

Kings Crescent Phase 3 & 4 Temporary MUGA Consultation Report

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Introduction

The Council was seeking to understand residents' thoughts on proposals for a new temporary multi-use games area (MUGA) on the Murrain Road play street, on the Kings Crescent estate.

Background

The Kings Crescent development has moved onto the next phase of regeneration, where a further 218 homes are being built. As we have moved onto this phase, the Council's main contractor has closed the ball court next to Theobalds Court in order to prepare the site for building works. The Council wanted to gather thoughts and opinions of a proposed temporary MUGA which would be provided on the Play Street during the construction phase of the regeneration.

Consultation & Engagement Approach

The consultation launched on Citizen Space and ran from 6 November 2024 until 28 February 2025.

The survey was promoted to residents with flyers in estate notice boards and in the Hackney Showroom. The survey was also promoted by the Independent Tenant and Leaseholder Advisor (ITLA) through drop-in events at Hackney Showroom. Text messages were sent out prior to these events to inform residents of these sessions. Door knocking exercises took place on 20th, 21st and 22nd January and 25th February 2025 during the consultation window to encourage residents to take part.

Response rate

146 respondents took part in the survey.

Executive summary

Which of the following best describes your interest in this consultation? (Base 146)

- The majority of respondents are local residents (85) followed by parent/ Carer (53).

Parent/Carer- How many children do you have?(Base 54)

- The majority of parents have 1 child (19), followed by 2 children (14) and three children (12).

Age(s): (Base 54)

- The top 3 age ranges are 6-12 (43), 0-5 (27) and 13-17 (23).

Child/ young person- What is your age group? (Base 4)

- The majority of children/ young people who took part are under 10 (2).

Option 1- Temporary MUGA- How do you feel about this proposal? (Base 143)

- The majority of respondents are in favour of the proposal (71).
- 58 respondents were against the proposal.
- The key themes that arose were respondents wanting somewhere for their children to play (49), noise concerns regarding the location of the temporary MUGA (45).

Would you or your child /children use this temporary facility? (Base 146)

- The majority of respondents selected no (82).
- The key themes that arose were respondents stating that the play area is needed (36). Other comments made were that the temporary MUGA will be underutilised (30) and noise disruption (15).

Do you think there are any challenges with this option? (Base 145)

- The majority of respondents selected yes (98).
- The main comments were that the play area is too close to residents' homes and will be noisy (50).

Do you have any other suggestions for temporary play? (Base 103)

- The majority of responses suggested the nearby park, Clissold Park as an alternative temporary play location (39). Other respondents expressed that they had no suggestion for temporary play (27). Responses were made about other locations on the estate with additional equipment for temporary play (12).

Option 2- No temporary play provision provided- How do you feel about this proposal? (Base 145)

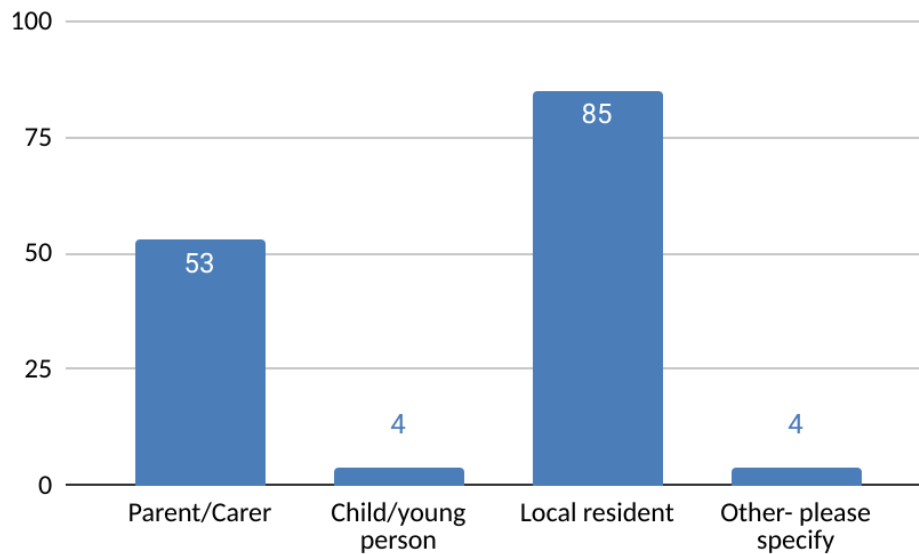
- The majority of respondents were in favour of the proposal (72).
- 60 respondents were against the proposal.
- A key theme from the responses was that children needed a designated play space (32).

Do you think there are any challenges with this option? (Base 139)

- The majority of respondents selected no (78).
- The key theme that arose were respondents stating that it's important for children to have a designated play space (31).

Overview of results

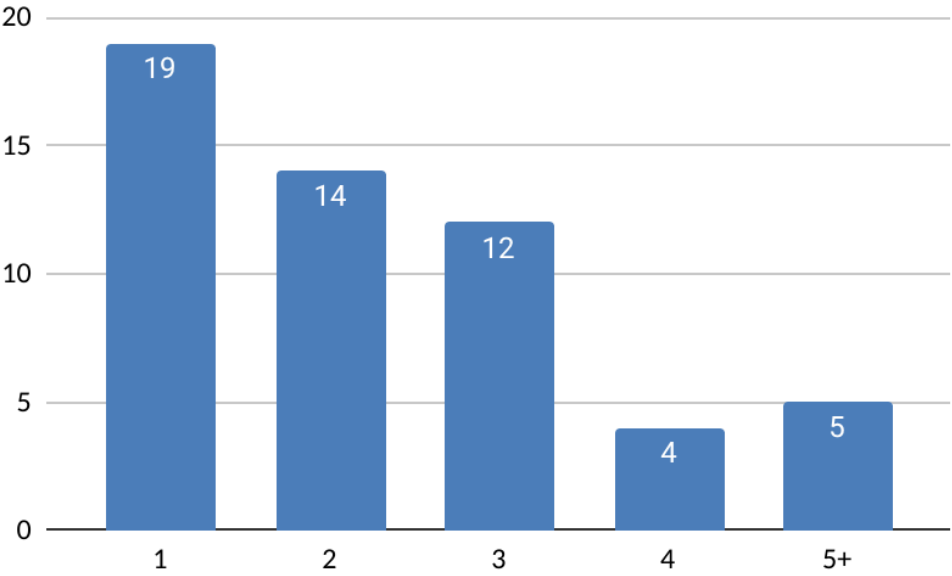
Question 4. Which of the following best describes your interest in this consultation? (Base 146)



Parent/Carer	53
Child/young person	4
Local resident	85
Other- please specify	4

The majority of respondents (85) were local residents. The second highest respondents were from parents/carers (53).

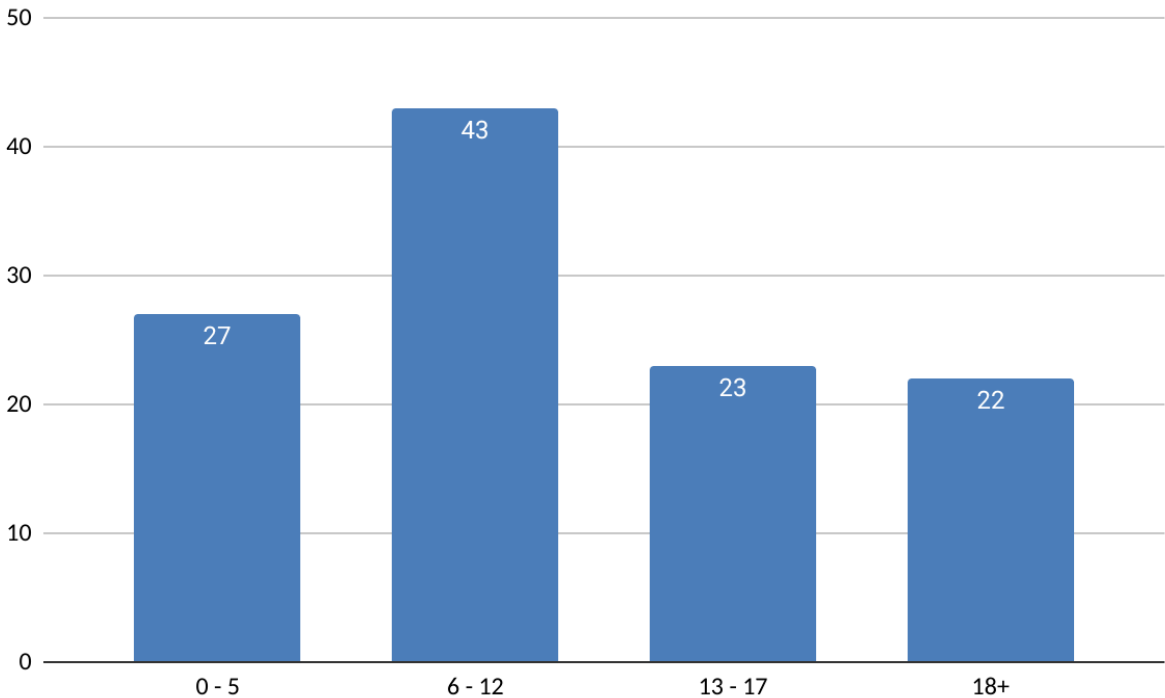
Question 5. Parent/Carer- How many children do you have? (Base 54)



1	19
2	14
3	12
4	4
5+	5

The majority of parents have 1 child (19), followed by 2 children (14) and three children (12).

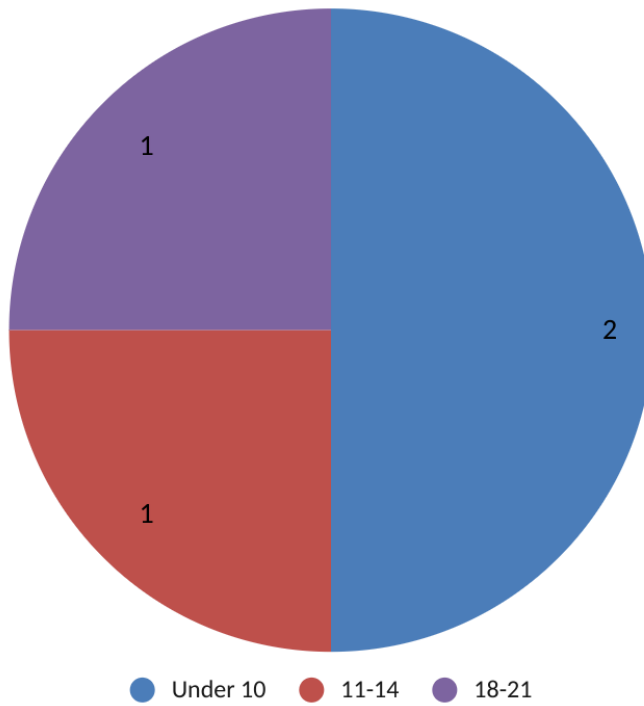
Question 6. Age(s): (Base 54)



0 - 5	27
6 - 12	43
13 - 17	23
18+	22

There were 54 responses to this part of the question. The top 3 age ranges are 6-12 (43), 0-5 (27) and 13-17 (23).

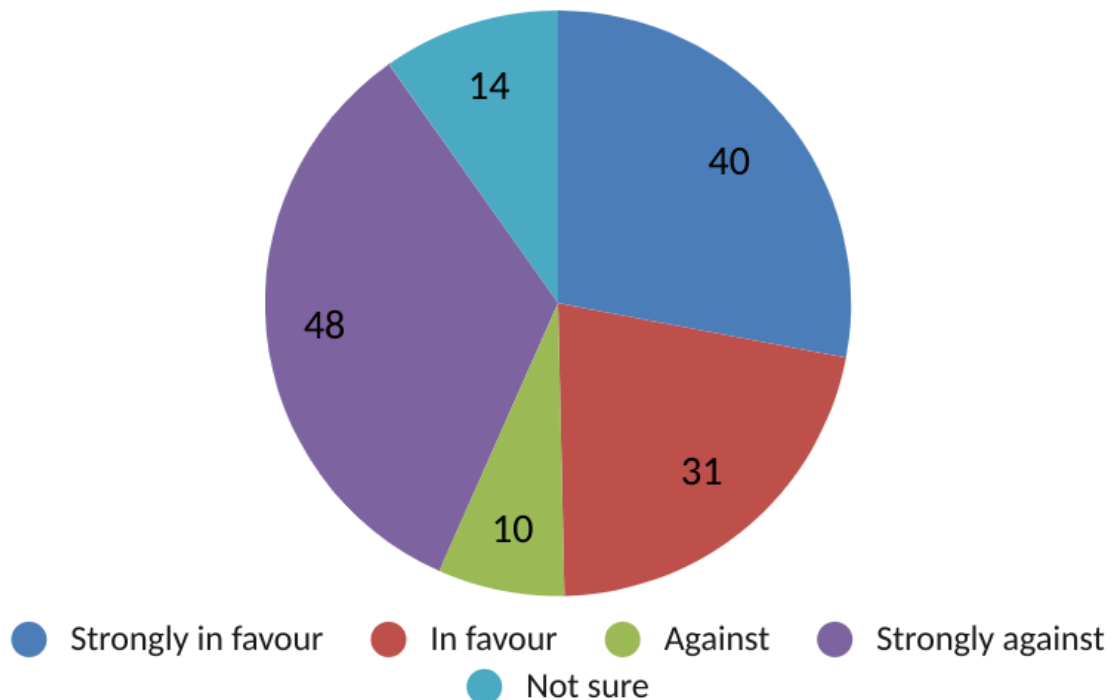
Question 7. Child/ young person- What is your age group? (Base 4)



Under 10	2
11-14	1
15-17	0
18-21	1

Option 1- Temporary MUGA

Question 8a. How do you feel about this proposal? (Base 143)



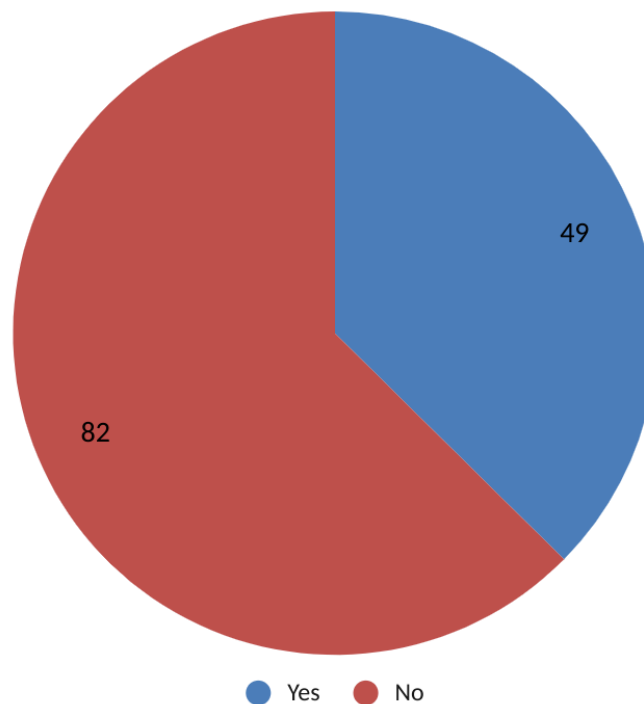
Strongly in favour	40
In favour	31
Against	10
Strongly against	48
Not sure	14

71 respondents (49.7%) were strongly in favour and in favour of the temporary MUGA proposal. 58 respondents (40.6%) were strongly against and against the temporary MUGA proposal. 14 respondents (9.8%) were unsure.

Question 8b. Please explain why: (Base 120)

The majority of responses made (49, 40.5%) felt there needed to have somewhere to play for the children. Respondents also raised the concern of the temporary MUGA potential disruption to residents or the estate in general (45, 37.1%). These respondents had safety or noise concerns that they felt the temporary MUGA would enhance. 17 respondents raised the point (14%) of them having no household demand for the temporary MUGA or felt that it would be underutilised. 8 respondents mentioned the use of the nearby park; Clissold Park being a suitable play space for children and young people on the estate.

Question 9a. Would you or your child /children use this temporary facility? (Base 131)



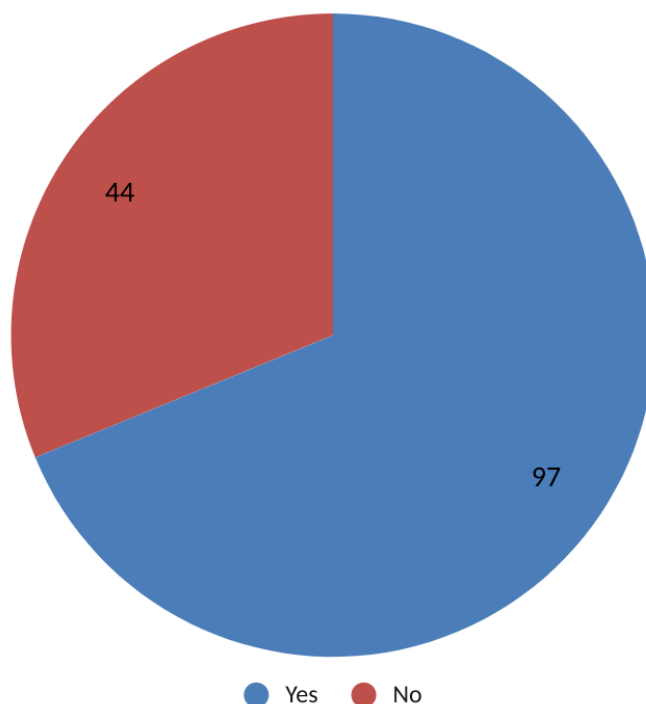
Yes	49
No	82

Of the 131 respondents who answered this question, 49 respondents said “yes” they would use this temporary facility. 82 respondents said “no”.

Question 9b. Please explain why: (Base 100)

100 responses were made to this part of the question. 36 respondents felt there needed to be a designated area for children to play. 15 felt that the facility would cause disruption or had concerns around anti-social behaviour and safety. Other respondents (30) had no household demand to use the temporary facility and 9 respondents felt that it would be better to utilise other green space or play areas such as Clissold Park or the Play Street.

Question 10a. Do you think there are any challenges with this option? (Base 141)



Yes	97
No	44

Of the 141 respondents, 97 felt that the temporary MUGA facility posed challenges.

Question 10b. Please explain why: (Base 93)

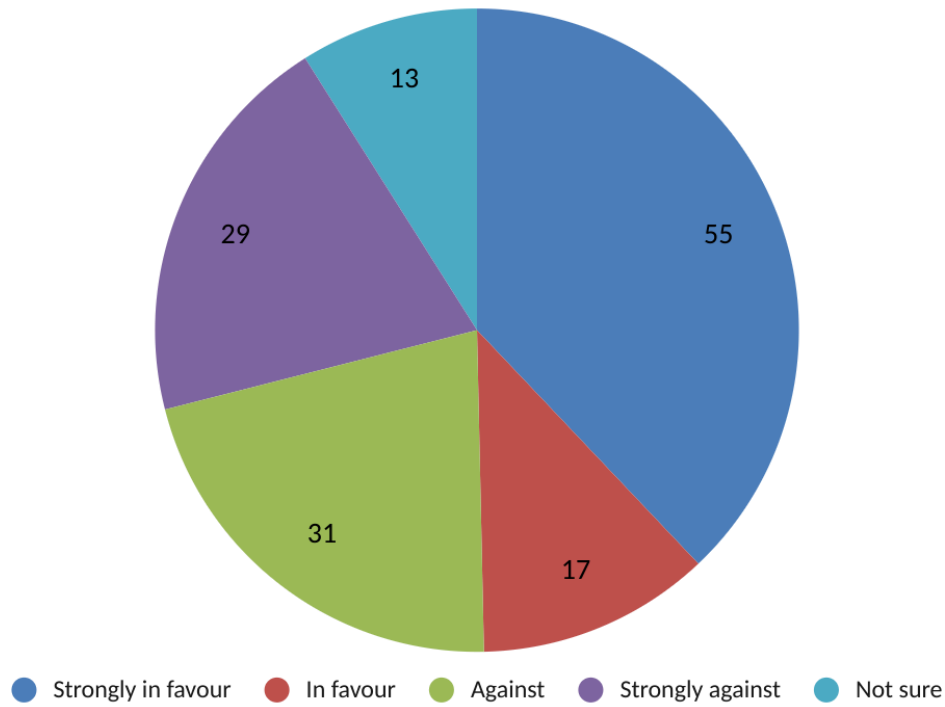
50 respondents felt that the temporary MUGA was too close to residents and would cause noise and disruption to the estate. 22 respondents felt the size, location or lack of supervision would be a challenge for the temporary MUGA. 23 respondents were concerned about antisocial behaviour or misuse of the facility. 15 respondents felt the temporary MUGA was too close to traffic, construction vehicle or pedestrian and cycle routes.

Question 11. Do you have any other suggestions for temporary play? (Base 103)

Of the 103 respondents, 39 suggested to utilise Clissold Park or host informal or organised activities in spaces already provided. 10 respondents suggested continued use of the existing Play Street or courtyards. 12 respondents suggested other locations on the estate with additional equipment. 27 respondents did not suggest any further temporary play facilities.

Option 2- No temporary play provision provided

Question 12a. How do you feel about this proposal? (Base 105)



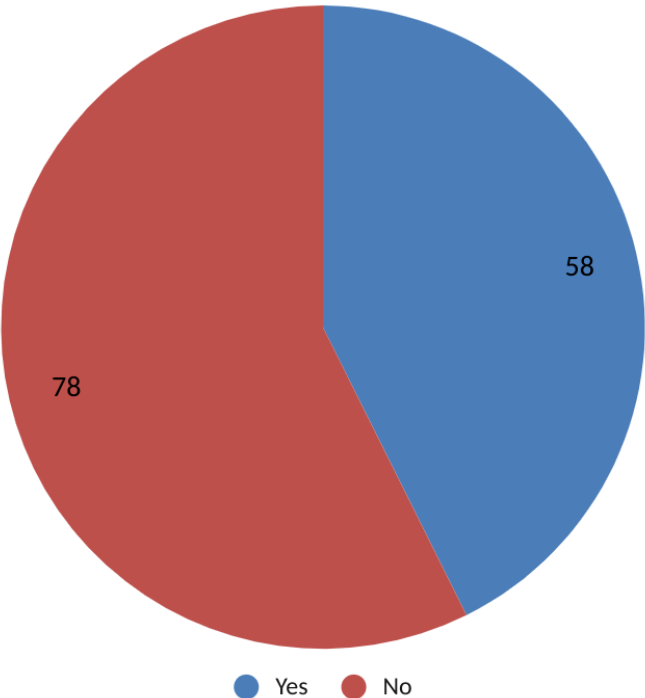
Strongly in favour	55
In favour	17
Against	31
Strongly against	29
Not sure	13

72 respondents were in favour and strongly in favour of having no temporary play provision. 60 respondents were against and strongly against having no temporary play provision. 13 respondents were not sure about this proposal.

Question 12b. Please explain why: (Base 101)

32 respondents felt there needed to be somewhere for children to play. 17 respondents felt that there would be some sort of disruption to the estate and commented on safety, anti-social and noise concerns. 26 respondents felt that children could utilise other lay space facilities such as Clissold Park and the Play Street. 23 respondents felt that there was no household demand for the MUGA or felt it would not be utilised.

Question 13a. Do you think there are any challenges with this option? (Base 136)



Yes	58
No	78

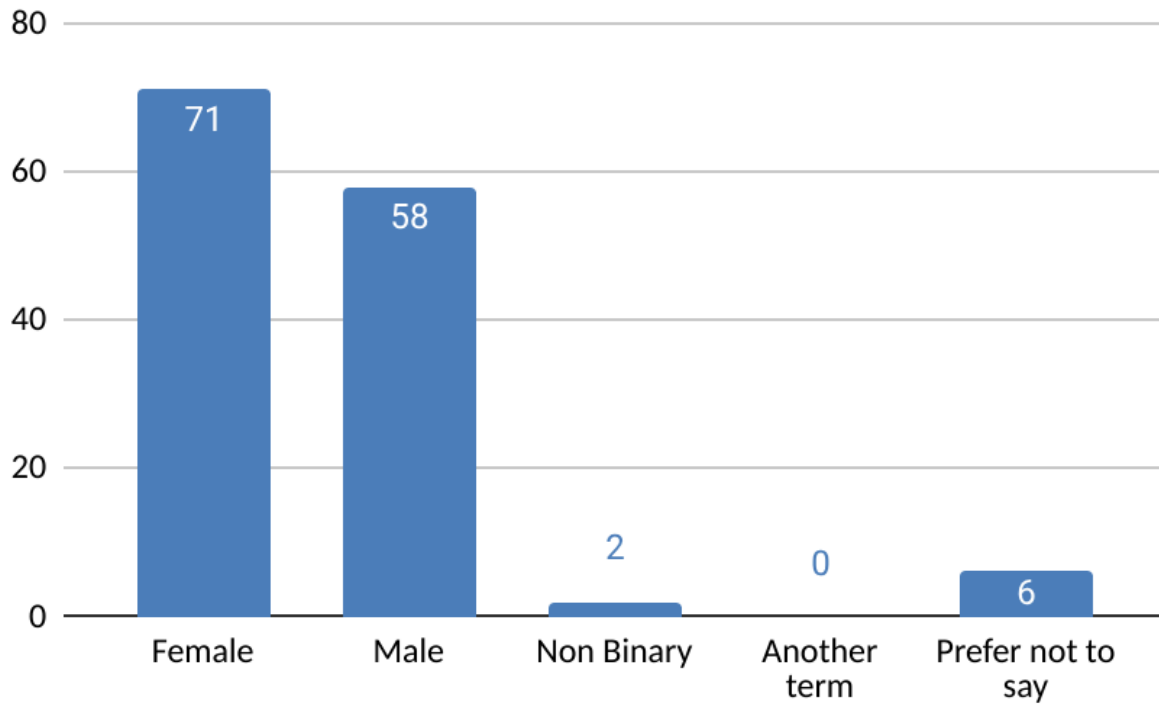
58 respondents thought there were challenges with the option to have no temporary MUGA facility. 78 respondents thought there were no challenges presented with this option.

Question 13b. Please explain why: (Base 66)

31 respondents felt that children needed somewhere to play or felt that children would use unsuitable locations as a key the challenges presented with having no temporary MUGA provision. 14 respondents felt that Clissold Park or the current facilities are sufficient for play.

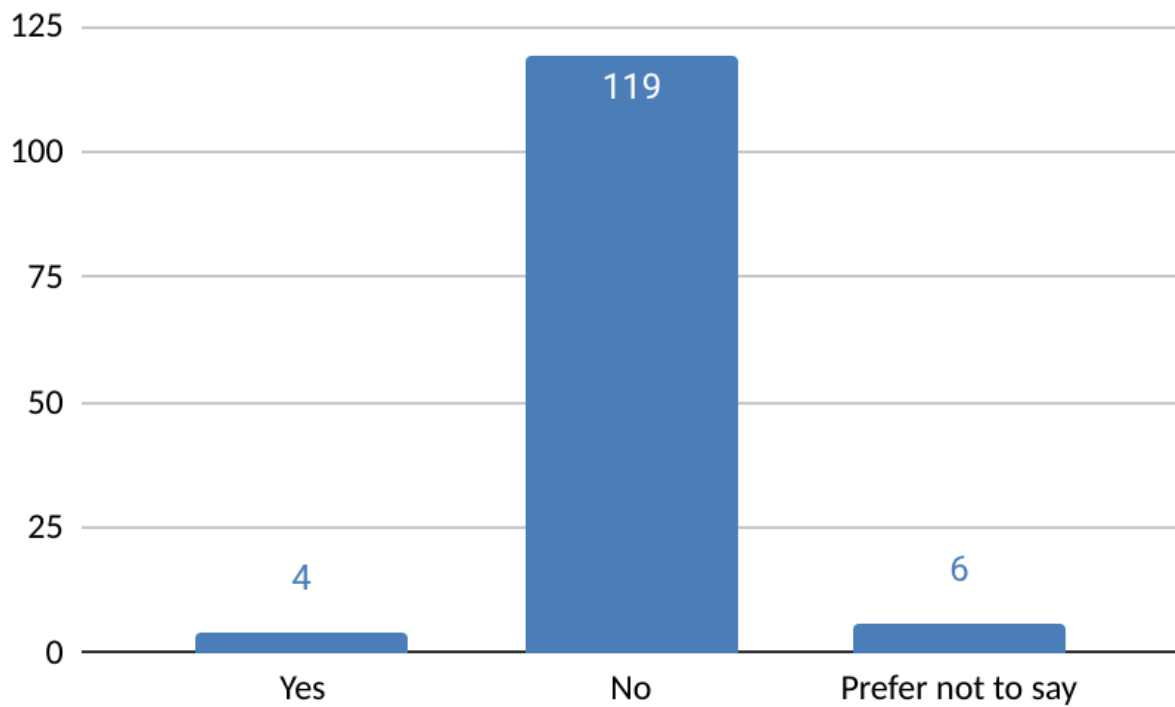
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Gender: Are you... (Base 137)



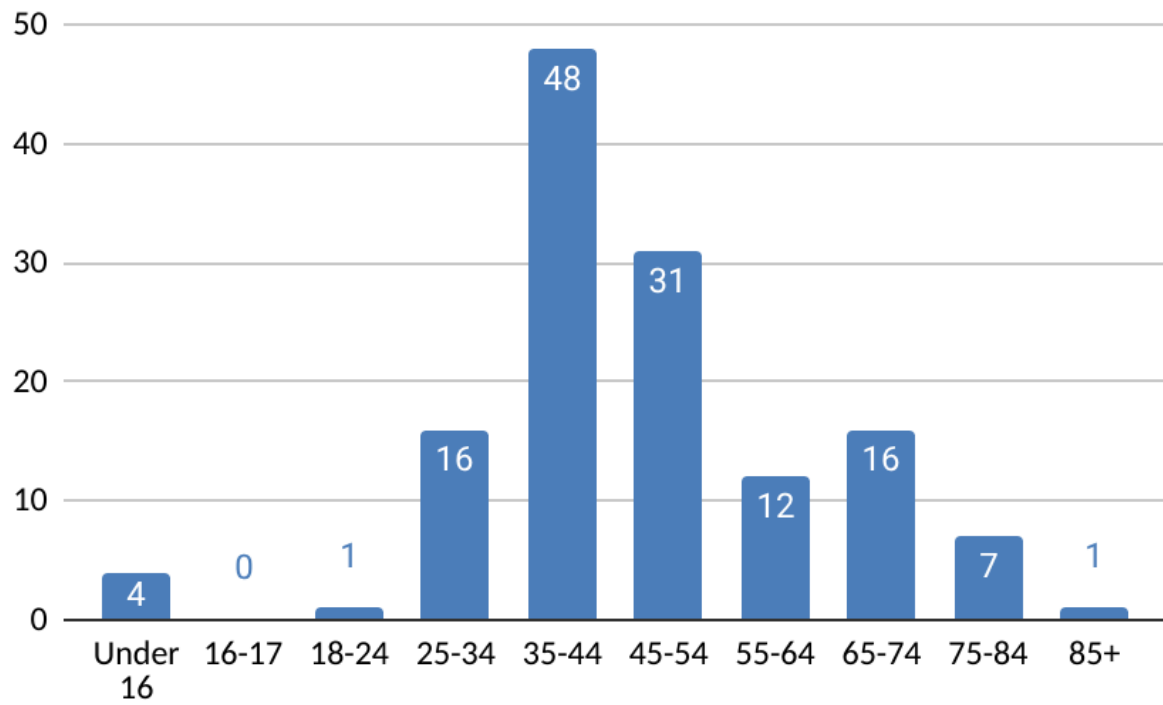
Female	71
Male	58
Non Binary	2
Another term	0
Prefer not to say	6

Are you transgender or do you have a history of being transgender? (Base 129)



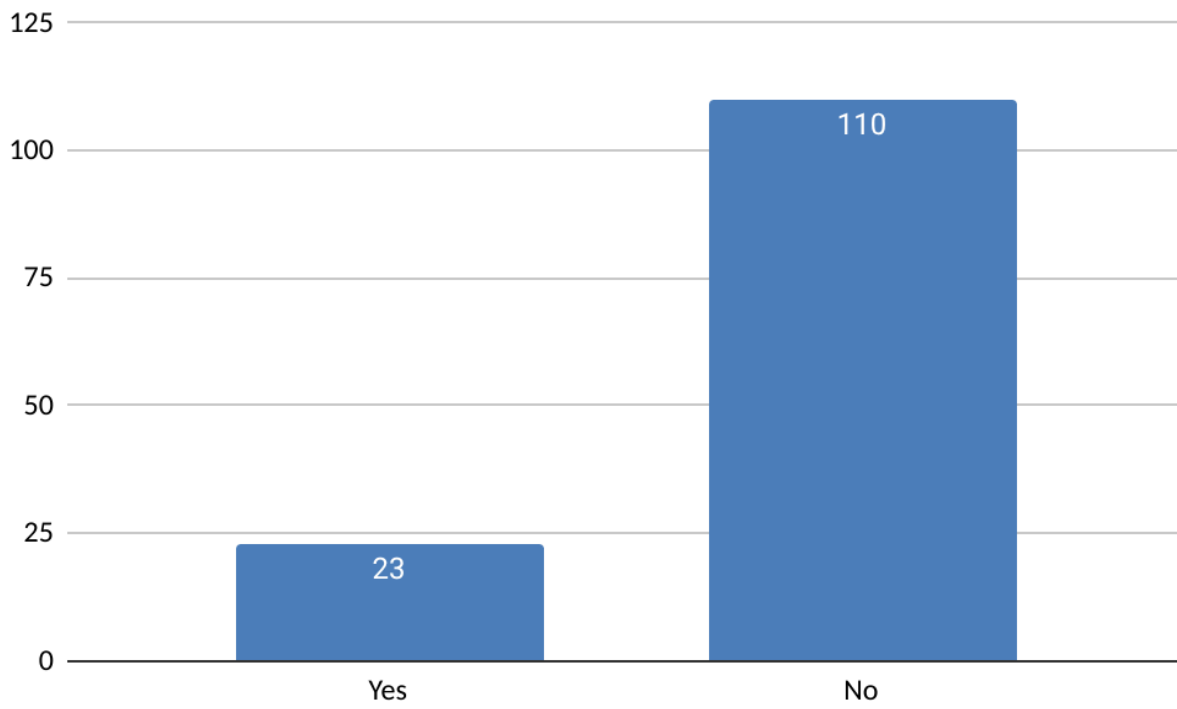
Yes	4
No	119
Prefer not to say	6

Age group: Are you... (Base 136)



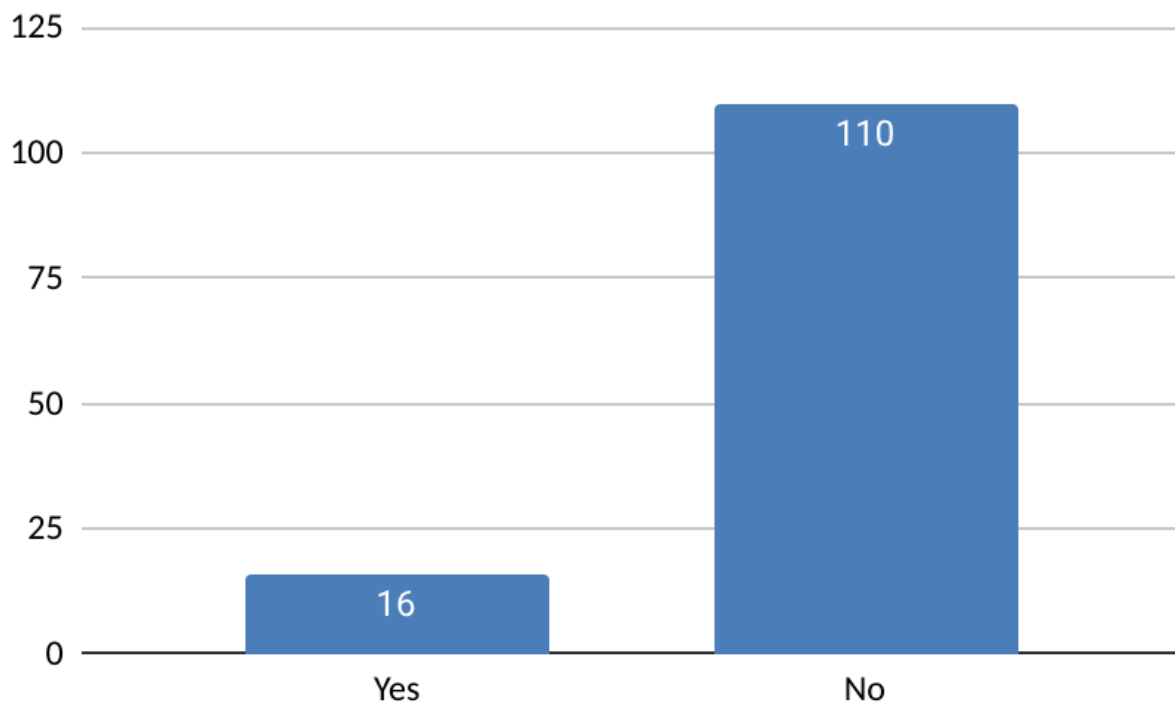
Under 16	4
16-17	0
18-24	1
25-34	16
35-44	48
45-54	31
55-64	12
65-74	16
75-84	7
85+	1

Disability (Base 133)



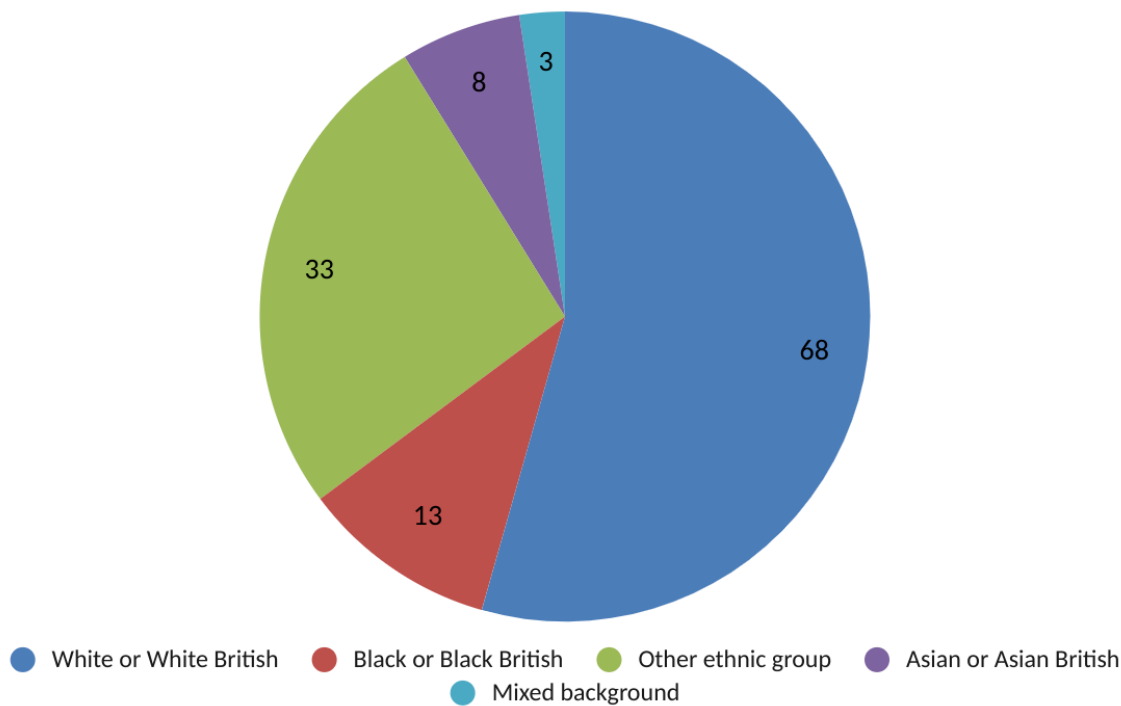
Yes	23
No	110

Caring responsibilities (Base 126)



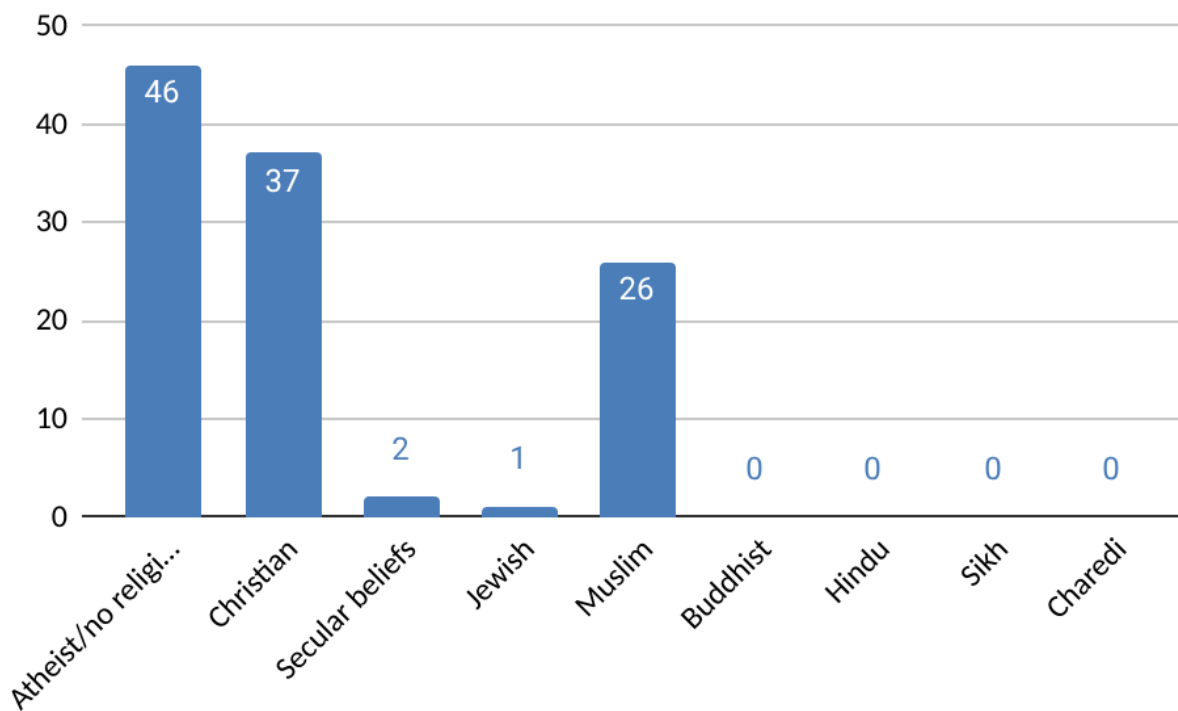
Yes	16
No	110

Ethnicity: Are you... (Base 129)



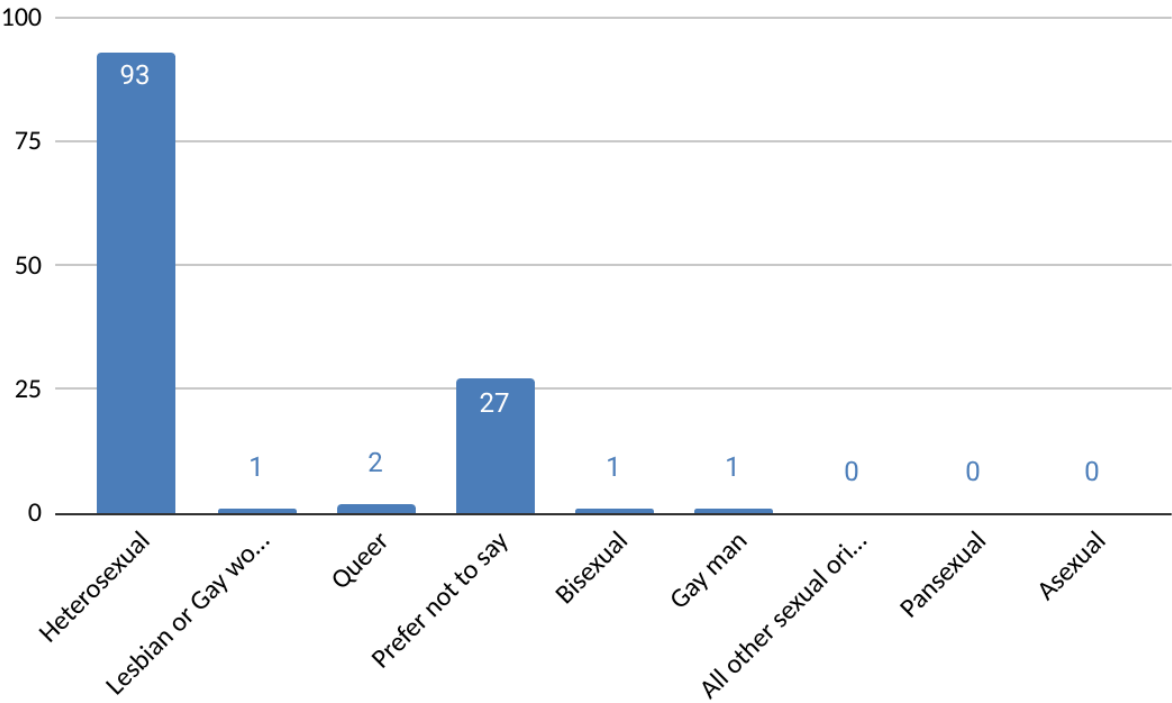
White or White British	68
Black or Black British	13
Other ethnic group	33
Asian or Asian British	8
Mixed background	3

Religion: Are you... (Base 123)



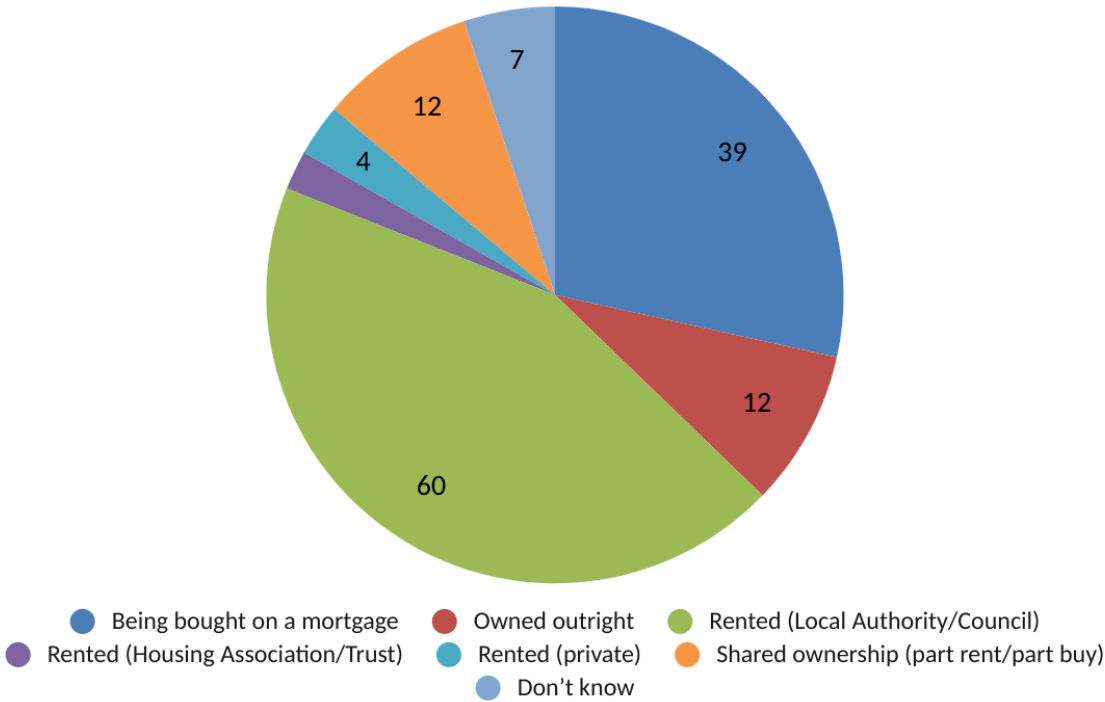
Atheist/no religious belief	46
Christian	37
Secular beliefs	2
Jewish	1
Muslim	26
Buddhist	0
Hindu	0
Sikh	0
Charedi	0

Sexual orientation: Are you... (Base 127)



Heterosexual	93
Lesbian or Gay woman	1
Queer	2
Prefer not to say	27
Bisexual	1
Gay man	1
All other sexual orientations	0
Pansexual	0
Asexual	0

Housing Tenure: Which of the following best describes the ownership of your home? (Base 137)



Being bought on a mortgage	39
Owned outright	12
Rented (Local Authority/Council)	60
Rented (Housing Association/Trust)	3
Rented (private)	4
Shared ownership (part rent/part buy)	12
Don't know	7

Conclusion & Recommendations

The consultation regarding the proposed temporary Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) on the Murrain Road play street at the Kings Crescent estate received 146 responses. There were mixed views from residents. While some residents are in favor of the temporary MUGA, citing the need for play spaces for children, others have concerns regarding noise, disruption, and the location of the proposed facility. Many respondents also suggested alternative play options, such as utilising Clissold Park. There are also residents who are in favor of exploring other temporary play options on the estate.

Recommendations:

1. **Further Community Engagement:** Given the mixed responses, it is recommended to conduct further engagement with residents to address their specific concerns. This could include community meetings to identify alternative play options and its location.
2. **Explore Alternative Locations:** Investigate the feasibility of alternative locations for the temporary MUGA within the Kings Crescent estate, considering the concerns raised about proximity to residents' homes and potential noise disruption.
3. **Assess Usage of Existing Play Spaces:** Evaluate the current usage of existing play spaces, such as Clissold Park and the Play Street, and consider ways to enhance these spaces to accommodate the needs of children and young people on the estate.
4. **Develop a Management Plan:** If the temporary MUGA proceeds, develop a detailed management plan that addresses noise control, operating hours, and supervision to minimise disruption to residents.
5. **Communicate Decisions Clearly:** Communicate the final decision regarding the temporary MUGA to all residents, along with the reasons for the decision and any mitigation measures that will be implemented.
6. **Monitor and Review:** If the temporary MUGA is implemented, monitor its usage and impact on the community. Conduct a review after a set period to assess its effectiveness and address any ongoing concerns.