



Peninsula Gardens

Second public consultation on the redevelopment of Millennium Retail Park, Greenwich

This document offers an overview of the second stage of consultation undertaken in support of Peninsula Gardens, comprising the redevelopment of the existing B&Q and surface car parking at Millennium Retail Park. The second stage of consultation run for over two weeks between **Monday 19th July and Monday 9th August 2021**. Details of the consultation activities and the feedback that was received are summarised below. The consultation was undertaken in accordance with the Covid-19 regulations at the time.

Consultation activities in numbers

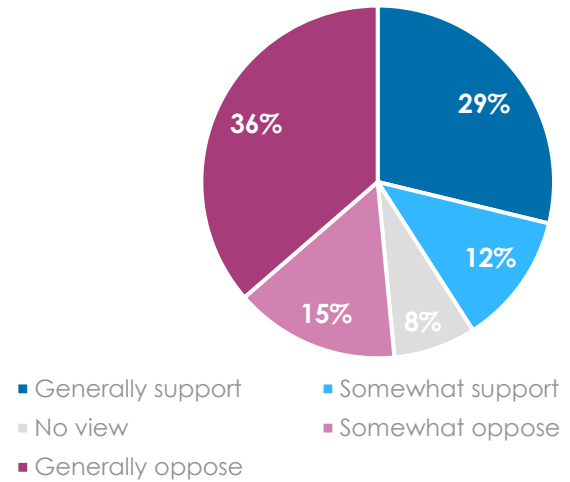
- The consultation team organised two types of in-person event:
 - A **two-day pop-up event** was held in **Southern Park** on **Saturday 24th and Monday 26th July** to advertise the consultation process and answer any initial questions on the proposals. Across the two days, we spoke to **54 people**.
 - There were also **two drop-in sessions** at **Greenwich Yacht Club** on **Tuesday 27th and Thursday 29th July**. This provided members of the public the opportunity to meet the design team and ask any questions they had on the proposals. In total, **6 people** attended across the two days.
- The team hosted an online event held via Zoom on **Wednesday 28th July 2021**. This allowed the team, which included members from London Square, Assael Architecture, Planit-ie, Arup and Kanda Consulting to present the proposals to the local community. This was followed by a question-and-answer session with attendees. **9 attendees registered** for the event and **2 attended**.
- A member of the consultation team hosted a virtual assembly at Millennium Primary School on 14th July and asked students to produce designs for the new public square. A total of **49** illustrations were produced by the schoolchildren.
- A newsletter was sent to **5,511** local addresses. This offered an overview of the proposals, details of how to visit the consultation website, and advertised the drop-in, pop-up and online events.
- A dedicated consultation website, www.MRPGreenwich.co.uk, provided a more detailed overview of the proposals than the first stage of consultation. In total, **502** users visited the consultation website, and **71** users provided their feedback.¹
- Letters were sent via email to key local community groups, ward councillors and relevant Cabinet Members to make them aware of the ongoing public consultation.

¹ Website visitor statistics to www.MRPGreenwich.co.uk between 19/7/2021 and 9/8/2021

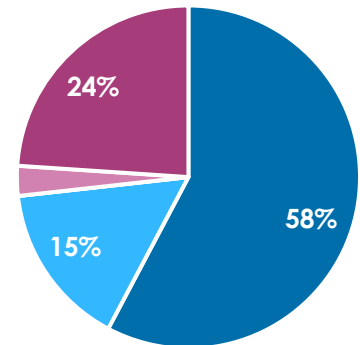
Consultation feedback

- Feedback was **mixed**. Although respondents were positive about the site's redevelopment and particularly the proposed greening and landscaping design, some still had concerns about more general issues, particularly infrastructure capacity in the borough.
- Notably there were fewer attendees and objections than the first round of consultation. This is generally expected but suggests that some consultees were happy with scheme evolution and direction.
- Residents were **positive** about the **introduction of new commercial space, the greening and biodiversity measures within the proposals, the sustainability measures and the new public square**.
- As with the first stage, **residents provided helpful suggestions for the commercial space**, and this largely aligned with the first stage of consultation. This included **bars, restaurants, cafes, independent shops and supermarkets**, but also wider social and health infrastructure.
- **Design changes, including the reduction in the number of homes and building heights were generally well received** – although some still were opposed to increasing the amount of housing in Greenwich Peninsula.
- Respondents did flag some **concerns** about the proposals, including **height and density, local infrastructure capacity, demand for public transport, increased traffic and loss of parking**. Most of these could be regarded as general concerns about development on the peninsula and were not specific to these plans.
- A key strong theme across responses was **a perception of a lack of public transport capacity**, with many saying local buses and the tube from North Greenwich are already oversubscribed. The transport consultant Arup are subsequently undertaking modelling on this.

Do you support the proposals to deliver circa 1,300 new homes – including at least 35% affordable housing – on the site?



Do you support the proposals to create a new public square on the site?



Do you support the proposed provision of a range of non-residential ground floor uses on-site?

