

Appendix 1:

Consultation results

Background

The consultation period ran from 17 December 2020 to 29 January 2020. Using a range of communication and engagement methods a total of 1,022 responses consultation were received. This high response rate gives statistical reliability and means that the overall results should be indicative of the wider Newport population.

The following methods were used:

- A social media campaign using the Council's communication channels and linking to an online survey
- Cascade of the consultation through the Council's extensive One Newport partnership network
- Promotion of the consultation to Newport Live's customers
- Direct promotion to group representing key equalities interests
- Involvement of Newport Youth Council and Newport Fairness Commission
- Promotion of the consultation to local businesses through the Council's economic regeneration e-newsletter
- Note that the distribution of surveys within leisure facilities was only possible for less than one week of the consultation period before premises had to close again due to Covid19 restrictions. Furthermore the unprecedented public health restrictions have meant that this consultation programme has been planned around online engagement methods and that further work on the design, facility and activity mix will seek to involve user groups including those who have lower levels of engagement in the consultation up to this point.

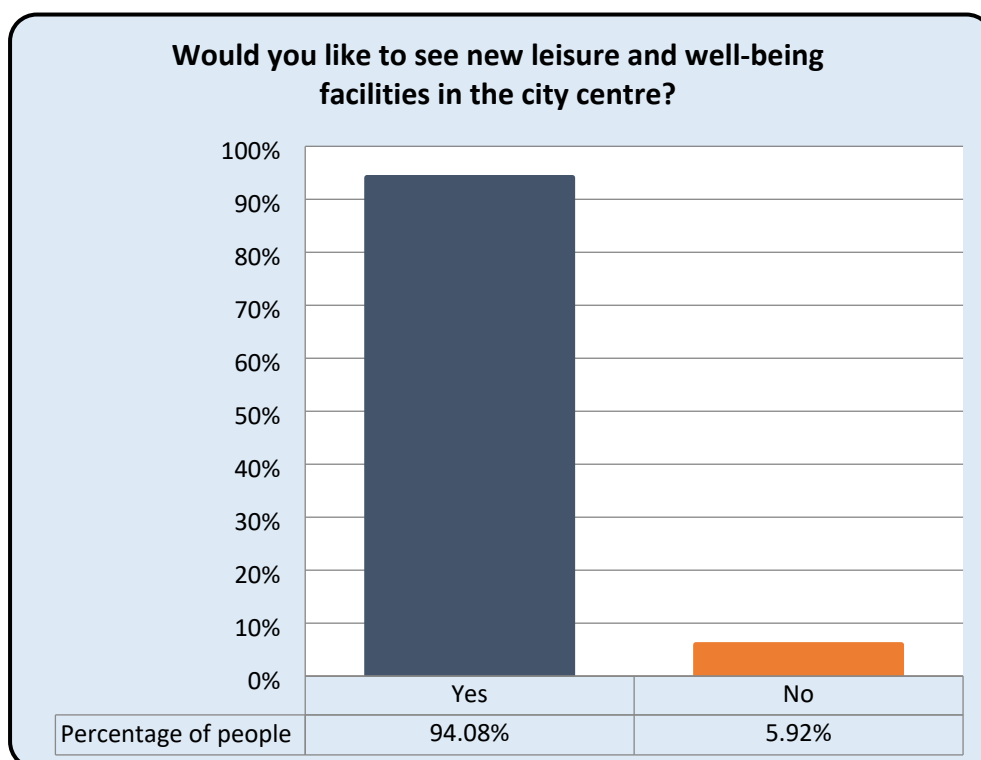
The findings of this consultation have informed the **Fairness and Equalities Impact Assessment** which accompanies this report.

Key results

Q1: Would you like to see new leisure and well-being facilities in the city centre?

Like to see new facilities	Number of people	Percentage of people
Yes	954	94.08%
No	60	5.92%

Total responses 1014



Selected Responses

There were 85 individual comments in response to this question the following are a selection of the points raised in the respondents own words.

Yes, this is very much needed and supports the wellbeing of residents. This is something I would use personally and it will bring more people to the city centre.

It would be great to see new facilities. The NC is tired and in need of maintenance. Facilities need to improve to bring them in line with other private facilities.

To give the city centre a more active/sporty feel. encouraging active living.

Why not save a lot of money under present financial pressures by improving the existing leisure centre? These plans merely replicate an existing building for no discernible reason.

Yes but NOT moved further away from the actual city centre. Keep the existing site as it is convenient to Newport residents.

Keep it out by the sports village making it a one stop place for sport to compete with the best in the UK not just Wales.

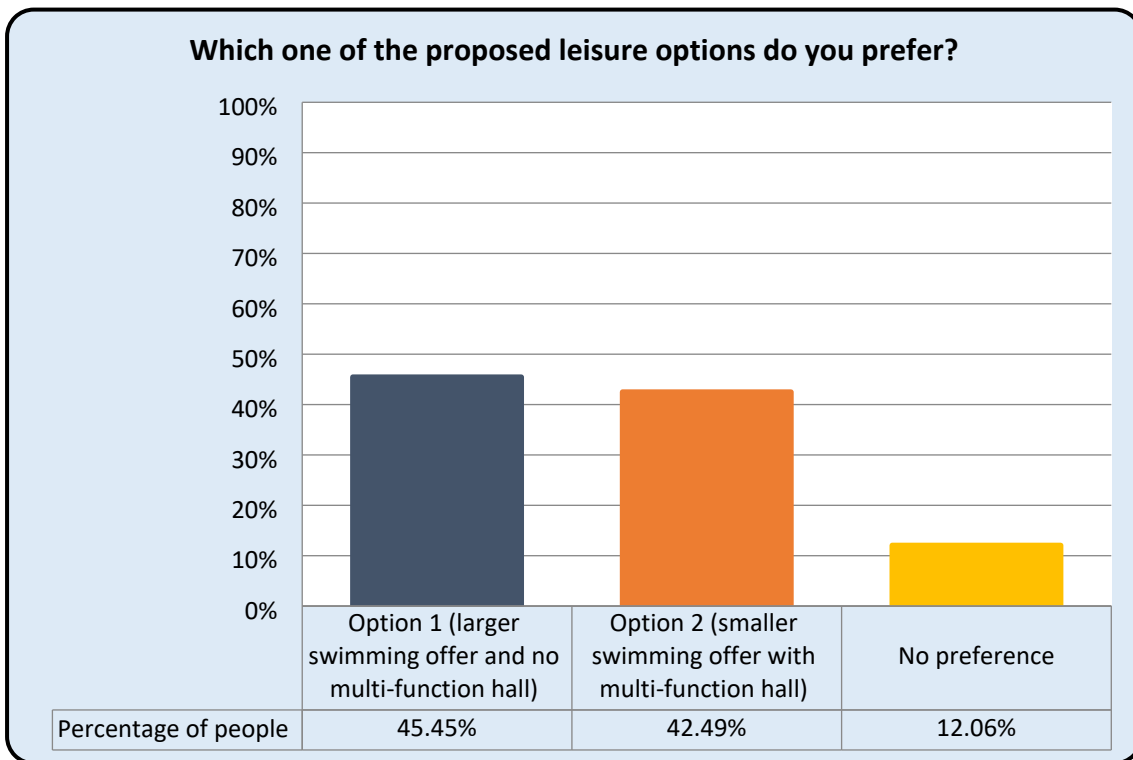
Yes but please make sure there is a slide or something fun for kids, as I remember wanting to go specifically to the leisure centre instead of Maindee for the slide and wave machine because it was fun. A pool like Swansea's leisure centre would be great as there is generally nothing for kids to do on weekends like there was when I was younger. Plus, this would give people from outside Newport a place to visit for fun.

Bad traffic in city centre and expensive parking.

Q2: Which one of the proposed leisure options do you prefer?

Preferred option	Number of people	Percentage of people
Option 1 (larger swimming offer and no multi-function hall)	460	45.45%
Option 2 (smaller swimming offer with multi-function hall)	430	42.49%
No preference	122	12.06%

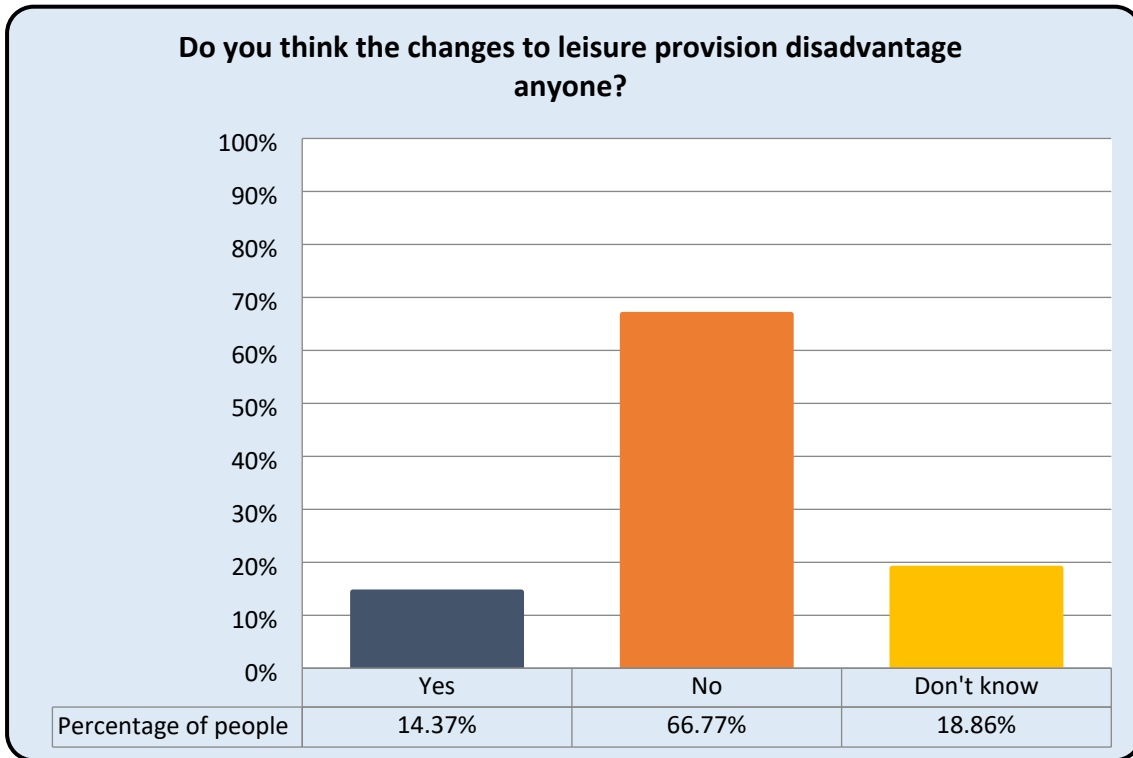
Total responses 1012



Q3: Do you think the changes to leisure provision disadvantages anyone?

Disadvantage anyone	Number of people	Percentage of people
Yes	144	14.37%
No	669	66.77%
Don't know	189	18.86%

Total responses 1002

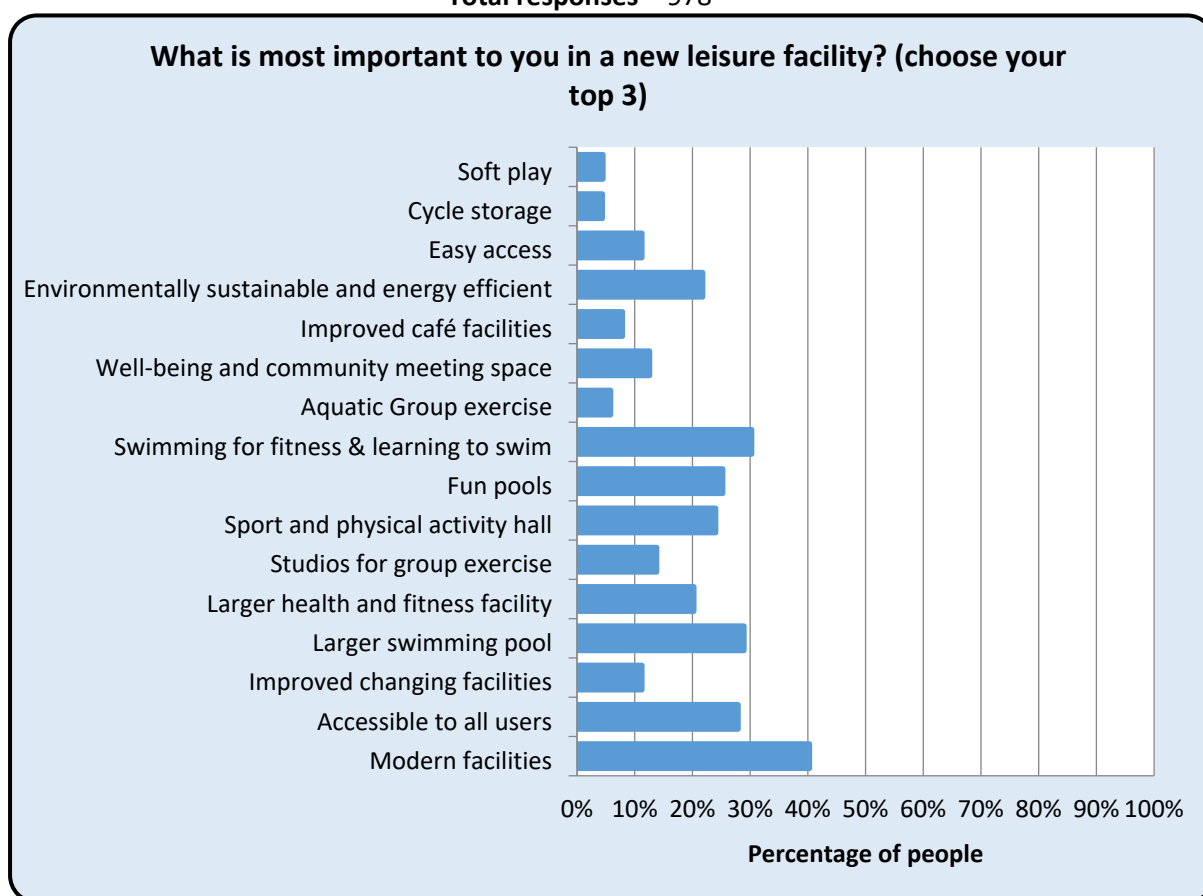


Note - the responses to this question have informed the Fairness and Equality Impact Assessment which is also appended to this report.

Q4: What is most important to you in a new leisure facility?

What is most important?	Number of people	Percentage of people
Modern facilities	394	40.29%
Accessible to all users	273	27.91%
Improved changing facilities	110	11.25%
Larger swimming pool	283	28.94%
Larger health and fitness facility	198	20.25%
Studios for group exercise	135	13.80%
Sport and physical activity hall	235	24.03%
Fun pools	247	25.26%
Swimming for fitness & learning to swim	296	30.27%
Aquatic Group exercise	57	5.83%
Well-being and community meeting space	123	12.58%
Improved café facilities	77	7.87%
Environmentally sustainable and energy efficient	213	21.78%
Easy access	110	11.25%
Cycle storage	43	4.40%
Soft play	44	4.50%

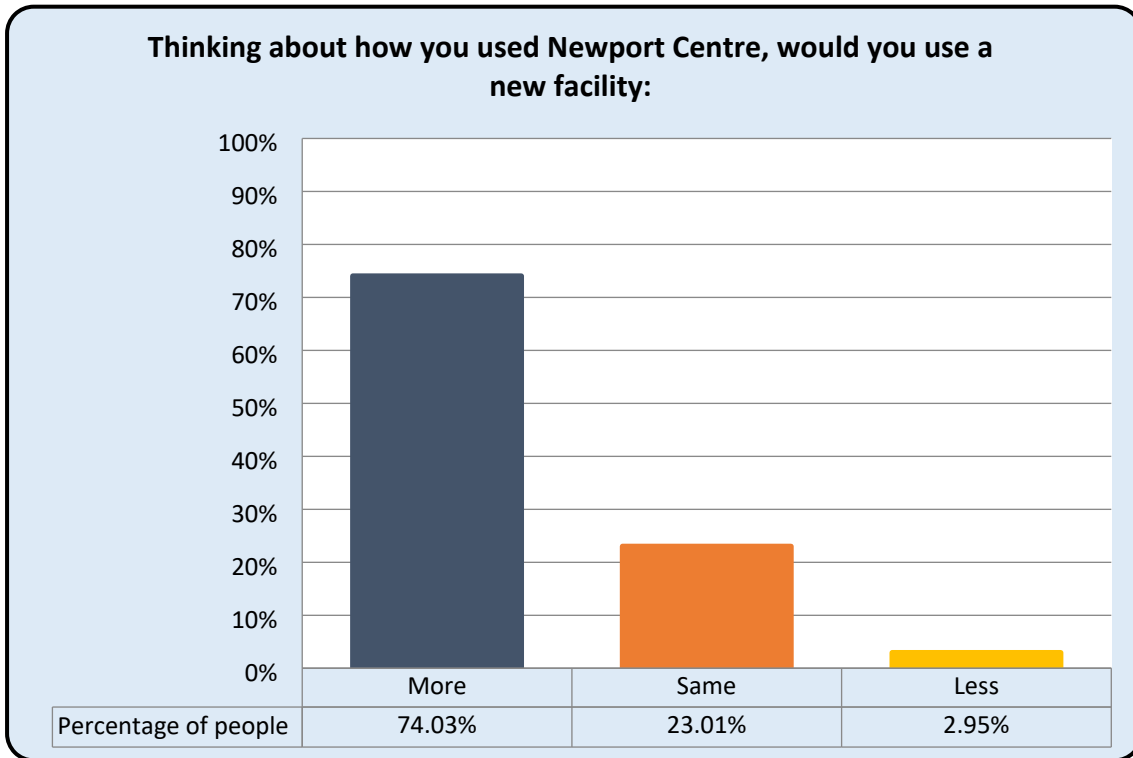
Total responses 978



Q6: Thinking about how you used Newport Centre, would you use a new facility:

Use a new facility...	Number of people	Percentage of people
More	727	74.03%
Same	226	23.01%
Less	29	2.95%

Total responses 982



Q7: Are there any additional facilities you think should be provided in the new centre?

Additional facilities	Number of people	Percentage of people
Yes	404	44.79%
No	498	55.21%

Total responses 902

Selected Responses

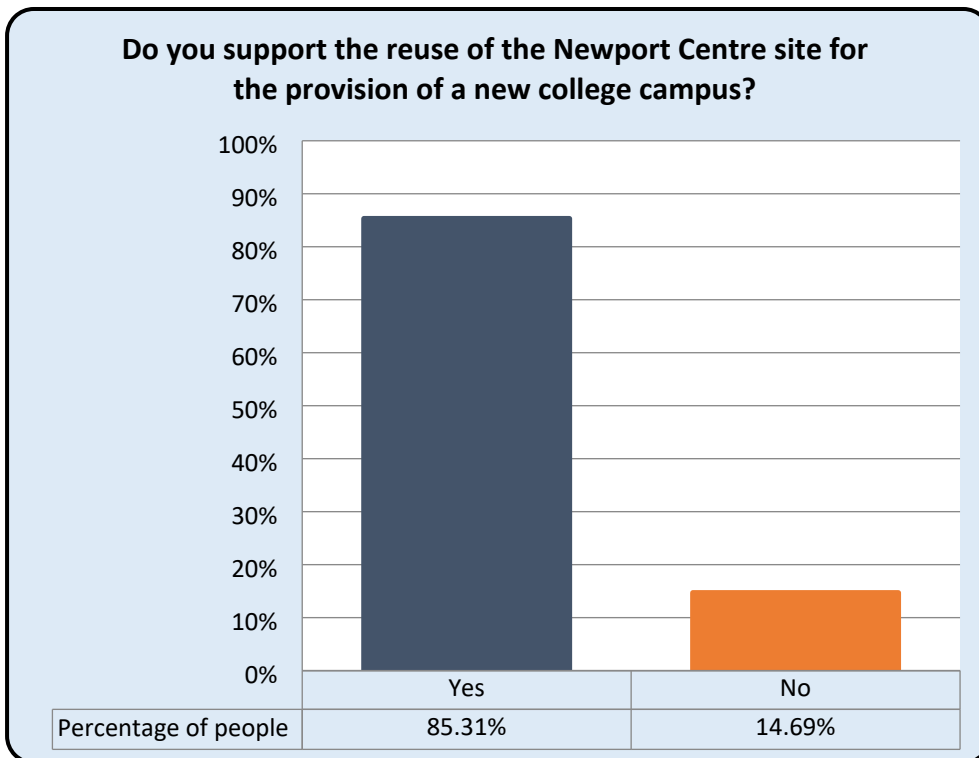
There were 470 individual suggestions in response to this question the following are a selection of the most common themes in the respondents own words.

Perhaps a community learning hub with access to computer facilities.
The large sports hall should be able to host large music events. In the 90s Newport Centre hosted amazing bands and it was hugely beneficial to the city's economy. I don't want to see that facility lost.
No, pool and gym is enough. Just those two activities but do it well, rather than packing loads and have little spaces for things.
I think it would be beneficial and a good idea, if there were some additional indoor and outdoor tennis courts, in the city centre apart from those at the Tennis Centre in Spytty.
Quiet space in roof top gardens for meditation or sensory garden.
A working roof maybe running track on top or 3g pitch or tennis court.
I think there should be cricket facilities in place given the large increase in participation since the 2019 World Cup.
I would like the facility to be accessible to as many people as possible. To do this you need to reach out to different communities and ask them if the plans are accessible or not.
Youth provision for engaging young people in the city centre.
Massage and teaching rooms.
Child requests multiple flumes!
Please make it fun for children, we often travel to the Cardiff bay pool for their kids play pool- would be great to have even better facilities close to home.
Squash courts. None of your centres have them!
Secure cycle storage is very important for me. I could easily cycle the 3/4 miles from home to Newport Centre if there was a secure storage for my bike. Many other cyclists I know feel the same way. This does not mean a cycle rack at the end of the car park. It needs to be a room near reception with a managed system to store and retrieve bikes.
Safe walkways from Town Centre and along the river (not everyone drives). Public transport for easy access for all.

Q8: Do you support the reuse of the Newport Centre site for the provision of a new college campus?

New college campus	Number of people	Percentage of people
Yes	842	85.31%
No	145	14.69%

Total responses 987



Breakdown of responses by Electoral Ward.

Ward	Number of people	Percentage of people
Allt-Yr-Yn	129	12.68%
Alway	12	1.18%
Beechwood	45	4.42%
Bettws	31	3.05%
Caerleon	53	5.21%
Gaer	53	5.21%
Graig	25	2.46%
Langstone	27	2.65%
Llanwern	16	1.57%
Lliswerry	78	7.67%
Malpas	47	4.62%
Marshfield	12	1.18%
Pillgwenlly	39	3.83%
Ringland	30	2.95%
Rogerstone	81	7.96%
Shaftesbury (Crindau)	20	1.97%
St Julians	99	9.73%
Stow Hill	44	4.33%
Tredegar Park (Duffryn)	26	2.56%
Victoria (Maindee)	56	5.51%
I don't live in Newport	94	9.24%

Equalities Monitoring

Detailed equalities and demographic monitoring information has been collected about respondents to this consultation and this is summarised in the Fairness and Equalities Impact Assessment ([appendix 1](#))