

SOUTH WEST CHORLEY COMMUNITY FACILITY CONSULTATION 2007

1,799 consultation packs were delivered to households/premises across South West Chorley, on 4th and 5th January, with a closing date of 29th January for responses.

The boundaries used were the Gillibrand link road from the Eaves Green roundabout, up to the edge of Copperworks Wood, along Mountbatten Road, down Collingwood and Tootell Street then along Moor Road back down to the Eaves Green roundabout again.

1964 “lines” came up on the GIS system. We picked 17 of these out as “non-addresses” before posting, and Royal Mail returned 148 as non-deliverable. We checked these against Council Tax records and all were valid as non-deliverable – properties had either not been constructed yet, or were vacant.

One resident informed us that neither they, nor their neighbours had received consultation papers (4 properties in all). We checked that they were, in fact, on the database, then sent a second mailout to these properties. When we collated the responses, we found that one of these households had sent in two sets of voting papers for one address.

One other person rang and left a voicemail asking for papers to be sent out, but did not leave any contact information.

Consultation options:

This consultation exercise included:

- Two proposed options for a new community centre, one (Site A) within the new Gillibrands development, and a second (Site B) on the edge of the older, “Lakes and Peaks” housing development.
- A series of benefits relating to each site.
- A survey covering the age ranges of people living in each property, and a range of questions relating to potential usage of a community facility in the area – including the opportunity to raise any concerns.
- An invitation to be part of a group overseeing the development and management of a community facility.

Results:

438 forms were returned – a 24% response rate.

Only 8 households responded with a direct NO – they did not want a Centre at either site, or anywhere in the area.

20 households had chosen one of the site options, but actually would prefer to not have a Centre at all.

Two households said that they did not mind either site.

Two households said that they would like the Centre to remain at the original site proposed, next to the link road.

Site A (Gillibrand development)

22% of all households responding chose Site A.
 58% of these were actually from people living within the Site A area.

Site B (“Lakes and Peaks” area)

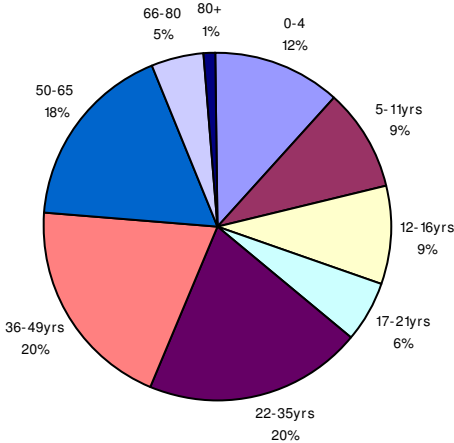
78% of all households responding chose Site B – but 72% of these households were actually from outside the Site B area, living closer to Site A.

Age ranges of people in households responding to community facilities survey:

	0-4yrs	5-11yrs	12-16yrs	17-21yrs	22-35yrs	36-49yrs	50-65yrs	66-80yrs	80+
Site A area	15%	9%	9%	4%	24%	22%	14%	2%	1%
Site B area	7%	10%	10%	7%	12%	17%	25%	10%	2%

Site A (despite a local perception that the area houses only single, professional people) shows 37% aged under 21, 46% aged between 22-49 years, and only 17% at 50 years and over.

Site B shows 34% under 21, 29% aged between 22-49, and 37% of people at 50 years and over.



Age profile of total households responding to SW Chorley community facility consultation 2007

Range of potential activities that people would like to see in a community facility in the area:

As well as a “tick list” of possible community activities, we gave people the option of listing other ideas – they came up with 38 other suggestions (all positive)!

Concerns to be taken into account in planning and designing a community facility in the area

We asked residents to tell us about any concerns that they had about a new community facility in the area, so that these can be taken into account as part of the discussion and planning process. The main concerns were as follows:

Concerns listed	No of people
Young people	91
Vandalism	43
Traffic and parking	38
Crime and anti social behaviour generally	38
Noise	25
Loss of green space	19
Long term management and sustainability	14
Alcohol / drugs	10

Number of people interested in joining a group to oversee the construction, development and future usage of a community facility in the area:

71 households said that at least one person would be interested.

57 of these were residents in the site A area, or new Gillibrand development.

14 were from the older, Lakes and Peaks, site B area.