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# **Community Consultation into Peel Park and a Community Hub**

## **Little Hulton Big Local 2017 - 2018**

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## Background

**Little Hulton Big Local's (LHBL) aim is “to Unite Little Hulton as a Community and to Enhance Local People’s Wellbeing”.**

In July 2010 the Big Lottery launched its Big Local programme and awarded £1million to 150 local areas across the country. The Neighbourhood Manager from Salford City Council liaised with Lottery Commissioners on behalf of Little Hulton to apply for the investment.

In November 2012 the Big Local Partnership Board was formed. The first Board meeting was held in December 2012. The first Big Local Plan was endorsed in July 2014.

**This plan was developed through consultation with local residents and stakeholders, and three priorities for development were identified:**

- Young People
- Employment and Wellbeing
- Community Centre/ Hub

In the spring of 2017 we started the consultation process to refresh and renew the Community Plan Little Hulton Big Local. We conducted a resident and stakeholder survey checking support for the Big Local existing priorities and three suggested new priorities

## Community Researchers Cohort One

As part of the consultation process Little Hulton Big Local worked with The Broughton Trust on a Community Researchers Project.

Two of the community researchers attempted to audit existing community assets / hubs and also community potential assets / hubs. They communicated with existing service providers and key holders. They researched vacant sites and buildings, contacting landlords and agents. They visited a number of asset-based projects outside the area, which offer a range of services and opportunities for personal improvement and change.



## Findings:

- There is an impression of a uncoordinated and inconsistent range of services provided for the community
- There is no sense of permanence, continuity or progression for individuals which reduces motivation and trust
- Some effective centre-based provision is limited by location and lack of scope for expansion  
There is very poor communication about physical assets from the people who should know; anything to do with buildings appears 'top secret' and dealt with in a 'cloak and dagger' way
- There is a growing demand for buildings in Little Hulton and the supply of rented buildings, suitable as a community hub offering a range of co-ordinated services, seems very limited
- Fewer front line services appear to be offered locally e.g. drug and alcohol services are offered elsewhere necessitating travel
- Many potential community activities would struggle to find suitable accommodation or land e.g. pop-up cinema, summer school, skate park
- Little Hulton is denied asset-based services that have impacted effectively in other areas such as Langworthy (Cornerstone) or Kersal (Garden Needs)

## Youth Hub

In March 2017 Little Hulton Big Local Youth Unity Task launched a youth club at Little Hulton Library.

The club was immediately popular with young people and up to 50 young people attend each week.

Originally the Youth Unity Task Group explored the option of further capital investment in Little Hulton Library to enhance the youth hub but highlighted two major weaknesses in regard to developing the library as a youth hub.

### The weaknesses being:

- Lack of outdoor space and limited options to develop the existing outdoor space due to the Library's proximity to Little Hulton precinct
- It's proximity to the precinct is also the second weakness due to residential maisonettes above the shops and a busy youth club would not be welcomed by all residents

## Young People's Consultation

Children and young people has always been a priority area for Little Hulton Big Local and we felt it was essential that the views of young people shaped our new plan. On



General Election day (8th June), we asked young people at Harrop Fold School and at the Youth Unity session a set of questions designed as voting cards.

**99 young people answered the question “If there was a perfect place for young people to hang out in Little Hulton what would it look like?”**

For some young people this would be a free or inexpensive Youth Club. It would be spacious, clean, safe, eye-catching and friendly with a variety of activities on offer:

- Football, cricket and other sports
- Music and dance
- Arts and crafts
- Gaming / PC and internet access
- Picnic area / ice cream seller / café or snack bar

For some young people this would be a fabulous park (or an improvement of an existing park). A big field or park with a shelter and benches, somewhere for the girls to sit and talk, with loads of activities.

- Sports pitches
- Bike / BMX / skate Park
- Water Park
- Rides / zip wire / trampoline

For some young people this would be a fabulous Sports and Leisure facility:

- Children having fun
- Swimming and Sauna
- Basketball
- Pool tables
- Table tennis

For some young people this would be a range of commercial outlets catering for young people:

- Food and drink outlets
- Phone shop
- Gaming shop
- Clothes shop

**91 young people answered the question “Little Hulton Big Local has approximately £900,000 to invest in our area. Adults tell us that we should invest in activities for children and young people. What are your ideas?”**

The responses to this question closely reflected the ideas of those who described the perfect place for young people to hang out. Youth club, park, leisure centre and



retail outlets were suggested along with supporting after school clubs (that were not about school subject) and schools and colleges.

If you are a young person in Little Hulton there is no quality place to hang out and if you are a family living in Little Hulton there is nowhere to go. We do not even have a McDonalds, a family pub or major supermarket.

The young people's consultation echoed views identified in our priorities survey and identified by our Community Researchers.

**There is nothing for the kids to do here. Every weekend we're off work we travel out to find something to do, every holiday we're away we never stay in the area, there's nothing for the kids or the whole family to do here.**

Local resident's response to our priorities survey

## **Value Management Option Definition Workshop Report**

In August 2017 LHBL completed work on a new three plan which covered the period October 2017 to September 2020.

The priorities in plan being the original three priorities:

- 1.** Community Centre / Hub
- 2.** Young People
- 3.** Employment and Wellbeing

Plus three new priorities

- Activities that support people's mental health, happiness and wellbeing
- The environment
- Activities for older people / intergenerational activities

In the plan we also identified the need for a full feasibility report into the development of a community hub. In the plan we also committed to ring fence £200,000 of Little Hulton Big Local's funding for investment into a Community Hub

Following on from producing the new plan in the autumn of 2017 Little Hulton Big Local Board Member - Claire Darlington lead the Little Hulton Board through a Value Management Option Definition exercise (see appendix one).

Through this exercise we identified our preferred option for development as Community Hub would be Peel Park Pavilion.

## **Community Building Audit**



In November 2017 we completed an audit of community buildings across Little Hulton (see appendix two).

This audit identified that there are a number of community buildings across Little Hulton that are potentially already community hubs and all of them appear to be under used.

## What is a Community Hub?

Results of the Community Building Audit Identified a key question. If there are a number of under used community buildings across Little Hulton, why has the need for Community Hub been identified as a priority through our community consultation?

Between December 2017 and June 2018 we conducted an exercise where we asked local residents **“What do the words ‘community hub’ mean to you?”**

We received 198 responses to this question (see appendix three).

From the responses it was clear that a Community Hub is not just about a building it is also about a community led organisation.

### What do the words Community Hub mean to you?

**A central organisation with the people of community interests and happiness at the heart creating a closer neighbourhood.**

**Community hub means like a wheel of progress that drives the community. An environment where people can come together and get things done and moving from the community.**

## The Community Hub move to larger premises

In the Autumn of 2017 a double shop unit became available on Little Hulton Precinct, this coincided with Little Hulton Big Local receiving a request through our Enterprise Grant scheme to fund a local craft business to take on a shop premises. The Board made the decision to take on the larger premises and offer local business an opportunity to test retail from our premises. The move to larger premises took longer than expected so initially we ran a pop up Christmas Shop at our original premises at 22 Little Hulton Precinct.

The experience of the pop up Christmas Shop demonstrated that there was some potential for a craft business on the precinct but there is not sufficient trade for Little Hulton Big Local to invest funds in a shop premises for a stand-alone craft business.

We moved into larger premises 27- 29 Little Hulton Precinct in January 2018



The move to the new premises has enabled us to offer a boarder range of services and attract services into Little Hulton to meet unmet need.

For example two organisations Achieve and Society Inc deliver SMART Recovery from the building.

In 2017, findings from the consultation between the Little Hulton Big Local (LHBL) and residents of the Little Hulton community, identified a higher than average unemployment rate, particularly among 18-24 year olds, with limited local provision for tailored support for employment.

Findings also highlighted reluctance to travel outside of Little Hulton for employment, education or training and the need to enhance volunteering opportunities and its links to employment.

During 2018 our Employment and Enterprise Task Group became concerned that Little Hulton has higher than average numbers of young people aged 16 -18 not in employment, education or training.

In response to these needs and concerns in we invited Sale Sharks to deliver their Advantage Programme for 16- 19 year olds not in education, employment or training from our new community hub.

Their first Advantage Programme started in February 2018.

Results from the first group of young people completing the first Advantage Programme showed clear evidence of impact.

## **Retention Achievements and Progression – Sale Sharks Cohort One Results**

- 17 learners enrolled
- 2 learners were asked to leave
- 15 learners completed
- All 15 learners successful with gaining their Maths and English functional skills at level one
- 11 learners successful in completing the whole qualification.
- 2 learners part completed left course early, no return after many attempts
- 2 learners incomplete, more focused on their Maths and English.
- 8 learners have successfully found employment or moved on to a college course and progressed. 3 learners we are still working with to find employment or progression

## **Stakeholder Questionnaires**



We carried out a Stakeholder Survey between February and July 2018 with current and potential users of Peel Park, asking how they would like the park to be developed and how they might use the park in the future (see appendix four). We received 27 responses from organisations.

Key findings included:

- People from organisations responsible for operating community buildings of their own had some concerns about a new facility and would like support to increase use of own their facilities  
**“Little Hulton Children’s Centre as I work here. The centre is used by various professionals including Health Visitors, Midwives, Orthoptist, Speech and Language therapists, The Early Help team (0-25), Integrated youth and support service, nursery and we also offer parenting courses, stay and play sessions, baby sessions and other activities for families. We would love to broaden this offer and get more courses up and running, activities for young people, a community café establish. There is so much potential as we have the infrastructure already”.**
- Any offer from the new building would need to be different from what is currently available here in Little Hulton  
**“As long as the offer is different as there are already a large amount of church halls; etc. sustainability of the building”**
- Parking issues would need to be resolved

Although a number of organisations have raised concerns, there are organisations who share our vision for Peel Park.

- 1.** The park needs to be accessible for people of all ages and abilities to enjoy. The facilities need to be developed so that all ages feel that the park and its facilities are available to them. Peel Park Pavilion would be used to provide indoor activities for children and young people in the summer and particularly over the school holidays. The facilities in the pavilion would need to be upgraded and improved so that they are more accessible to serve the needs of the people who use the pavilion.
- 2.** Indoor provision which will allow SCL to provide some form of physical or sporting activity, and storage for basic sports equipment. Free Wi-Fi (what the young people want), car parking, some form of coffee shop (like Parr Fold park). By providing a running circuit we can develop park runs. The current MUGA to look more inviting, currently it is always full of litter, smashed glass; etc. Adequate lighting around the facility, safety of staff, opening / locking in the evenings.
- 3.** We would like to see facilities that accommodate children of different age groups and levels. The pavilion needs to be bigger and able to hold functions as well as a cafe and separate area for people to relax, work, socialise and



hold meetings. An area that is able to be a multi-function space with upto date technology and a building that has a nice architectural and modern design which allows light and warmth during winter and cool and shaded areas during the hot summer months. The park should have an area for babies, and toddlers with a seperate area for older children and teens. There should be a designated area away from the main building for dogs. Security lighting, CCTV and Youth Workers should be present during times when needed. There should be a big car park that enables people from other communities to also come and use the facilities which brings in additional revenue to our community. A band stand or area for music and seating would be ideal for weddings, outdoor theatre or big events.

4. Personally, I would want a place that resembled a coffee shop or good quality / cosy cafeteria. Some of the cafeteria's available in Little Hulton cater for the workforce, offering "food on the go", rather than encouraging people to spend time, relax and be at ease. I would also like to see a community room, with equipment such as smart board, conferencing equipment, so this can be offered to community groups / professionals to hold annual events, meetings etc. In addition to a larger community room for meetings etc, personally, I would like to see some counselling type rooms, where 1-2-1 interventions can be held, which create a safe, nurturing space for clients. Paying attention to décor, lighting etc. It may be a good idea to also offer some community groups storage facilities, as this is something that Society Inc previously struggled with and I had to store items at home initially. You could actually create a revenue, by charging a small fee to groups to hold their items securely.

The Stakeholder Questionnaire was also used to identify organisations space requirements in a refurbished Pavilion and these are outlined below:

### **Space Requirements Peel Park Pavilion:**

- Office Space four people
- A small space for test retail
- One to one room
- Toilet to be accessible for public use when the build is open
- Flexible café / catering area that can be used for pop up café and as a kitchen for building users
- One small / medium meeting space for 10-15 people
- Additional multi use flexible space that would enable our youth provision to be co-located in our building
- Flexible storage space
- A building that flows into the park but has a defined transition area i.e. patio area



# Little Hulton Big Local Community - Led Research Project

To further develop our ideas around Peel Park we commissioned a second Community Research Project this time focusing the Future of Peel Park as a Community Asset. Nine local residents worked on this project between May to July 2018.

## Findings

### Phase 1: Preliminary Research

There is an observable gap between the condition and use of Peel Park and neighbouring parks.

Many residents are unsure what a 'community hub' is but the idea still generates interest.

Public parks, nationally and internationally, have had to adapt to changing pressures both of finance and public need, and increasingly lean towards the community for their maintenance and development.

### Phase 2: Joint Research Topic

Two thirds of the people interviewed have used the Park in the last 12 months but under half have used the Park more than once a month.

Of those not using the Park the main reasons cited were safety, cleanliness and distance.

A third or more respondents rated the overall impression, facilities and safety of the Park, as poor.

The main uses of the Park were for play and dog walking.

Over half the respondents felt the Park was not well used.

The main suggestions for making the Park more appealing focused on safety, better facilities and cleanliness.

Almost half the sample travelled to other Parks, in and outside of Salford.

Two thirds did not know what the Pavilion was used for. Of those who thought they did most thought it was used for community / family groups, for toilets and for a café.

Asked what the Pavilion should offer the top six answers accounting for two thirds of responses were; toilet, café, activities for elderly, activities for children, youth club and sports activities.



Over a quarter of respondents felt that the community should take a bigger role in managing the Park and claimed they would positively support it. A further quarter suggested 'maybe'

### **Phase 3: Individual Research**

Some of the recommendations stemming from individual research, including visits, interviews and desk research are given below. They are evidence-based on models of development elsewhere:

#### **On creating a Vision:**

- Agreement on a vision for Peel Park and the pavilion.
- Creation of an overall development plan for Peel Park that includes the grounds and the pavilion.
- Agreement on the costs of maintaining and development of the vision.
- Clear leadership from the community and clear accountability to the community.

#### **On developing and funding the Vision:**

- A formal constituted group, consisting of local residents with various skills and attributes who are willing, able and committed to driving the Park forward is a necessity.
- A sustainable business plan to support applications for funding and seek to attract private investment.
- A strategy beneficial to all parties is needed, for example; the constituted group manage the park / pavilion, working in partnership with the RHS, with investment via The Big Local and the transfer of the Pavilion by SCC so that grants can be sought for its development.

#### **On Play:**

- Plan for indoor play as well as outdoor play across all four seasons.
- Plan for organised outdoor play as well as swings and traditional playground activities.
- Look at other parts of the Park which can be used for play or adventure activities such as the woods, or an area for skateboarding.
- Get parents and community involved as leaders.
- Keep children involved in decision making.

#### **On teenagers:**

- Consult with teenagers and get them involved with any developments of Peel Park.
- Encourage them to help keep their park clean and tidy and feeling safe.



- Make sure any building improvements include WIFI and have access to computers.
- Join the Friends of the Park team.

#### **On Wellbeing:**

- Make sure the Park feels safe.
- Have areas for quietness and areas for socialising.
- Organise events and activities for all ages.
- Encourage physical activities such as community runs.

#### **On Greening and Growing:**

- Identify parts of the Park that can be 'adopted' by groups / residents / schools for growing projects.
- Have 'wildlife' sanctuaries and wild flowers in parts.
- Partner with Incredible Edible Salford to encourage healthy eating.

#### **On Community Ownership**

- Create a Trust based in the Pavilion to look after the Park in the longer term as a community asset.
- Develop the Pavilion as an activities and resource base for activities in the Park run by the Trust.
- Use the Big Local Network to help create a strong 'Friends of the park group' and give the group some funding to help set up and organise a programme of events to attract more people to the park.
- All parties; The Council, Big Local, RHS, Friends group and residents sit down and create a five-year plan for the Park so that if money is spent, there is some facility to help manage and maintain it.

#### **On Social Cohesion**

- More integrated and family orientated activities in the Peel Park.
- Strategic Multi-agency events (schools, local trust, council, youth clubs, local entities etc.)
- Introduction of empowerment workshops for all ages.

## **Spirit of Little Hulton Festival**

Walk the Plank completed a creative consultation at the Spirit of Little Hulton Event on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2018 held in Peel Park.

Artist and photographer Rose Miller and illustrator Paul Gent from local arts organisation Walk the Plank were in residency at the Festival to capture what was



happening, speak to people and do some active investigation and consultation with members of the public to inform and shape future planning.

In addition artists Austin Mitchel Hewitt and Becky Illsley delivered a creative workshop and engaged in conversations with members of the public whilst they were making vegetable hats:

Members of the public attending the event were asked 3 questions:

1. How (and in what ways) can we encourage people to use parks more, in particular this park?
2. Little Hulton Big Local are exploring increasing the use of the building in Peel Park. Do we need another community space, and how could we make this building special and unique?
3. Long term, how (and in what ways) could we make the building in Peel Park sustainable

Young Families mainly commented on the imbalance of play equipment for all ages, especially for small children. The need for more seating, picnic benches and public toilets often came up. A zip wire and an outdoor gym were mentioned. A dog walker complained about lack of poo bins.

Many people felt it was safer in the park now, especially now the hedges have been removed which has made the space more open (nowhere for the flashers to hide!). People feel safer when the park is busier.

An elderly couple had a lot to say about how much better it was in the old days, before Little Hulton was put into Salford council. There was monitoring by a park keeper to keep order, flowers, bowling green and tennis court that you could pay to use, greenhouses and a summer house for when the weather was bad. CCTV was recommended.

Many people would like a cafe in the centre. Also art classes and courses to gain computer and business skills. One lady remembered having cooking lessons there which helped with her self-esteem. A few people wanted a stage for drama and dance groups. Rooms could be hired out for events and courses. Overall people wanted an indoor place to meet and have a drink.

The Church groups felt that more could be done to bring different communities together, especially as many immigrants have arrived recently to the area. The church apparently have achieved a lot in this field and recommended Pastor Sue Davidson as a link.

Everybody felt that the festival was great and more events like it would bring more people to the park and make it a nicer place.

Reflections from Becky (vegetable hat workshop) the majority of the ideas for the use of the building centred very much on physical activities. The first being the idea of a skate park and bike ramps. A group of young boys keenly put forward this idea



under the premise it would give them something to do, and stop young people cycling on the road.

Another was for a parkour centre, with the idea that classes and training opportunities could be scheduled. This also echoed the skate park scenario, as many of the discussions I had led onto the idea of learning new skills.

There was a strong theme for the opportunities to learn physical skills, be it parkour, skating or arts and crafts. One discussion I had included the idea of dog training being available.

Reflections from Austin (vegetable hat workshop) the conversations I had with people about the park and the building mostly centred on the park and its usage. The young people commented that they use the park a lot but it's untidy, and requires upkeep (paraphrasing of course). One young person lamented the loss of the tyre swing. Another mooted that they would love to see something like a skate-park / BMX ramps installed in the park.

Many of the parents were aware of the building but didn't really know what would be needed to improve it. Many of the parents were from outside of the UK and had settled in the area recently. One parent mooted that they would like to see more of this style of community event, but couldn't offer thoughts on how to make it sustainable.

Speaking with one autistic boy's mother she said it was difficult to get her son socialising outside of her home, maybe some autistic friendly consultation might help parents in similar situations.

All of the people I spoke to were positive about the event and how it went.

Reflections from Rose (photographer) how (and in what ways) can we encourage people to use parks more, in particular this park? More activities would encourage people to come to the park, whether they were participating or walking around the park would build a sense of community spirit.

Veg patch came up a few times, people said it would encourage healthy eating, get people out and about and build a sense of community. Play equipment that spans a wider age range of ages, lots of people said that there was only stuff for the little ones, so often families wouldn't come because their kids are all different ages and some would get bored. More park benches, some facing each other. Treasure hunts and adventure trails were mentioned a couple of times, to get the kids out and running about, also working as teams. More planting to make the park prettier, this could be maintained by community / gardening groups (maybe for positive mental health benefits), exercise classes, a lido / water park (kids suggestion), better advertising and promotion of events that are taking place

Little Hulton Big Local are exploring increasing the use of the building in Peel Park. Do we need another community space, and how could we make this building special and unique? - could have a dance/drama space with mirrors - kitchen for teaching



cooking skills (could do cultural exchanges with different cuisines of local communities) - gardening facilities - a stage for all different types of performance - more appropriate youth club space with different activities / sports equipment to help the kids be active

Long term, how (and in what ways) could we make the building in Peel Park sustainable? - could be rented out to drama / dance groups, bake sales with cakes that have been cooked by kids cooking classes, rent the rooms out to businesses for meetings while they're not in use, Solar panels on the roof to sell electricity and ticket sales for dance drama events

## Youth Club – Thursday Senior Club December 2018

Walk the Plank also completed a final consultation event at the Youth Club

On Thursday 6 December 2018, young people from the Youth Unity Thursday youth club were invited to take part in a creative consultation about the re-development of the Pavilion in Peel Park (where the Spirit of Little Hulton Festival was held in the summer) and in the space of 2 hours make their very own exhibition about what could happen and the things they'd like to see.

Artists Harriet Hall and Maura McKee from Interference-art worked with the young people to do some active investigation that will inform and shape future planning.

There were three different activity stations to engage with, including projection, drawing and construction, and we considered the following questions:

- What would you like to keep?
- What new things would you like?
- What would you like more of?
- What would you like to dump?
- What would you like to change?

Young people also chose words and created sentences about what the Pavilion could be like:

The word I chose was **HONEST**. I want to be in a place where everyone can have an honest opinion and everyone helps each other out.

Things that make me feel **SAFE** are friends. The building should be colourful and fun, bright and well lit. Not scary, creepy or dark. We could make craft things to do with the seasons, like Christmas decorations.

I'd like to **EAT** vegetarian food, meatballs, lasagne, pizza (that you can make yourself and put your own toppings on). Make sure the food is not allergic.

The way people act in the building would make me want to go ... polite, fun, joyful.



In a youth club I think you need to work with the people that go there. There's loads of different ages that go to the building to make sure they get involved, and help come up with the rules

I chose the word **THANKFUL** as it means yours is a place where you respect other people and feel accepted

The word I chose was **HONEST**. I want to be in a place where everyone can have an honest opinion and everyone helps each other out

I want it to be **FREE**, like do whatever you want, but have boundaries to keep us safe.

Bigger hallways and rooms for wheelchairs: have a place for bikes and wheelchairs.

It's important to have friendly staff joining in and everyone accepting people's personalities.

**CALM** doing art is quite calming.

**ENERGISING** musicals and drama and dancing.

My word is **CONNECTED** because it feels sometimes you're not in the conversation or joined in with the games that you do. It'd be great to have bean bags and stuff so you can chill and chat with your friends.

Hang around with friends and occasionally play pool, there is something for everyone

Sometimes when we walk out there are people who smoke and ride bikes at you. That doesn't feel safe

Assistance with getting stuff and if you're being picked on the staff help you

Sports and arts, like dodgeball

Food and drink (fizzy drinks) and music

Music but should be more in the middle because everyone hogs around it and says we can't go on. Music should be something we share

**FEEL** safe because sometimes I don't

**BUY** a better place to hold the youth club

**EXPERIENCE** different and new things

**FEEL** good all the time

**MAKE** it feel a safe place and include places to gather and go

**FEEL** free because you should be able to be who you are

**SEE** dogs and people happy **DO** more games and play on the park



### **What would you like to keep?**

- Bowling, dance and gymnastics, we could help pick up dog poo and take care of the park
- Keep it at the library as its closer to my house
- Play station
- The staff
- A shared taste in music
- A place to talk to friends and meet new people
- Space for games with friends

### **What new things would you like?**

- Bowling
- Rounders
- Play outdoor games (in the summer)
- Art and craft – nice art pens
- Spinning round thing in the play area for older kids too – like in Eccles

### **What would you like more of?**

- Boxing (more often)
- More people having confidence
- Activities and more talking Outdoor stuff
- Better play area with more things working – the little kids get bored when there's only one thing working

### **What would you like to dump?**

- Football pitch without glass
- The bench is too small
- Get rid of people dropping litter because it is going to be glass or can cause accidents
- Get rid of litter because it could cause accidents and elderly people won't be able to get where they want to go

### **What would you like to change?**

- More lights Peel Park more safe I'd like to feel safe and welcome when it's dark
- Behaviour because they always swear and more carers / parents supervising
- Music with decent speakers
- Some of the playground stuff is broken – fit it and make it better for younger kids like my little sister



- I would like to change the behaviour of people because there are people who are silly and are making people uncomfortable and unwelcome
- Time for people in primary school to hang out and high school people hang out music (but with working speakers)

## Partnership Work

In addition to the community consultation we have also been exploring developing a partnership approach to the Park working with Salford City Council, including the Parks section who have section 106 funding to invest in the Park and the RHS

**In May 2018 the young people at our Thursday Youth session took part in a GM Moving consultation activity.**

In terms of their physical environment both groups repeatedly mentioned that they'd go out more if the outdoor environment was nicer, as in more green. Improved parks were a big thing! They mentioned some activities that they'd like to be at parks e.g. climbing wall, outdoor swimming pool, trampoline, Skate Park. People also said that they'd be more likely to use outdoor spaces if they were kept clean and felt safe (particularly from crime / gangs). They also said that they would like to plant food to stay active and also said that they would feel more inclined to eat food that they'd grown themselves. Another young person said that they'd like to see activities in the park that were suitable for people of different ages; that they see a lot of things for babies but that there isn't so much stuff that they would be interested in playing on.

## Events

We can clearly evidence the impact of events in terms of encouraging user on to Peel Park:

- 1462 tickets were sold when Peel Park hosted the "Round About Theatre" in 2017
- It was estimated that over 2,000 attended the Spirit of Little Hulton Festival on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2018



## Peel Park What Next?

In the Little Hulton Big Local three year plan which Runs October 2017 to September 2020 we identified £200,000 of the million pounds available to Little Hulton Big Local was for investment in a capital build / community hub

The two drivers being:

1. Priority identified through community consultation for a Community Hub
2. The aspiration for improved facilities for young people in Little Hulton.

Claire Darlington (Local Resident Board Member) led us through an Option appraisal exercise that lead us to concentrate on Peel Park and the Pavilion.

During 2018 we received support to develop the project through funding secured through a successful application to the Bright Ideas Fund.

At the end of the Bright Ideas project we have a:

- A Registration for a CIO submitted to the Charity Commission
- A draft business plan developed through our work with Jeff Scales from Locality
- A paper around options to develop a Café
- A paper around option ideas to develop links with the business sector
- We also completed a series of consultation activities and am currently working on producing a summary document
- Costing of a modular option to develop the pavilion
- Initial costing and designs for a brick built extension from Seddon Construction
- Three year cash flows for the new building

In addition we have

- A desk survey on the feasibility of a Skate park
- A paper “Freestyle” that outline alternatives that provide skateable places in the public realm

## Funding

Unfortunately capital funding is more difficult to access than it has been in previous years for example The Big Lottery no longer offer a “Reaching Communities Capital Fund”, but there are potential funding options to explore:

- We have £200,000 ring fenced from Little Hulton Big Local funding to support the project
- We can approach other local agencies for example City West
- We can ensure we are linked into strategic developments that might draw money into Little Hulton



- We can explore commercial sponsorship
- Crowd and community fundraising - Millie Mae's Embankment fund raised on behalf of Little Hulton Big Local during 2018. We could build on this through a "Just Giving Page", a buy a brick campaign and community fundraising events.
- We can seek grant funding

## Potential Grant Funding

**Pocket Parks - [www.gov.uk/government/publications/pocket-parks-plus-supporting-parks-and-public-spaces](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pocket-parks-plus-supporting-parks-and-public-spaces)**

An application has been submitted in January to fund more events and activities on the Park.

**Power to Change - Community Business Fund - [www.powertochange.org.uk/get-support/](http://www.powertochange.org.uk/get-support/)**

**The Big Lottery – Reaching Communities or Partnership Fund**

**[www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/funding/over10k](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/funding/over10k)**

**Sports England – Particularly for investment in the Park it's self**

**[www.sportengland.org/funding/community-asset-fund/](http://www.sportengland.org/funding/community-asset-fund/)**

**Small Capital funders - For example Garfield Weston and Landfill Funders:**

**[garfieldweston.org/what-we-support/community/](http://garfieldweston.org/what-we-support/community/)**

**[viridor.co.uk/sustainability/charitable-giving/community-funding-and-sponsorship/](http://viridor.co.uk/sustainability/charitable-giving/community-funding-and-sponsorship/)**

**[www.biffa.co.uk/sustainability/landfill-communities-fund/](http://www.biffa.co.uk/sustainability/landfill-communities-fund/)**

## Revenue

We could explore how Big Local funding could provide initial working capital

We have already provided £1,500 funding to support the development of Junior Park Run.

## Funding for Youth Provision

### Social Investment Business (SIB) Enterprise Grants

Enterprise Grants will support charities and social enterprises in England working in either the homelessness or youth sector to develop or grow their enterprising activity and earned income.

### Feasibility Grants

Between £5,000 - £10,000 to enable organisations to investigate and develop an enterprise proposition from the very earliest stage into a proposed delivery plan.



## **Enterprise Development Grants**

Core substantial grants of around £50,000 are available for organisations that have an enterprise proposition which requires further development or scaling:

[www.sibgroup.org.uk/enterprise-grants](http://www.sibgroup.org.uk/enterprise-grants)

Engage partners who may support the long term development of youth provision in Little Hulton – City West, SCL and Bolton Lads and Girls Club.

Explore if a Little Hulton / Walkden bid would be more successful / sustainable - make links with Walden groups i.e. Walkden Community and TTSP Hub.

Children in Need – they are a relationship funder their advice is to apply for a small grants ASAP and work towards a main grant:

[www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/5ysD3mLQYYRPRLNZ032LjM7/grants](http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/5ysD3mLQYYRPRLNZ032LjM7/grants)

Build up funding from small grants i.e. City West, Community Committee, Little Pot of Health, Duchy of Lancaster and Bags of Help.

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