

CF 2 Cultural, Leisure, Tertiary Education and Community Facilities Need

A Growing Population

ONS 2017 population projections for the over 70 age group in Camden expect a 56% (see Evidence Base document (8 ii) ONS long trend 2017 base) between 2018 and 2050, thereby placing particular pressure on the Area's infrastructure.

Interests of the Plan Area's Population

Present evidence from the Forum's Vision and Objectives Survey supports the focus of Community Facilities policies on tertiary education and culture. The lack of facilities for younger age groups within the Area similarly necessitates an expansion of nursery and child care facilities. It is therefore important that the Plan includes policies to ensure that there is provision of community facilities to meet the needs of a growing population (Local Plan Policy C2), to facilitate the creation of new, community facilities within the Area and to safeguard against the loss of viable community facilities.

Objective 5 of the Redington Froggnal Vision and Objectives Statement notes that the area has a long-established use as a tertiary education and cultural hub¹, notably in Kidderpore Avenue and Arkwright Road. An attempt to gain Asset of Community Value status for Kidderpore Hall was rejected.

These important valued community facilities are consistent with the cultural interests of residents, as confirmed by responses provided to the Vision and Objectives survey of 2015. A question on potential uses for Kidderpore Hall (prior to its sale) found the greatest level of support (from a range of options) for educational use, eg by the University of the Third Age (79% agreement) and cultural events eg film screenings (78%), followed by a café (63% support), other entertainment (57%) and a crèche (57%).

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At the time of writing in January 2018, a substantial expansion of the Redington Froggnal housing stock was underway, with the construction of an additional 500 or so residential units from the developments noted above.

¹ Further details are provided in Evidence Base document (114) CF 1 Role of Tertiary Education and Cultural Facilities in Redington Froggnal.

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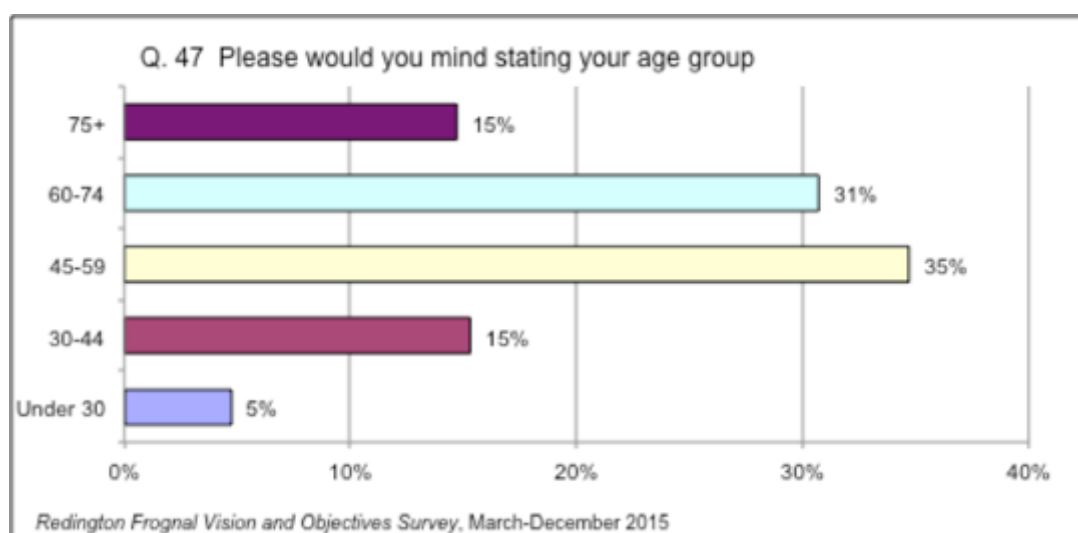
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Population growth differs markedly by age band, with GLA growth projections indicating a concentration among those aged 60 and over during the lifetime of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Bias Towards Older Age Groups

The population is characterised by a disproportionately high representation of older residents and home workers. At the time of the last Census, in 2011, 18.5% of the Area's population was aged 60 or over, including 7.2% aged 75 and over. Numbers are likely to have considerably increased since then, due to greater longevity and new developments which have proved popular with older residents.

The 150 residents responding to the Forum's Vision and Objectives question on their age, indicated that as many as 45% were aged 60 or over. Limited provision exists for residential care, at Spring Grove, and sheltered housing, at Osprey Court, both located on Finchley Road.



The Area does not have a single GP surgery, a community centre, a library or a Post Office. GP practices are sited at some considerable distance: the closest practice for residents in the centre of the Area is situated at a distance of 0.5 miles or more, as the crow flies, as shown in Appendix CF 3. The Area's many elderly residents, therefore, may not be able to access a GP practice on foot⁴. With the number of patients per full-time equivalent GP increasing, together with an aging population, the NP would welcome new surgeries.

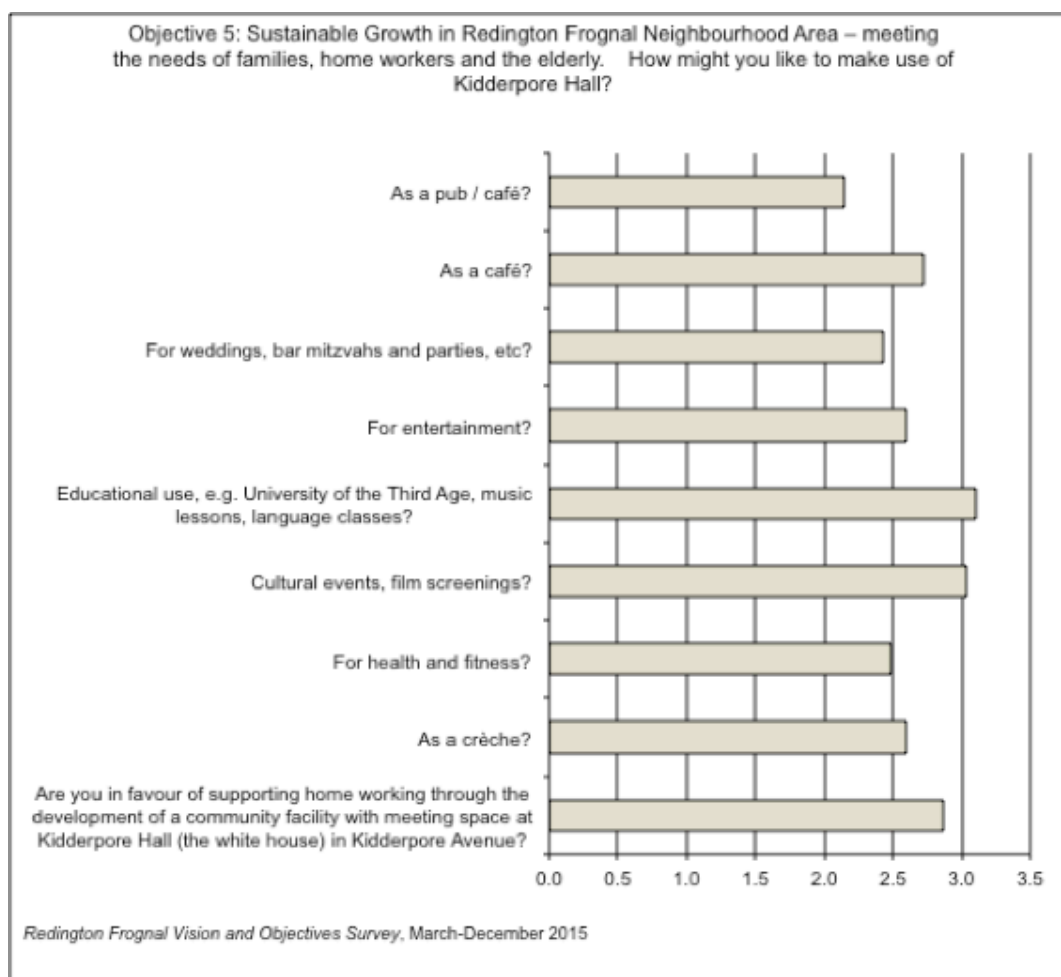
High Incidence of Home Working

Objective 4 of the Vision and Objectives Survey observes that area has excellent transport links and some of the fastest broadband in the UK and that it is a suitable environment for home working. It states,

“The Neighbourhood Plan will seek to support home working, through the development of a community facility with meeting space”.

⁴ It should be noted that there are no direct public transport links from within the Plan Area.

The need for this support⁵ was recognised in the Vision and Objectives Survey, with 65% of the 158 respondents agreeing strongly or agreeing that Kidderpore Hall should be utilised as a community facility.

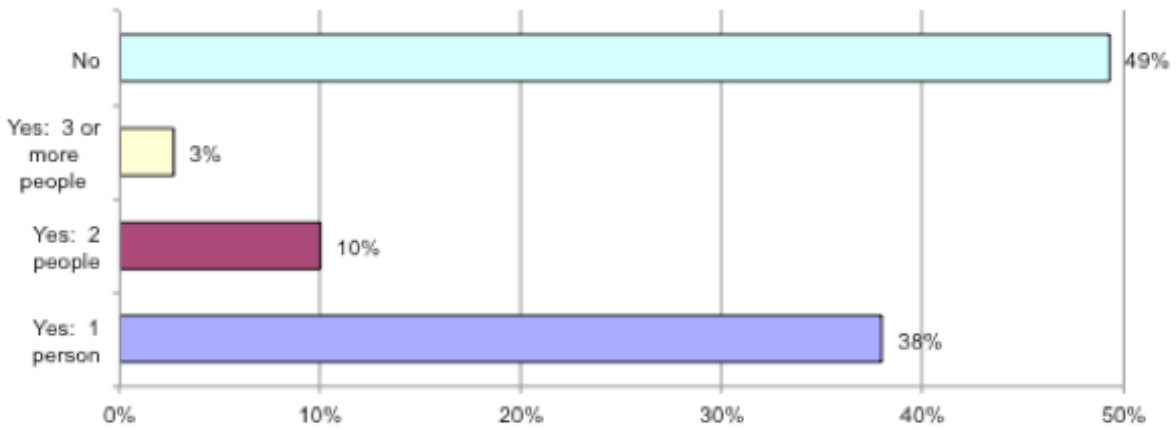


The Vision and Objectives question on home working suggests a high incidence of home working, with just over half of the 150 respondents answering this question, indicating that 51% of respondents living in households where one or more people work from home, including 25% who live in households where two or more people work from home.

The Redington Froggnal Area benefits from high internet speeds and good transport links. The 2011 Census for the Redington Froggnal Plan area shows that 23.3% of men aged 16-74 and 13.3% of women aged were classified as self employed in 2011.

⁵ Vision and Objectives Survey Q. 24: Do you agree that growth of homes and businesses in the area should be supported by the designation of Kidderpore Hall (the white house) in Kidderpore Avenue as a civic community facility?

Q. 49 Do any members of your household work from home within the Redington Frogna! Neighbourhood Area?



Redington Frogna! Vision and Objectives Survey, March-December 2015