

St. Richard’s Church of England Primary School Playing Field Consultation

1. Introduction

Richmond Council and RHP have been working in partnership with local residents and stakeholders to develop a vision for the future of Ham Close. A consultation held in autumn 2016 asked for feedback on the principle of a redevelopment. Residents and the wider community had their say on concept proposals for Ham Close, which incorporated feedback from a series of community workshops held in summer 2016. Please visit www.hamclose.co.uk to view the concept proposals and results from the autumn 2016 consultation and for further information on the programme.

Overall, more than half of the 305 people who responded to the consultation agreed that more affordable housing is needed in the Ham area. There was also net agreement amongst RHP’s Ham Close customers (tenants and leaseholders) that a redevelopment of the Close would benefit them and their household, others living on Ham Close and the wider community.

The autumn 2016 consultation proposals showed a change to the western boundary of Ham Close. This boundary change would involve using a strip (687m² or approximately 4%) of Council-owned playing field land, which is currently used by St. Richard’s Church of England Primary School. This is located at the rear of the playing field adjoining Ham Close.



Figure 1: Map to show proposed boundary between Ham Close and St. Richard’s Church of England Primary School

This boundary change is needed to enable phase one of the redevelopment to take place on open areas of land (part of which would be the school playing field land). This would allow Ham Close residents to stay on the Close until their new homes are ready, rather than moving off the Close and returning at a later point. The Council asked for feedback on this proposed boundary change between the 9 November and 21 December 2017.

Residents will have another opportunity to have their say on the proposed development as a whole and its design in 2018.

This document summarises the key themes from the recent St Richard's Church of England Primary School playing field consultation.

As detailed in the full survey results which can be found at the end of this document, the Council and RHP promoted the consultation in a variety of ways before and during the six-week consultation period:

- A letter was sent to all 162 families at St. Richard's Church of England Primary School and to all properties facing onto the school playing field;
- St. Richard's promoted the consultation in their school newsletter;
- Achieving for Children publicised in their schools e-news bulletin;
- Drop-in sessions at St. Richard's Church of England Primary School and at Ham Children's Centre;
- RHP publicised the consultation to their residents through their Ham Close newsletter;
- The Council issued a press release for the launch of the consultation;
- Local stakeholders were contacted directly via email;
- A banner advertising the consultation was added to the homepage of the Ham Close website;
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- The Council promoted the consultation in their borough e-newsletter; and
- Both the Council and RHP used social media to further promote the consultation.

83 surveys were completed. 11 of these responses were from parents or carers at St. Richard's Church of England Primary School (there are 162 families at the school) and 15 responses came from residents in the immediate area (defined as living on Ham Close, Woodville Road or the stretch of Ashburnham Road facing onto St. Richard's Church of England Primary School and the playing field (there are approximately 288 properties in this area).

The number of responses from parents and carers at St. Richard's Church of England Primary School and residents in the immediate vicinity of the site could imply that they are not concerned by the proposed disposal. However, we want to continue to work with the school and residents to address all the concerns raised and have detailed these in the sections that follow.

The full survey results can be found at the end of this document.

2. Key themes - school playing field land

The following section responds to comments made in the questionnaire specifically about the area of Council-owned school playing field land proposed for disposal.

2.1. The area of land proposed for disposal is underused by the school

Some of those who made comments supporting the proposed disposal of this section of playing field land mention that the small area in question is underused by the school (i.e. it is not used for sporting events, fairs etc.).

2.2. The proposal reduces school land / open green space

The proposal does remove a section of playing field on the edge of the site nearest Ham Close and therefore reduces the overall amount of school playing field land.

The school currently has c.15,500m² of school playing field. This includes a variety of types of space such as habitat areas, hard surface areas and informal play and social areas in addition to traditional grass pitches. The proposed disposal of 687m² (approximately 4%) would result in there being approximately 14,800m² of playing field at St. Richard's which more than exceeds the minimum requirements set out by the Department for Education of approximately 10,000m² for the school. Concerns regarding future school place planning is covered in Section 3 below. The area of land proposed for disposal contains a number of small fruit trees. The Council has committed to re-plant these fruit trees elsewhere on the school site so that this informal play space can continue.

The Council would also mitigate the loss of land by improving the remaining outside space and outdoor facilities at St. Richard's through the introduction of a multi-use games area (MUGA). This would provide benefit to the school and the wider community all year round.

2.3. The proposal reduces play / sporting area for children

While the proposal is to remove a section of playing field land from the school, we plan to replace with a multi-use games area (MUGA) as this offers more practical, year-round use of the land available for both the school and the community and improves current sporting provision at St. Richard's. Areas of the existing school playing field can become muddy and waterlogged at certain times of the year. The introduction of a MUGA would help to reduce this issue.

In Sport England's response to this consultation they stated that as the plans indicate only a small area of playing field would be lost to accommodate the proposed development, and this area cannot accommodate a pitch, they would consider the proposal to meet an exemption of their Playing Fields Policy and would not object to the loss of this area of playing field land if a Planning application was submitted.

2.4. I do not want a multi-use games area (MUGA) at the school

To mitigate the loss of this section of land if the Section 77 application is successful, we are currently proposing to provide a MUGA. Discussions have been ongoing with St. Richard's and the school is supportive of this proposal.

Further detailed work is required to determine the size, location etc. of the MUGA. The Council is not proposing that this MUGA would have floodlighting. It would mostly be used during the school day by St. Richard's pupils and potentially at weekends by other local groups.

If the Secretary of State for Education does provide approval, they would expect that the first priority for reinvestment should be sports facilities, followed by reinvestment in recreation or education facilities. If there was a strong feeling that the money would be best spent on other facilities, and if the school agreed, we could look at other mitigations.

3. Key themes - wider redevelopment of Ham Close

The following section responds to comments made in the questionnaire about the wider redevelopment of Ham Close. These issues will be considered as part of the planning process which is due to take place later in 2018.

3.1. Redevelopment will increase pressure on school places at St Richard's

There are no current proposals to expand St. Richard's. The provision of the proposed multi-use games area would help to future proof the school's sports facilities for any expansion if this was required in the future.

Richmond Council's School Place Planning Strategy, approved by the Council's Cabinet at their meeting in February 2018, already recognises the potential future development of Ham Close. It states that the current capacity of the three primary schools in this area (St. Richard's, Meadlands and The Russell School) will suffice until the proposed redevelopment, which may lead to a need for a further form of entry in due course.

All three existing schools have room for expansion, subject to satisfying Section 77 guidance regarding outdoor play space.

The Council will work closely with Achieving for Children (AfC), the social enterprise created to deliver Richmond's Children's Services, to further assess the need for places as the proposals for Ham Close are developed and decide on which option(s) to take forward.

3.2. Redevelopment will increase congestion / traffic in the area

A full Transport Assessment will be commissioned to robustly assess the transport impacts of the development. The extent of this assessment and associated surveys will be agreed with the Local Planning Authority and the GLA and will reflect the feedback from residents to date.

A baseline assessment was carried out before the summer in 2016 to provide information on the existing levels of traffic generated by residents living at Ham Close and the parking capacity of the roads in the immediate vicinity of the Close. If you would like to read the Transport Feasibility Report, please click [here](#). Appendices to the report can be found [here](#).

Following resident feedback, we commissioned specialist transport surveyors to complete a number of preliminary traffic surveys and a modelling exercise in September 2016, testing the impact of the potential future proposals at Ham Close on key junctions surrounding the site, including the A307 Petersham Road. The technical note for this can be found [here](#).

The results of these surveys have been subjected to a preliminary capacity assessment which indicates that the 4 junctions assessed (the A307 Petersham Road / Sandy Lane roundabout; the Ham Street / Sandy Lane junction; the Ham Street / Ashburnham Road junction; and A307 Petersham Road / A307 Upper Ham Road / Ham Common (South) junction) operate within their theoretical capacity in the weekday AM and PM peak periods.

The potential future development of Ham Close is shown to have a negligible impact on the operation of these junctions. However, the surveys do highlight that the A307 Petersham Road (South) / Sandy Lane roundabout currently operates close to capacity on the A307 Petersham Road (South) arm; with development the junction would continue to operate close to capacity on the same arm.

As above the full impact of the proposals will need to be considered further as part of a detailed Transport Assessment. There will be further consultation on the proposed development, and specifically transport proposals, later in 2018.

3.3. Redevelopment will increase pressure on other local services

Council planning officers will assess the extent of the increased demand on local community facilities as part of a planning application. The Council has an adopted Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), which is a charge that the Council sets for certain new developments in the borough. This allows the Council to raise funds from developers to support and fund new infrastructure that the Council and local communities want. This can include:

- Provision of additional school capacity
- Redevelopment of community facilities in Ham
- Improvement to play facilities within parks and improvements to the River Thames Towpath
- Improvements to sports and leisure provision, including Grey Court School community sports centre

Other infrastructure projects which the Council may spend CIL monies on are set out in the [Regulation 123 List](#).

In addition, the Local Planning Authority can use Section 106 obligations to secure the provision of, or financial contributions towards, specific off-site works required in connection with a particular development, where they are required to make a scheme acceptable.

The proposed scheme would also re-provide the existing community facilities on Ham Close and offer some space for the re-configuration or provision of new services. The Council is working with Achieving for Children (AfC) to understand how the existing Youth Centre is used, how the space and services could be improved and links with the Children's Centre and local schools developed. The Council is also working with AfC, Richmond CCG and Hounslow and Richmond Community Healthcare (HRCH) NHS Trust to consider the redevelopment of Ham Clinic and reviewing needs for primary health care. The Council is committed to ensuring the development accommodates the existing local community facilities including Ham United Group (HUG) and Richmond MakerLabs who occupy the 'Little House' also on the Close.

To ensure that any development provides truly flexible, sustainable space suitable for community use, we are engaging with local organisations on how local services could be improved and provided in the future and recently held drop-in sessions on this topic.

4. Other themes

The following section responds to other comments made about the wider redevelopment of Ham Close.

4.1. Pollution / noise concerns during construction

The overall construction of the development would likely take 4-5 years to complete and subject to planning permission etc. would take place from summer 2019. The area next to St. Richard's would form phase one of the development. Construction would take place on currently undeveloped land and take 1-2 years to complete (approximately summer 2019 – summer 2021). This would allow Ham Close residents to stay on the Close until their new home is ready, rather than moving off the Close and returning at a later point.

A Construction Management Plan (CMP) will need to be submitted with any planning application. This would include details of measures to control the emission of noise, vibration and dust, including the management of working hours and construction traffic and we would work with the school as this is developed to ensure it is appropriate. For example, we would reduce noise as far as possible whilst SATS tests are taking place. Further details on the CMP will be shared with residents through further public consultation.

Additionally, in the Section 106 agreement between the Council and RHP / developer, the Council would look to ensure that there are training and apprenticeship opportunities for local people to be employed by the project. We would also look to involve children from St. Richard's in learning about redevelopment and construction, possibly through site visits, presentations and other activities.

4.2. Impact to Woodville side of boundary

The Council also owns the land required from the Woodville Centre side of the boundary. Conversations are ongoing with the different groups that use the Centre (the Guides, KISH Nursery, Ham and Petersham SOS as well as the Woodville Centre staff) to understand their current use of the car park and outside space. This will help the Council to understand current issues with the site and the requirements of all the current users of the Centre. A design exercise and feasibility study is due to take place to reconfigure the car park and outside spaces to meet the needs of all those using the space. There will be further engagement and consultation on this proposed boundary change later in 2018.

4.3. Use of Ham Youth Club / Ham Clinic for the first phase of redevelopment

There has been a suggestion that this area could be used instead of the strip of playing field land at St. Richard's, to enable the first phase of redevelopment at Ham Close.

However, given the constraints of the proposed Ham Close redevelopment, including previous messages to protect the green, there are no other open areas of land neighbouring the Close that are large enough to deliver the first phase of development, enabling residents to stay on the Close until their new homes are ready, rather than moving off the Close and returning at a later point.

A number of services are delivered from Ham Youth Centre and Ham Clinic. Demolition of these buildings would be required in order to enable an alternative phase 1. Although some of these services could be re-provided immediately if the area behind the Ashburnham Road / Ham Street shops was developed to provide community facilities, there would not be enough space for all

services. As mentioned in the Autumn 2016 consultation, it is likely that two locations would be needed.

5. Next steps

We are continuing to work with St. Richard’s to understand the views of their families and address any concerns they may have, including whether they feel a MUGA is the right approach going forward.

We are also continuing to engage with local community groups and organisations, as well as local residents, to listen and address any concerns raised.

Design development in autumn 2018, as listed below, will be carried out in consultation with Ham Close residents and the local community and will include further details around issues such as transport and construction management.

We anticipate that the timeline for the redevelopment programme will be as follows:

Milestone	Date
Detailed design development	September – November 2018
Application for planning permission	December 2018
Start on site	Summer 2019

Please note: this timeline is indicative and may change.

St. Richard's Church of England Primary School Playing Field Consultation Results Report

March 2018

1. Introduction

1.1. Background

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1.2. Methodology

The consultation launched on Thursday 9 November and closed on Thursday 21 December 2017. The consultation was promoted in the following ways:

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An online survey was hosted on the Council's website and hard copies of the consultation materials and questionnaire were available on request and on display at Ham Library. Consultation materials included:

- An overview of the proposal;
- An image of the proposed disposal area;
- A 'Frequently Asked Questions' document; and

- A copy of the letter sent to nearby residents.

Primary and secondary schools within a half mile and one mile radius respectively of St. Richard's were sent letters at the start of the consultation period. They had a deadline of the 21 December 2017 to confirm whether or not they wished to make use of the area of land subject to disposal.

Council and RHP officers carried out two bespoke engagement events during the consultation period:

- A drop-in event for parents in the playground at St. Richard's Church of England Primary School (16 November 2017)
- A session with families as part of 'Stay and Play' at Ham Children's Centre (5 December 2017)

1.3. Response

83 surveys were completed. 11 of these responses were from parents or carers at St. Richard's Church of England Primary School (there are 162 families at the school) and 15 responses came from residents in the immediate area (defined as living on Ham Close, Woodville Road or the stretch of Ashburnham Road facing onto St. Richard's Church of England Primary School and the playing field (there are approximately 288 properties in this area).

The majority of responses (75% or 62 out of 83) were received from respondents living in the TW10 postcode area. For full breakdown of postcode data, please see section 4.2 (Postcode).

For a full breakdown of the respondent group, please see section 4.7 (Respondent Group).

1.4. Analysis of the results

Please note that the figures used in this report are usually calculated as a proportion of the 83 responses received in this consultation. However, a different approach is taken to open questions. Here the base omits those who have not replied to the question and is based only on the number of responses to that particular question.

In some cases the figures provided may not add up to 83. This may be because respondents can provide more than one answer to a question (for example, in section 4.7 a respondent may be both a local resident and a parent / carer of a child attending St. Richard's Church of England Primary School).

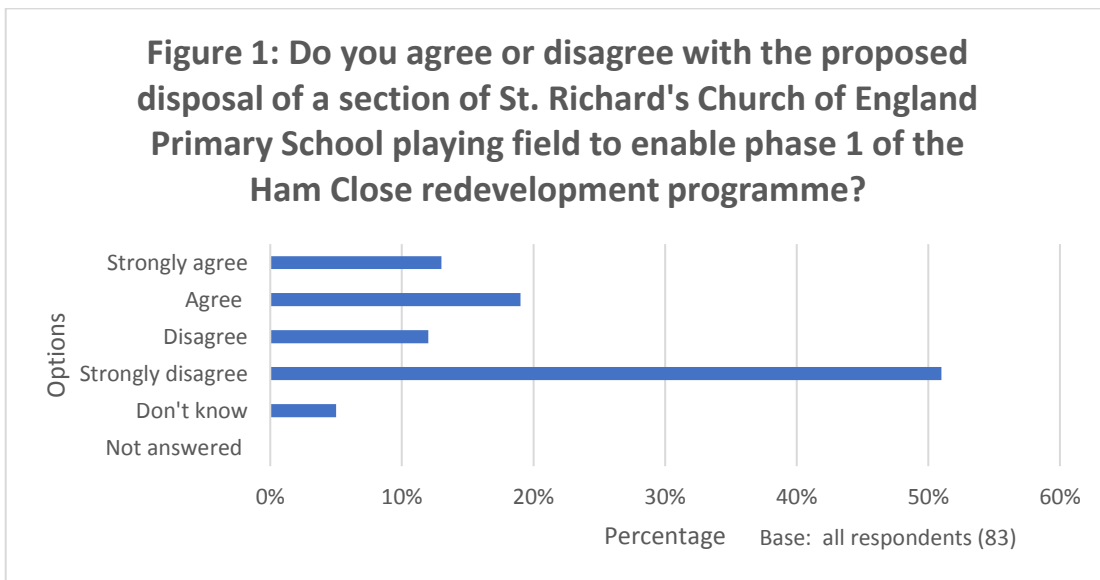
2. Key findings

2.1. Views on the proposed disposal – all respondents

Respondents were asked whether they agreed or disagreed with the proposed disposal of a section of St. Richard’s Church of England Primary School playing field to enable phase 1 of the Ham Close redevelopment programme.

Consultation materials (such as an image of the proposed disposal area and a ‘Frequently Asked Questions’ document) were produced to help provide information to respondents before they completed the questionnaire.

32% (27 respondents) agreed or strongly agreed with the proposed disposal and; 63% (52 respondents) disagreed or strongly disagreed. 5% (4 respondents) chose the ‘don’t know’ option.

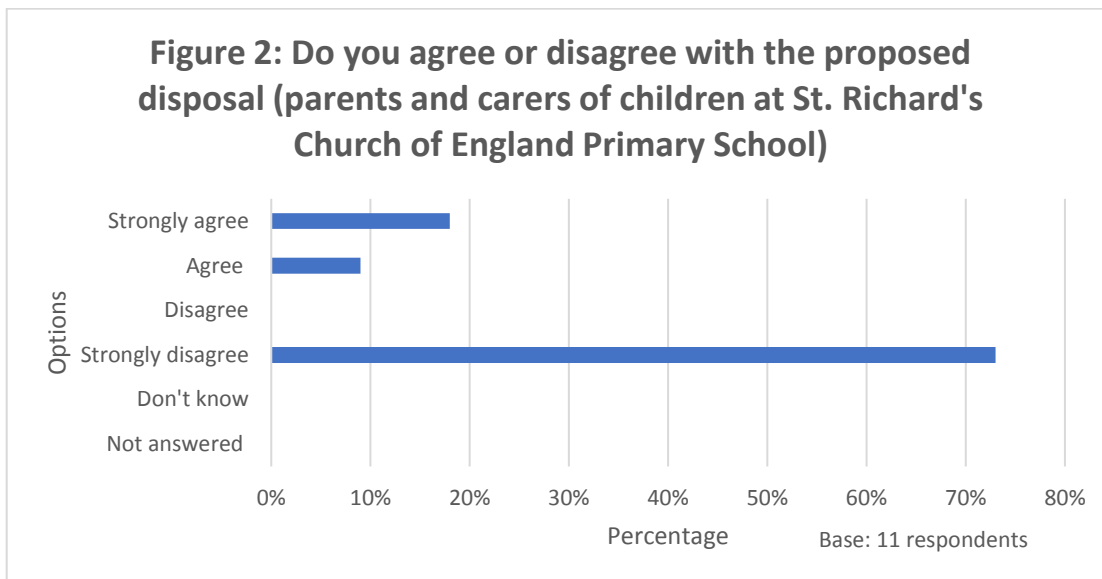


2.2. Views on the proposed disposal – parents / carers of children attending St. Richard’s Church of England Primary School

The views of parents / carers of children attending St. Richard’s Church of England Primary School, as a key stakeholder group, were filtered from the consultation results as shown below.

There are 162 families at St. Richard’s Church of England Primary School. 11 parents / carers responded to the consultation. The response rate for this group is approximately 7%.

27% (3 respondents) agreed or strongly agreed with the proposed disposal. 73% (8 respondents) strongly disagreed with the proposed disposal.

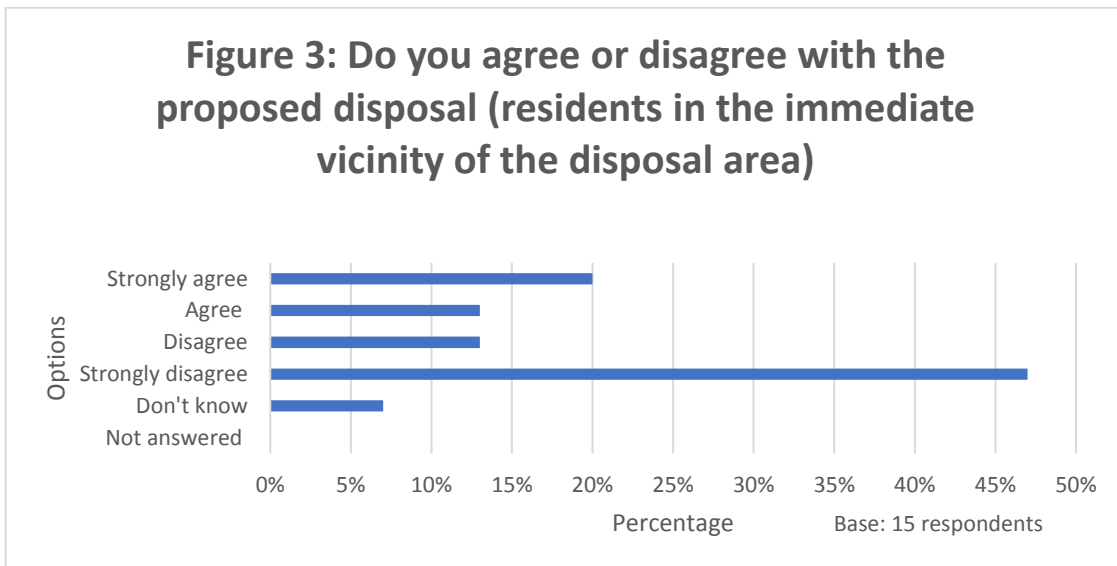


2.3. Views on the proposed disposal – residents in the immediate vicinity of the disposal area

The views of those who live closest to the proposed disposal area, as another key stakeholder group, were filtered from the consultation results as shown below. This has been defined as respondents from Ham Close, Woodville Road and Ashburnham Road postcodes. Please note: for Ashburnham Road, we have only included the stretch of road which faces directly onto Ham Close / St. Richard’s Church of England Primary School and its playing field.

There are approximately 288 properties on Ham Close, Woodville Road and this stretch of Ashburnham Road. 15 responses came from residents living in this immediate area. The response rate for this group is approximately 5%.

33% (5 respondents) agreed or strongly agreed with the proposed disposal. 60% (9 respondents) disagreed or strongly disagreed with the proposed disposal. 7% (1 respondent) took the opportunity to say, ‘don’t know’.

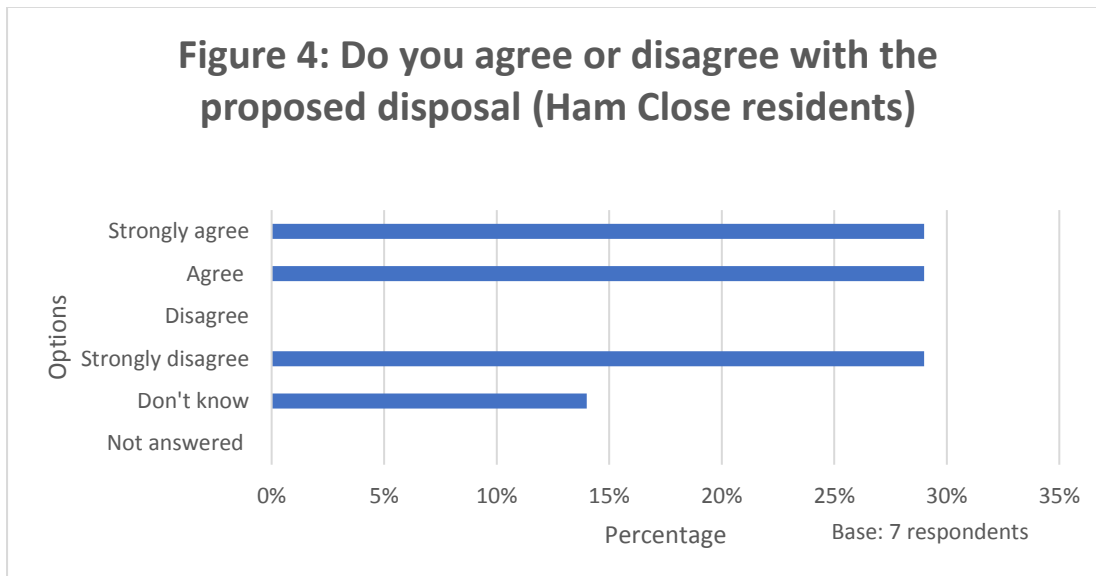


2.4. Views on the proposed disposal – Ham Close

The views of Ham Close residents, as another key stakeholder group, were filtered from the consultation results as shown below.

There are 192 properties on Ham Close. 7 responses came from residents living on Ham Close. The response rate for this group is approximately 4%.

58% (4 respondents) agreed or strongly agreed with the proposed disposal. 29% (2 respondents) strongly disagreed with the proposed disposal and 14% (1 respondent) took the opportunity to say, 'don't know'.



3. Further comments

Respondents were also given an opportunity to provide any comments in an open text question about the proposed disposal of this section of school playing field land. 57 of the 83 respondents made comments. The other 26 did not make a comment.

A higher proportion of the 57 comments made came from respondents who were opposed to the disposal. Of the 27 respondents who supported the proposal, 12 (or 44%) made a comment in this section. Of the 52 respondents who disagreed with the proposal, 40 (or 77%) made a comment.

The comments received have been coded into the following themes:

Figure 5: Do you have any comments about the proposed disposal of this section of school playing field land?

Code	Theme	Number of respondents that mention this theme	Percentage of respondents to this question
1	Support the proposed disposal of this section of school playing field land	8	14%
1.1	Section of land not used by school / underutilised	3	5%
2	Do not support the proposed disposal of this section of school playing field land	31	54%
2.1	Reduces school land / open green space	10	18%
2.2	Reduces play / sporting area for children	8	14%
2.3	Do not want a MUGA	4	7%
3	Oppose Ham Close redevelopment	20	35%
3.1	Redevelopment will increase pressure on school places at St. Richard's	7	12%
3.2	Redevelopment will increase congestion / traffic in area	3	5%
3.3	Redevelopment will increase pressure on other local services	6	11%
4	Other	9	16%

Please note: that one response or comment may have included several points and consequently coded under different themes. Therefore, the number of themes counted does not add up to 57 (the overall number of comments made by respondents).

3.1. Other feedback received

Sport England

The Council consulted with Sport England on the proposed disposal. Sport England have advised that this proposal will still require statutory consultation at the formal planning application stage. However, as the plans indicate that only a small area of playing field would be lost to accommodate

the proposed development, and this area cannot accommodate a pitch, they would consider the proposal to meet exemption 3 of their Playing Fields Policy and would not object to the loss of this area of playing field land if a Planning application was submitted.

Please note: Exemption 3 of [Sport England's Playing Fields Policy](#) covers proposals where the development only affects land incapable of forming part of a playing pitch and would lead to no loss of ability to use/size of playing pitch.

Local schools

The Department for Education's guidance specified that the Council needed to identify any primary or special schools located within half a mile, or secondary schools located within one mile of the site. The Council received confirmation from the relevant schools within this area that they understood the disposal would enable phase one of the Ham Close redevelopment to take place on open areas of land (part of which would be the school playing field land). None of the schools wished to make use of the area of land subject to disposal.

Users of the school playing field

All community users of the playing fields were consulted on the proposed disposal. This included after-school activity groups and out-of-hours clubs. No objections to the proposed disposal were received.

Ham and Petersham Neighbourhood Forum

A submission was received on behalf of the Ham and Petersham Neighbourhood Forum. They are the designated neighbourhood forum group for Ham and Petersham and lead the neighbourhood planning process for this area. To find out more about Neighbourhood Planning, please click [here](#). The Forum's response to the consultation can be summarised as follows:

- Objects to the loss of open land contrary to the Local and (draft) Neighbourhood Plan policies protecting open land and character.
- Requests that consideration is given to using the site of the youth club and clinic for the first phase of the Ham Close redevelopment to avoid taking protected open land.
- Requests that the views of the Woodville Centre be considered along with St Richard's as they are more significantly affected by the proposal.
- Reserves views as to whether the benefits of the proposed MUGA as an additional school and community facility would outweigh the disbenefits of disturbance and change of character.
- Reserves views on issues of concern over design of the housing, overlooking, tree retention, landscaping and boundary treatment.

The Forum added that the option of investigating using the youth club / clinic site was not intended to diminish their importance to the community, but because their functions could potentially be accommodated elsewhere in Ham and Petersham or in a first phase replacement build on the car park behind the shops where the previous consultation indicated they could be relocated.

Ham and Petersham Association

A submission was also received on behalf of the Ham and Petersham Association. Their aims include preserving and maintaining the environmental and architectural integrity of the Ham and Petersham area, working to improve local facilities as well as making representations to the Council, Police and other authorities regarding local improvements, and encouraging high standards of planning and development. The Association's response can be summarised as follows:

- They support the regeneration of Ham Close in principle and acknowledges the genuine need for more affordable housing.
- They do not support this proposal as the outline block proposals are not specific and the need for additional land has not been clearly demonstrated. If justifiable, they would like to see a corresponding increase in outdoor space in the new development.
- They are concerned that if the minimum requirements for school playing field land area are met, there is an entitlement to build on land which they disagree with.
- They questioned whether allowances for additional children in the area resulting from the redevelopment have been dealt with.
- They would resist the introduction of a MUGA until further details and clarifications are provided and do not feel there is demand for this facility in the local area.

Messages from individuals

During the consultation period the Council received six queries / messages from individuals in response to the consultation. A further two messages regarding the consultation were sent to the Ham Close website inbox.

Individuals were directed to complete the questionnaire if they had not already done so. Where questions were asked about the proposed disposal, these were responded to.

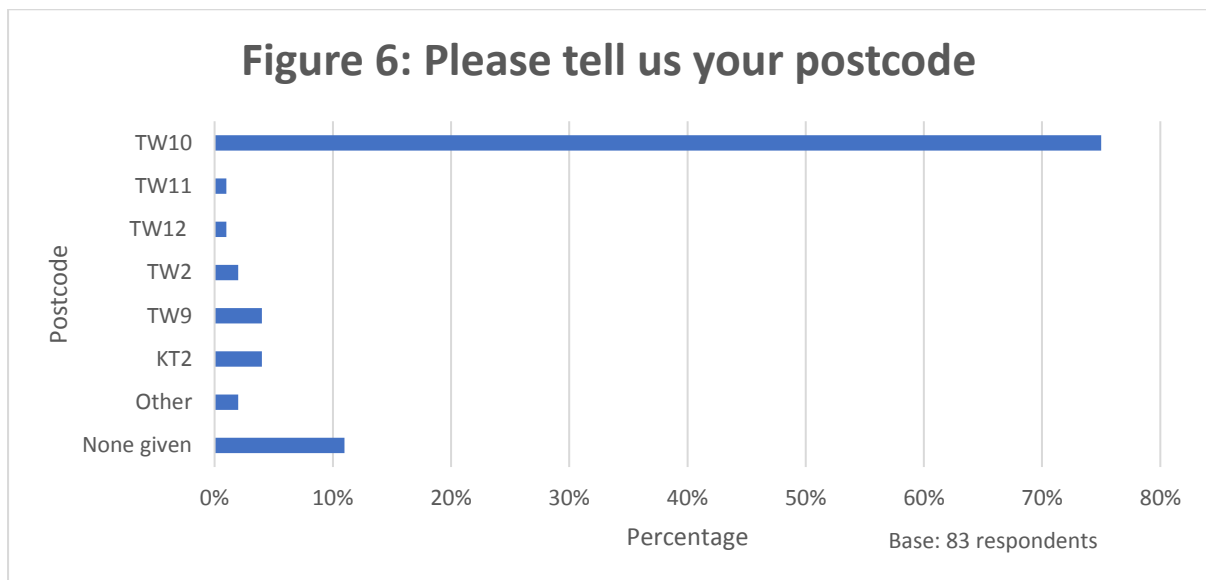
4. Respondent profile

4.1. Introduction

As part of the consultation survey, respondents were asked a series of questions about themselves (such as age and gender) to help understand the demographics of those who had completed the consultation. Respondents were also asked in what capacity they were responding.

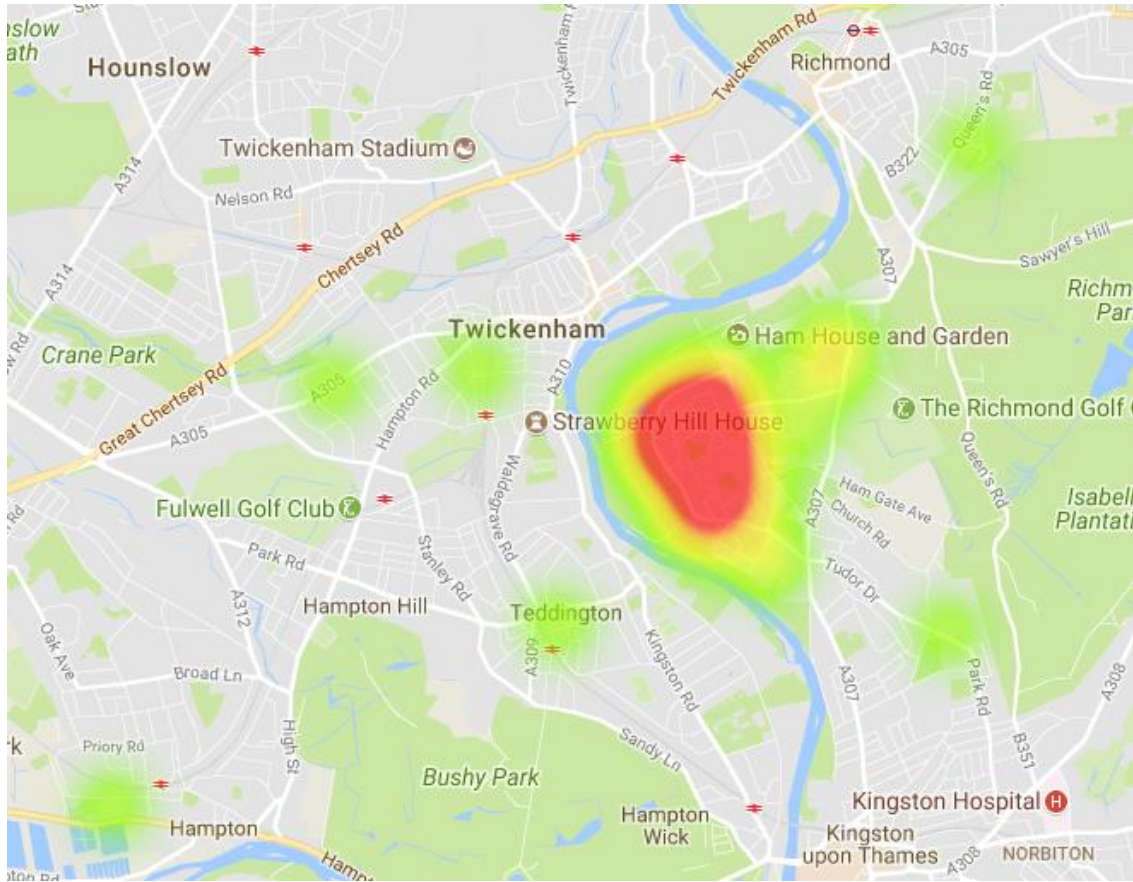
4.2. Postcode

Three quarters (75%) of respondents came from TW10 postcodes as shown in Figure 6 below. 1% (1 respondent) came from TW11, 1% (1 respondent) came from TW12, 2% (2 respondents) came from TW2, 4% (3 respondents) came from TW9 and 4% (3 respondents) came from KT2. 2% (2 respondents) came from other postcodes and 11% (9 respondents) did not provide a postcode.



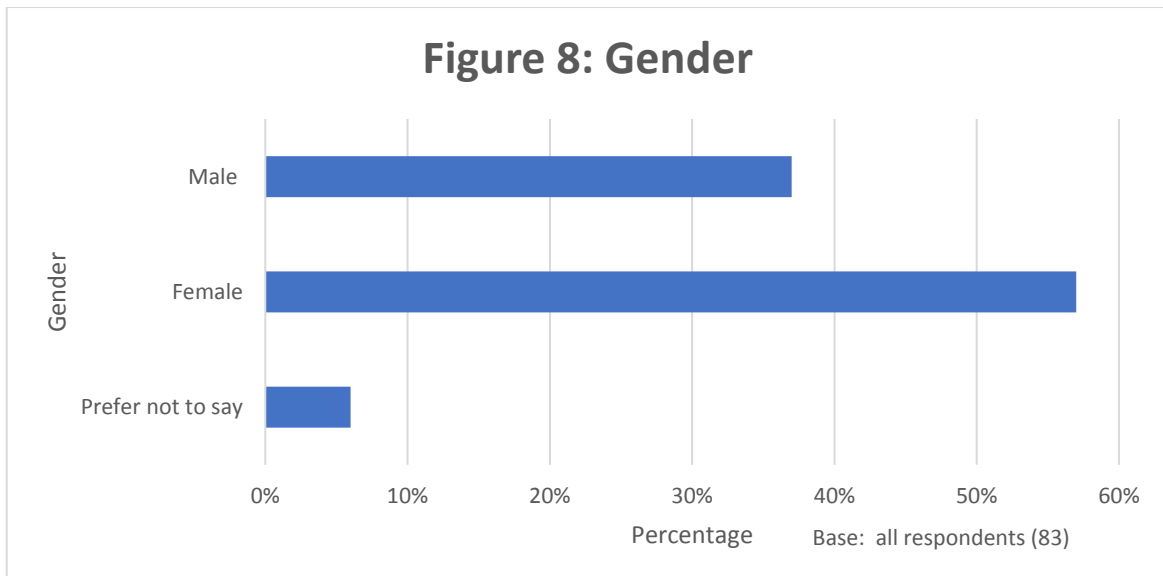
The geographical spread of postcodes is shown in the map below. This shows that the highest level of response (red) came from the immediate Ham area:

Figure 7: Postcode data map



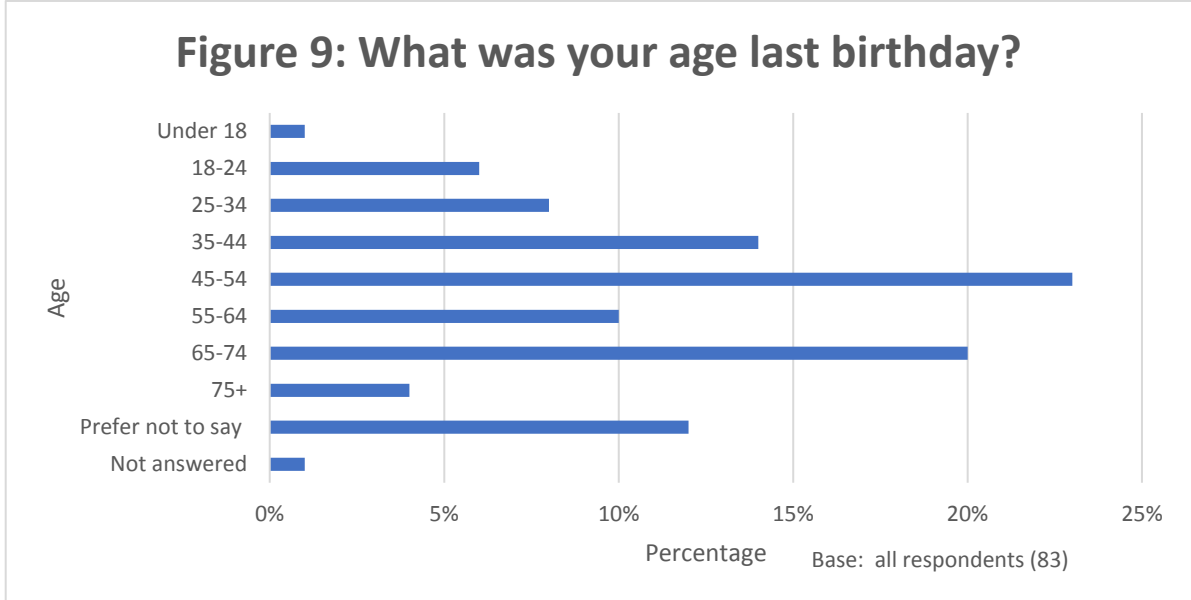
4.3. Gender

Respondents were also asked about their gender. 37% (31 respondents) were male, 57% (47 respondents) were female and 6% (5 respondents) preferred not to say.



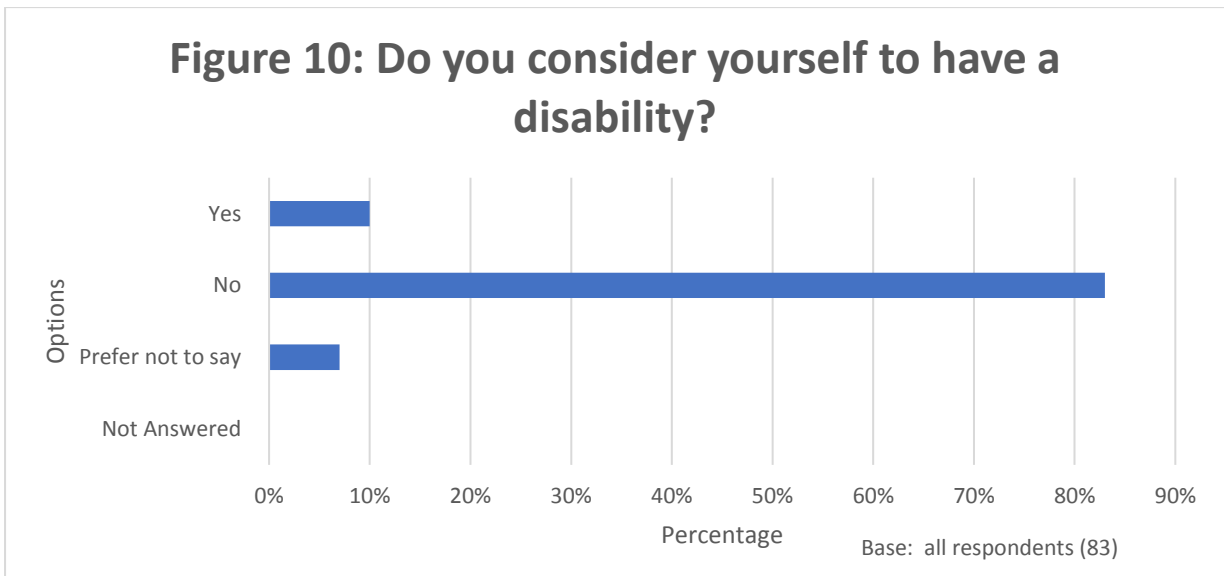
4.4. Age

Respondents were asked what their age was on their last birthday. 15% (13 respondents) were aged under 35, 47% (39 respondents) were aged 35-64 and 24% (20 respondents) were aged 65+. 12% (10 respondents) preferred not to say and 1% (1 respondent) did not answer this question.



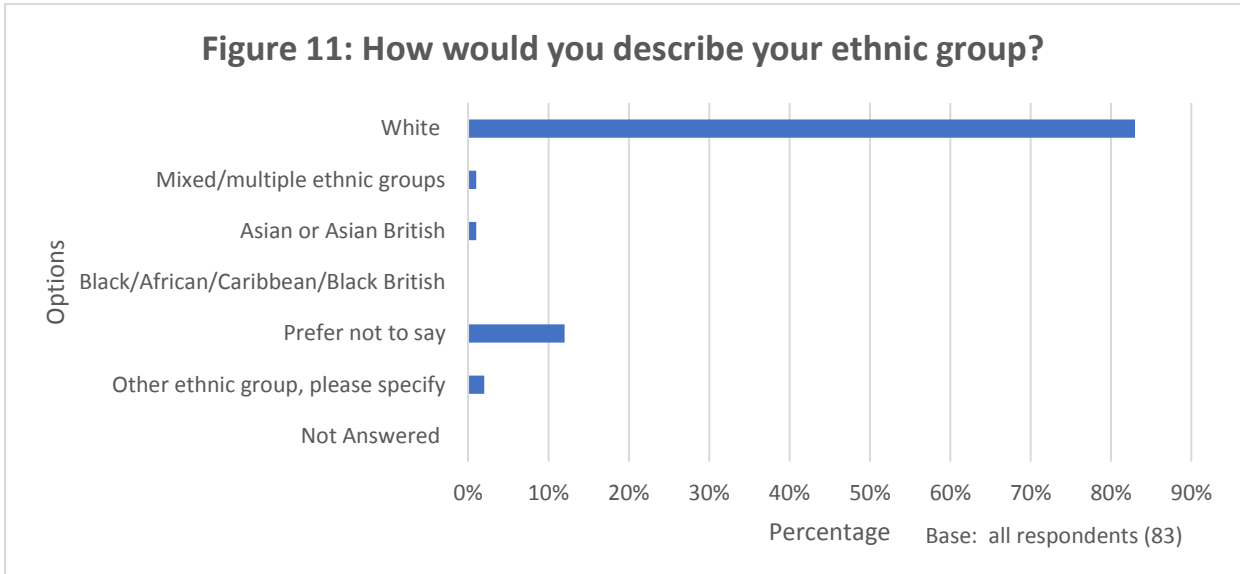
4.5. Disability

Approximately 10% (8 respondents) considered themselves to have a disability. 83% (69 respondents) did not consider themselves to have a disability and 7% (6 respondents) preferred not to say.



4.6. Ethnicity

83% (69 respondents) described themselves as white while 12% (10 respondents) preferred not to say. A further 4% (4 respondents) were from mixed / multiple ethnic groups, Asian or Asian British, or other ethnic groups.



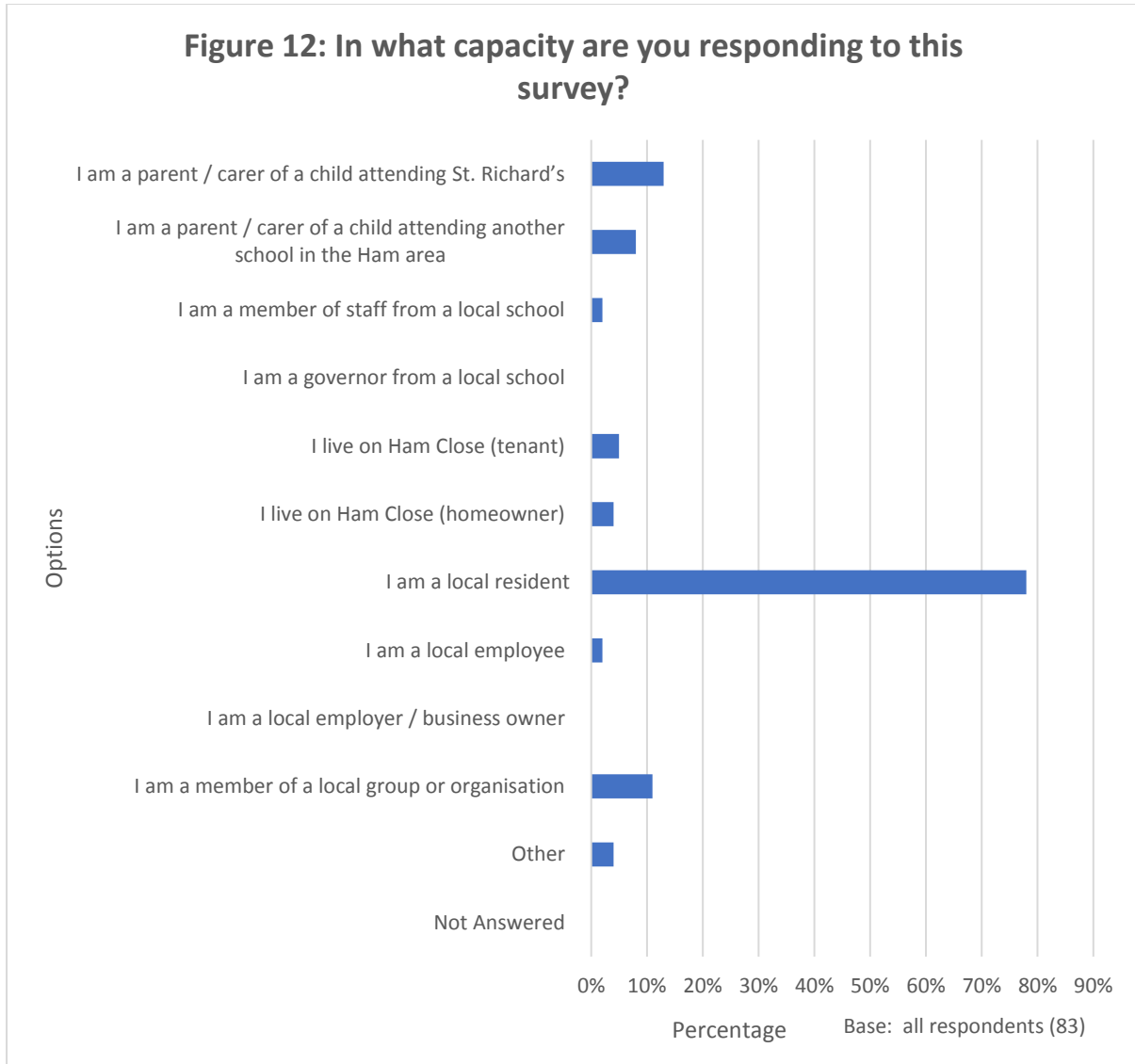
4.7. Respondent group

Respondents were also asked in what capacity they were completing the survey. Almost eight in ten respondents identified as being local residents. Please note that the numbers in the table below do not add up to 83 (the total number of people who completed the survey), as respondents could tick multiple boxes (i.e. a person could be both a local resident and a parent / carer of a child attending another school in the Ham area).

13% (11 respondents) were parents / carers of pupils attending St. Richard's and 8% (7 respondents) were parents / carers of pupils attending other schools in the Ham area. 2% (2 respondents) were members of staff at local schools, however no governors from local schools responded. 5% (4 respondents) were Ham Close tenants and 4% (3 respondents) were Ham Close leaseholders.

78% (65 respondents) were local residents. 2% (2 respondents) were local employees, however there were no responses from local businesses / employers. 11% (9 respondents) were members of a local group or organisation and 4% (3 respondents) ticked the other box.

Figure 12: In what capacity are you responding to this survey?



Respondents who identified as a member of a local group or organisation were asked to specify which group or organisation they belonged to. The following groups / organisations were listed:

- 1st Ham and Petersham Guides
- German School
- Grey Court School
- Ham and Petersham Association
- Ham and Petersham SOS
- Richmond Canoe Club
- Sea Scouts