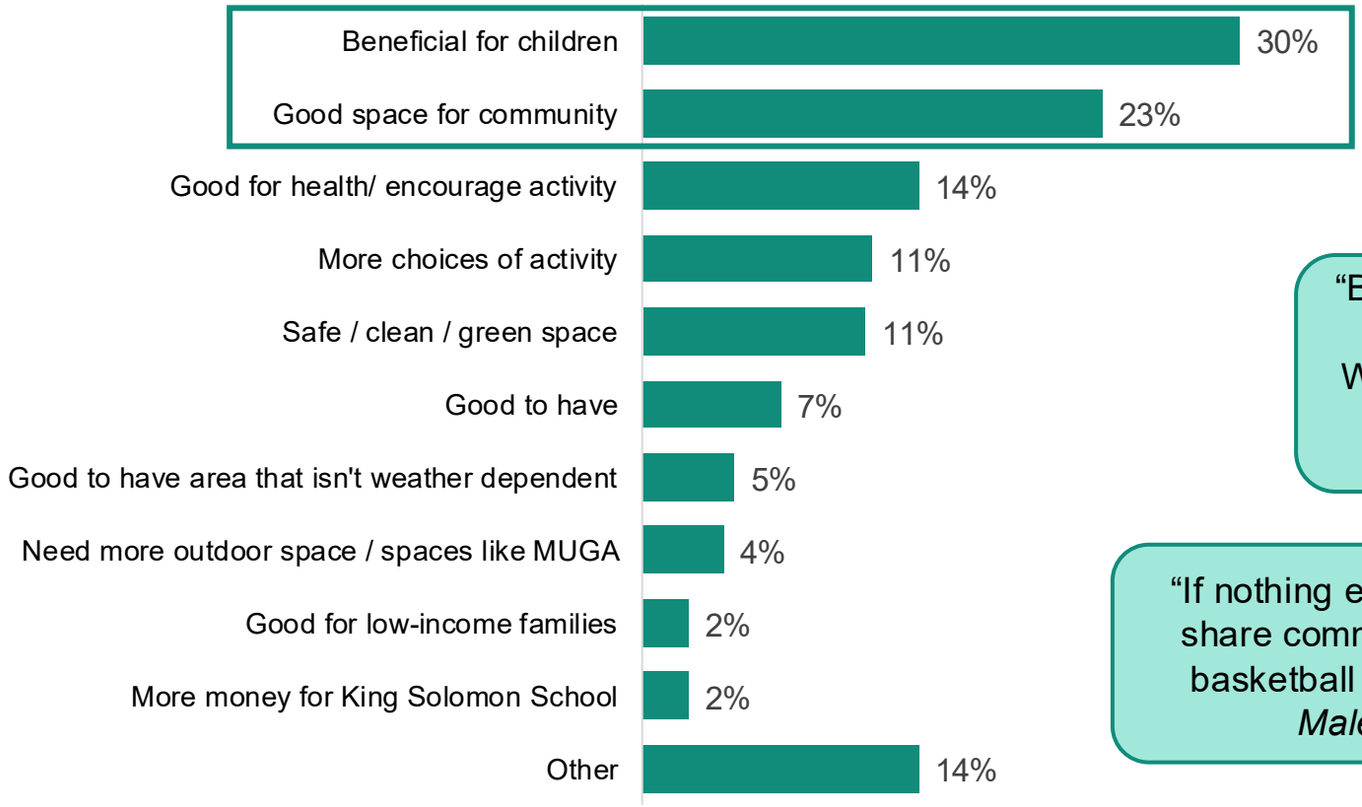
Usefulness is considered higher among*:
69% Those from a Global Majority background
73% Those with children
81% Those with children at King Solomon Academy

84% of Park Place Villas/ St. Mary’s Terrace residents felt that the MUGA would not be useful compared to **27%** in all other areas

Q3: Thinking about the local area (i.e. a 15 to 20 minute walk from King Solomon Academy) to what extent, if at all, do you think the proposed MUGA would be useful to the local area?
Base: 79 (All respondents)

Of those who think the MUGA would be useful, the main reasons are that it would be good for children and a good space for the community.

Why MUGA would be useful (%)



"The youth need space to connect with each other." *Female, 16-24, Kurdish, Bernhardt Crescent*

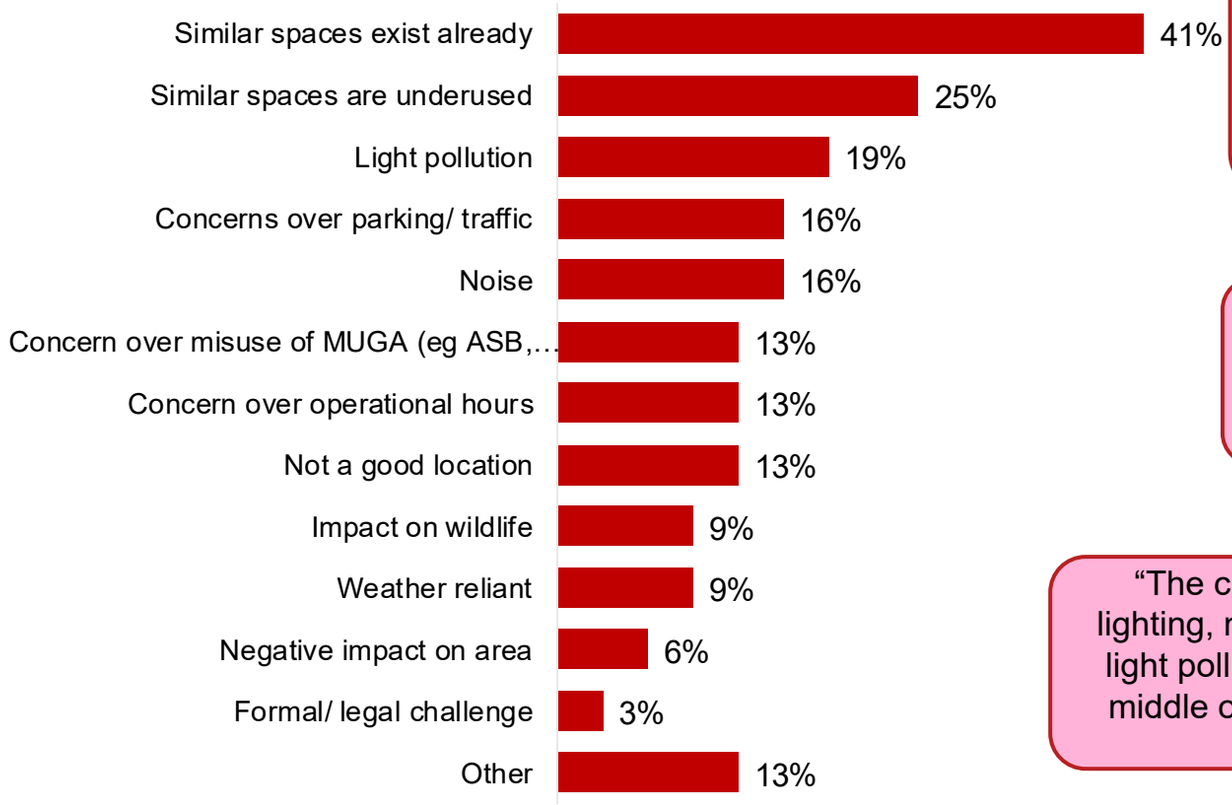
"Built up areas like ours need somewhere for kids to let loose, burn energy, make noise, have fun. Without it civil life suffers, street noise builds, social cohesion is damages." *Male, 25-34, Other White Background*

"If nothing else, kids need a space to socialize face to face and share common physical/teambuilding challenges e.g. football, basketball and not get too locked into social media bubbles." *Male, 60-64, White British,Warrington Crescent*

Q4: You previously said that the MUGA would be useful for the local area…Please explain why you think this.
Base: 44 (All respondents)

The main reason for the MUGA not being seen as useful is that residents feel there are similar spaces already.

Why MUGA would not be useful (%)



"Already busy and attracts wrong crowds, homeless, antisocial behaviour from city of Westminster college. Will be extremely unsafe for kids. Busy road at night, will also be danger to youth. Build something more useful such as solving homelessness, garage space for residents as people are fighting over parking, bigger leisure centre?" *No demographic information given*

"It's useful for the school but not useful for the wider community. The Little Venice Sports Centre has indoor facilities to use in the evenings but they are frequently empty. Why should Westminster funds be spent on a floodlit facility that isn't required." *50-54, Park Place Villas*

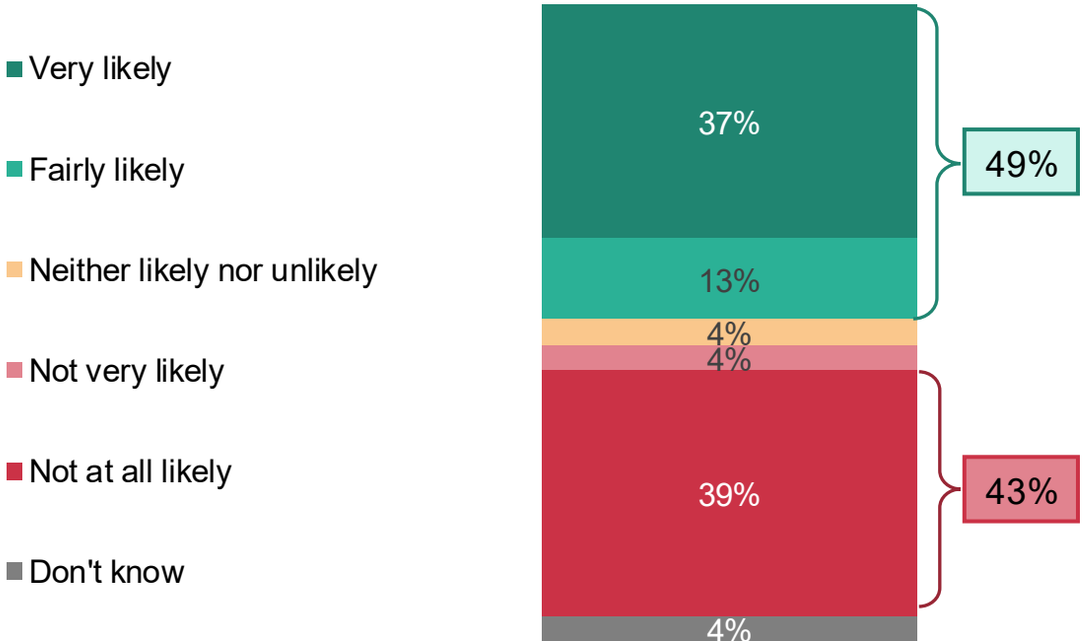
"The current facilities are not in full use. There would be more traffic, more lighting, more restriction on parking accessible to people in the street. Noise and light pollution not to mention how inappropriate it is to have a sports field in the middle of a residential area and the damage to local wildlife birds etc." *Female, 60-64, Park Place Villas*

Q5: You previously said that the MUGA would not be useful for the local area…Please explain why you think this.
Base: 32 (All respondents)

Only half of respondents say they are likely to use the MUGA.

- Those from a Global Majority background and those with children in the household are more likely to use the MUGA.
- 2 in 5 respondents (43%) say they are not likely to use MUGA – with 39% of saying 'Not at all likely'.

Likeliness to use MUGA (%)



More likely to use the MUGA*:
67% Those from a Global Majority background
66% Those with children
81% Those with children at King Solomon Academy

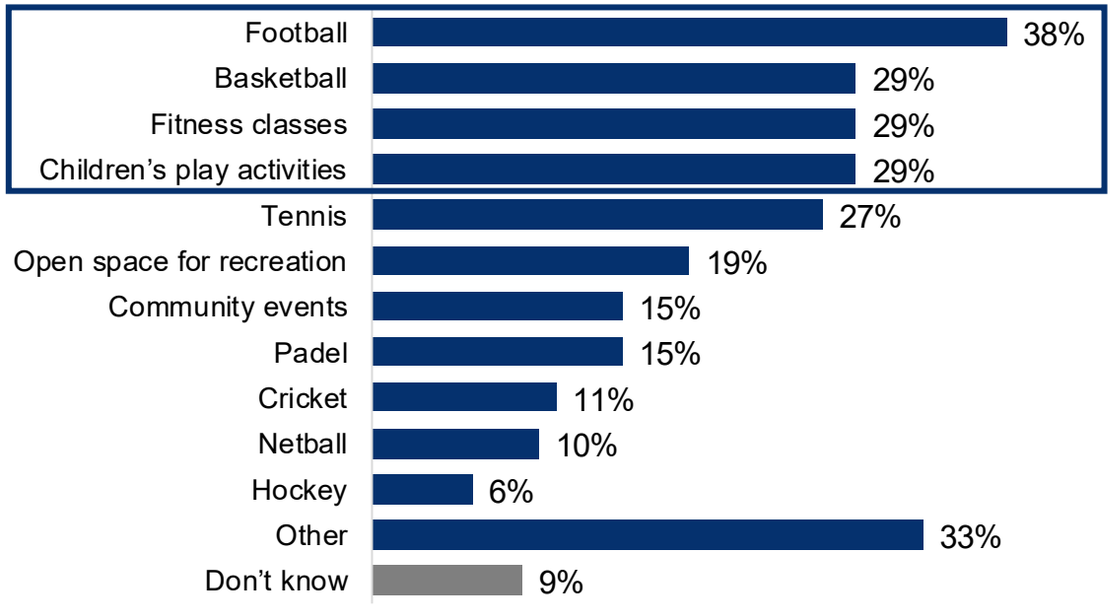
84% of Park Place Villas/ St. Mary's Terrace residents were unlikely to use the MUGA compared to **30%** in all other areas

Q6: Thinking about the local area (i.e. a 15 to 20 minute walk from King Solomon Academy), how likely or unlikely would you or someone in your household be to use the MUGA?
Base: 79 (All respondents)

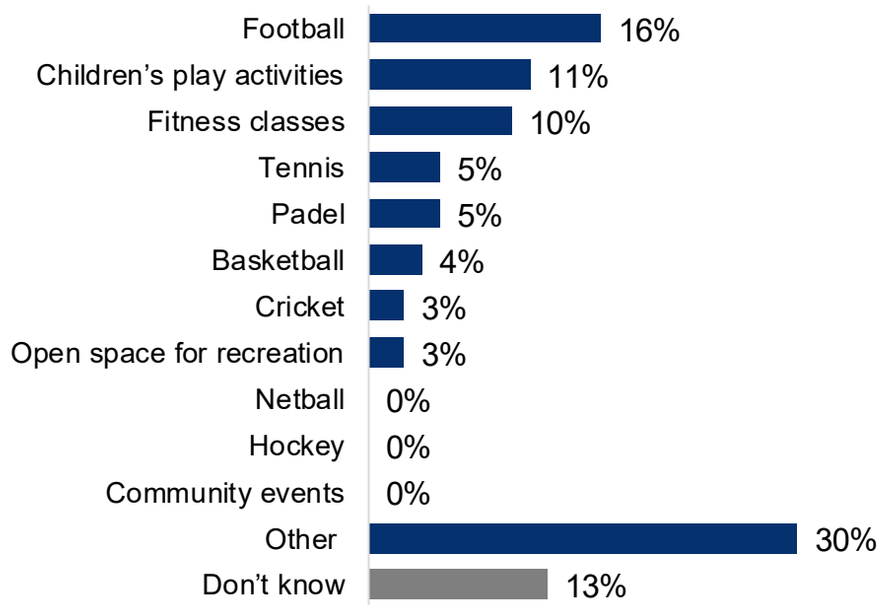
Football is the most likely activity that residents would use the MUGA for. This is followed by basketball, fitness and children's activities.

- Almost 2 in 5 (38%) say they would use the MUGA for football, followed by basketball, fitness classes and children's play activities (29%).
- When asked which activity they would be most likely to use the MUGA for, football came out top (16%) followed by children's play activities and fitness classes (11% and 10% respectively).

What MUGA would be used for (%)



What activity MUGA would most likely be used for (%)

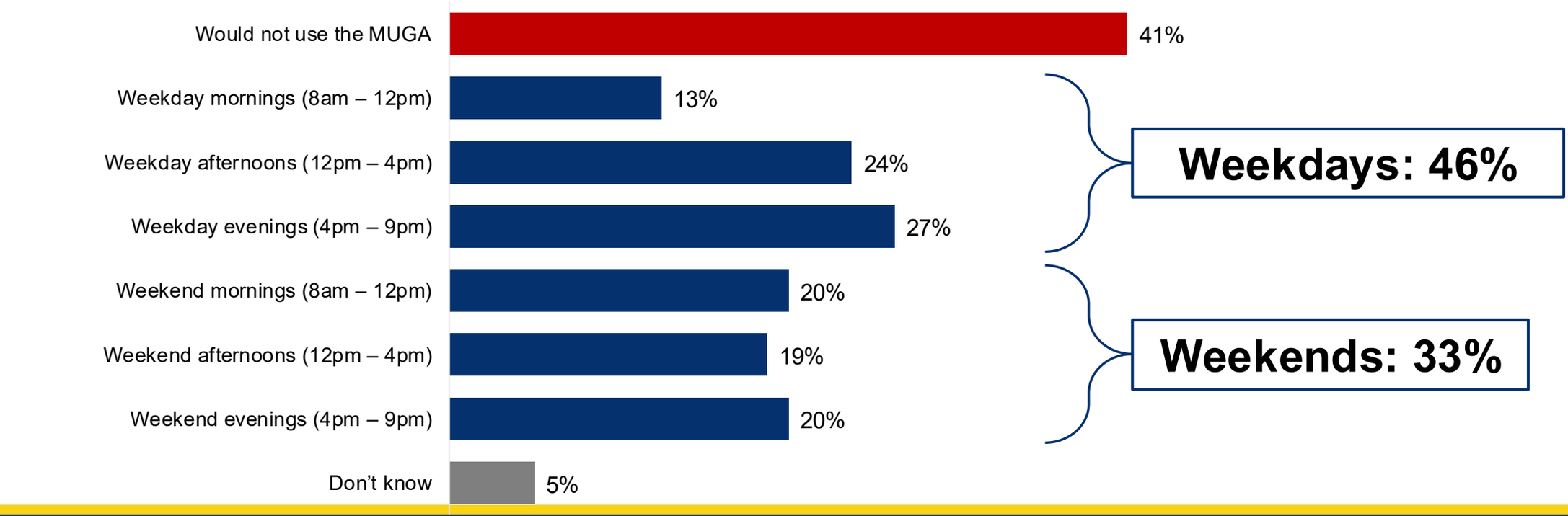


Q8: Which, if any, of the following types of activities would you like to see offered at the MUGA? Q9: And which, if any, of the following types of activities would you be most likely to use the MUGA for?
Base: 79 (All respondents)

Residents would be more likely to use the MUGA on weekday evenings. Weekend timings show little variation.

- 2 in 5 (41%) say they would not use the MUGA.
- Under half (46%) say they would use it on weekdays while one third (33%) say they would use it at the weekends.

When MUGA would be used (%)

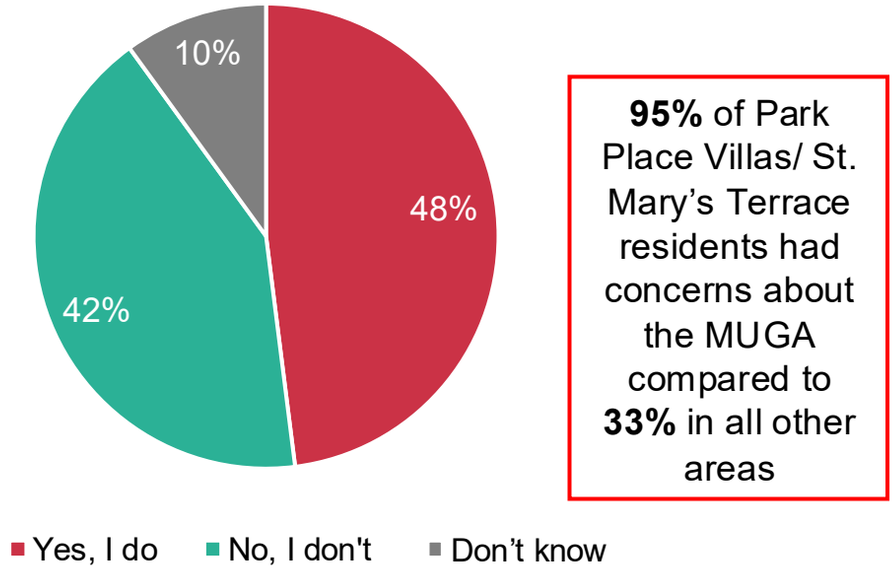


Q7: If you or someone in your household were to use the MUGA which, if any, of the following times would you be likely to use?
Base: 79 (All respondents)

Around half of respondents have a concern about the proposed MUGA. This is mainly around it not being used for its intended purpose and a worry about an increase in anti-social behaviour.

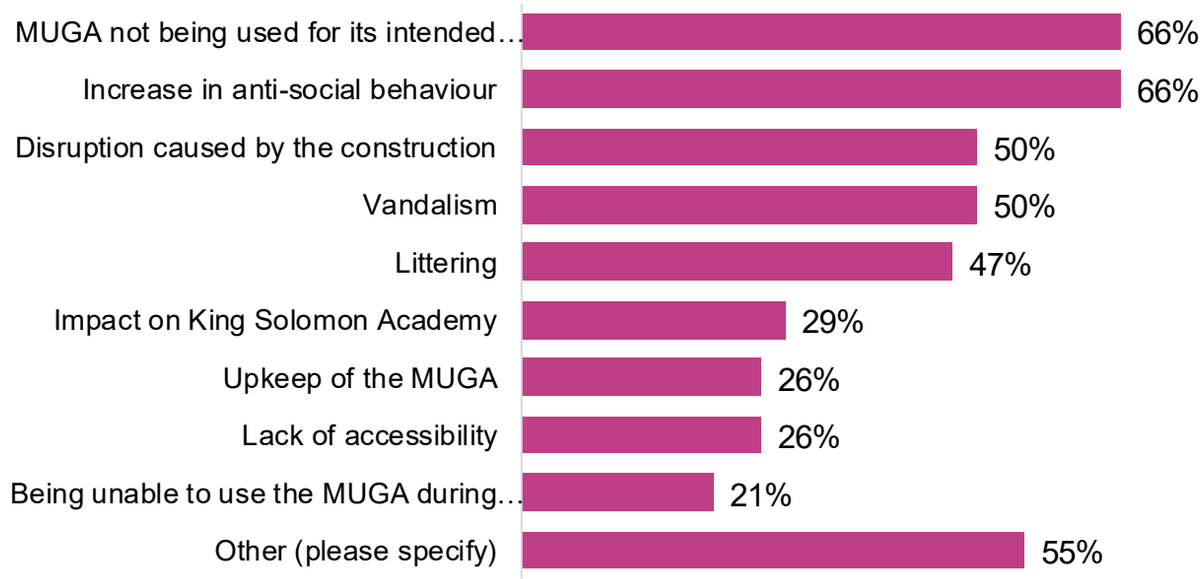
- 48% have a concern about the proposed MUGA, while 42% say they do not have a concern.
- 2 in 3 are concerned about MUGA not being used for its intended purpose and an increased in anti-social behaviour, while half are also concerned about the disruption caused by the construction, vandalism and littering.

Concerns about the proposed MUGA(%)



95% of Park Place Villas/ St. Mary's Terrace residents had concerns about the MUGA compared to **33%** in all other areas

Concerns about the MUGA (%)



Q10: Do you have any concerns about the proposed MUGA? Q11: Which, if any, of the following concerns do you have about the proposed MUGA?
Base: 79 (All respondents); 38 (All with concerns about the MUGA)

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