

festival - this has come at the right time - because people are really bored

Public toilet could be a necessity

like to see teenager ruin things for

I used to go to the centre for cooking lessons - people like me don't have self esteem at cooking - I used to do them at the centre

park in general is really good

more poo bins - need somewhere to put

could be busy and there would be a lot of refreshments could be sold - make a bit of money

crime - that goes on that hedges are gone - stops people hiding. It's more open - more people! - think teenagers won't go all there! way too busy smacking

poo bins - on the tree

feeds better for the kids





It's good, but more development is it

I will speak from the church

women's gym

In the past I used to get money and run job training

just making more rooms for groups more cheaper to let out

- we could run a DIY shop - how to make hats ...

investing in community putting money back - making sure we're running groups - people who are willing to trade training... computers

more seating ... weights, gym

CITY OF PRAISE

We want Christmas programme - lights

flowers on the roads - now none-why? - during summer there used to be.







need a cafe - Refreshment

Needs to be something that sort of intergrates the community - there are so many immigrants now

more stuff for middle aged, young groups

Swimming Pool, water park, Lido

we used to do back packing with the kids at Morrisons, Asda to raise money

different activities youth getting together

we have different nationalities at our church

Pastor Sue Davidson is the one to talk to

if there is funding we take it! even if it's small!











Reflections from Paul (illustrator)

The event was nice and compact and therefore felt conducive towards a strong community atmosphere. People were willing to talk to us and give their opinions on the park and centre. Most people liked the park and needed a bit of prompting to find criticism.

Young Families mainly commented on the imbalance of play equipment for all ages- especially for the little ones. Also 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 because the hedges were removed and made it more open (nowhere for the flashers to hide!) and felt that it was safer when more busy.

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 its untidy, and requires upkeep. (paraphrasing of course.) One young person lamented the loss of the tire swing. Another mooted that they would love to see something like a skate-park/BMX ramps installed in the park. With regards to the building use.

Many of the parents were aware of the building but didn't really know what would be needed to improve it. Quite a lot 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 – they would encourage people to come to the park, whether they were participating or not and build a sense of community
- Veg patch – this came up a few times, people said it would encourage healthy eating, get people out and about and build a sense of community
- Have play equipment that spans a wider age range, 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
- ticket sales for dance drama events



