

GARTCOSH COMMUNITY HUB SURVEY 2021

The survey was conducted by Gartcosh Tenants & Residents Association

Dear Resident,

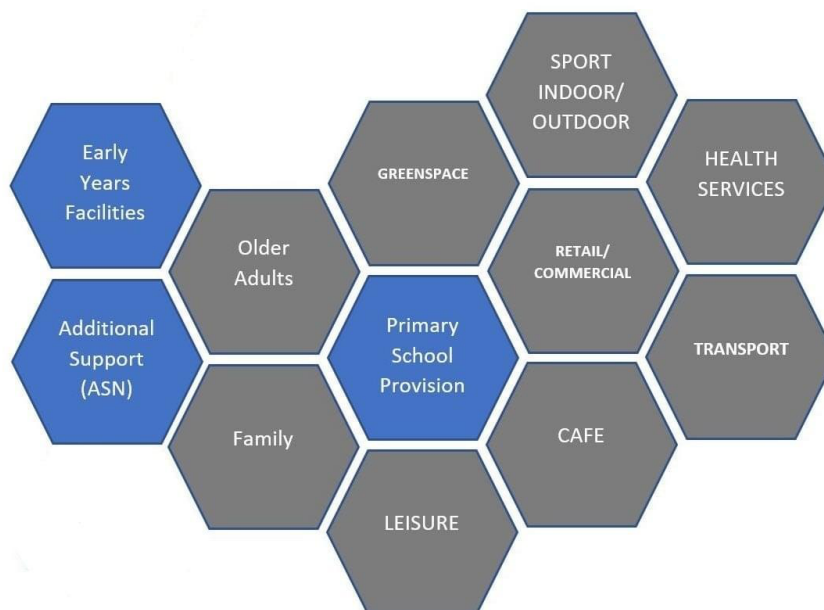
The GTRA carried out a survey related to NLC's new strategy concerning Schools and Community Hubs. Legislation and consultation has changed due to the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015. As community we have the right to be consulted, plan our own place and make majority decisions about our community. Thank you to all who took part.

Members of NLC approved **The Plan for North Lanarkshire**. A place based strategy outlines a clear future direction for North Lanarkshire. Within the strategy there are elements which clearly impact Gartcosh. The place based investment supports community regeneration and community hubs, schools build programme, and parks master planning. This survey confirms our participation and evidence of the community's representative view for Gartcosh regarding amenities to present to NLC. You can visit NLC website and read all the information on community hubs. www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk

In short NLC will no longer build stand alone schools but place elements such as school infrastructure, amenities, health services and retail and possible council services, grouped together at one location or campus. Just to remind you, below is information we made available with the survey. Again thanking you for your support in completing the survey.

The GTRA Committee

Services and amenities typical found within a Community Hub Campus from a community's perspective.



Zones

Gartcosh Community Hub

Gartcosh has guiding principles listed below to develop and create a community hub campus. The survey reflects those principles.

Community ownership

The hub is a community asset which serves Gartcosh. Central to Gartcosh community hub is the learning & teaching facilities. All services and assets of the hub are for all the community.

Tailored Need

Gartcosh community hub will be unique to meet the community's needs. The outcome in the design & build will provide a sense of pride for the community

Availability and usage

Accessible from morning to late evening
multi-functional spaces to serve the whole community
No facilities provided were they are only used in the evening

Designed by the community with NLC, rather than for the community

Proposals & data from this survey should be provided to NLC & other planning partners where appropriate as early as possible to ensure the outcome is fit for purpose. Ensuring the community participate in the size, scope, design of hub.

Inclusive universal provision

Serves the whole community.
Offers universal provision as the default.
Any targeted provision to be delivered as to avoid stigma of accessing service which may otherwise reduce uptake.

Gartcosh Community Hub Survey Results 2021

Survey Promotion, Level and Participation

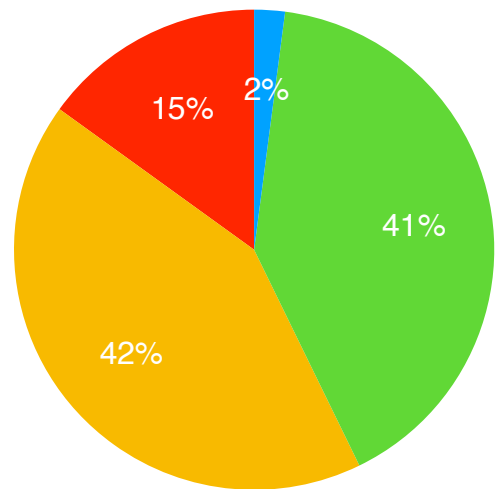
GTRA used Social media, community notice boards and local shop windows to advertise the survey. The survey was conducted on line and paper copies where placed in the local shop for residents and the shop acted as a mail box collecting the survey (this survey was conducted during the pandemic) 339 households responded. In addition the survey also took account of 323 children and young people views in your households

● 18 -24 ● 25 - 39 ● 40-59 ● 60+

You and Your Household

Age of Person Surveyed Age breakdown

18-24	7
25-39.....	138
40-59.....	143
60+	51



To understand your household we asked how many are:

Over 18	284
under 12.....	246
13 to 17 age group.....	77

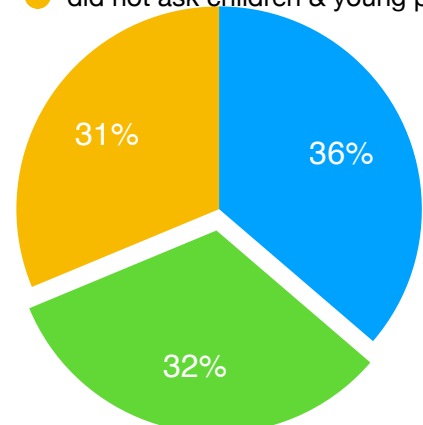
A Total of 229 households recorded children and young people within their households. A total of 110 households recorded no children or young people within their households

We asked - If applicable, did you ask children and young people in your home about indoor/outdoor sports and leisure zones?

49 residents did not respond to “if applicable” indicating they had no children or young people in their household when 110 households actually had no children or young people to consult. Based on all other data a further 61* should have left this question blank.

123 households asked children and young people about leisure and sport from a total of 229
167- households answered ,they **did not ask** children and young people about leisure and sport (- 61*).

● asked child or young person
● question not applicable
● did not ask children & young people

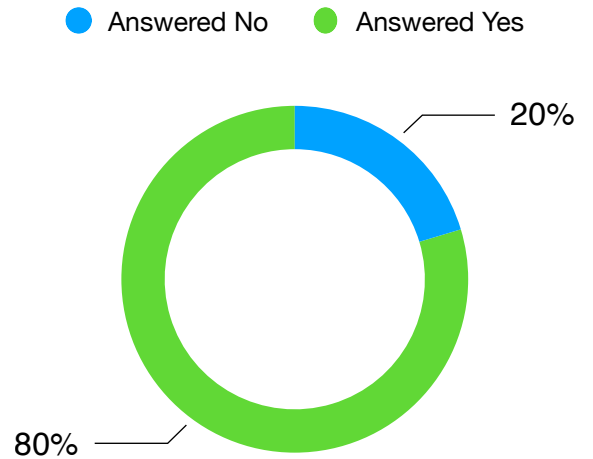


The total number of children and young people in households = 323

The School

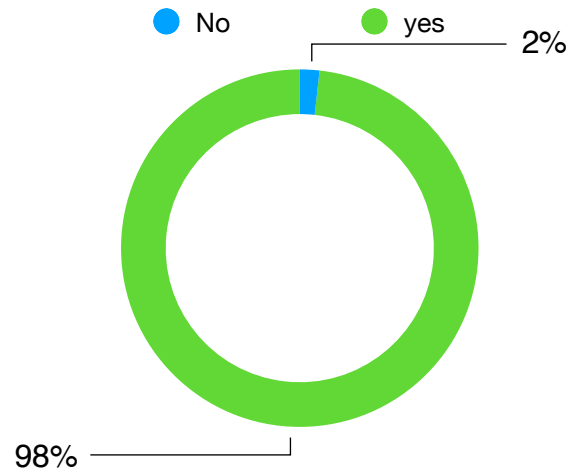
We asked - Are you aware Gartcosh Primary School is marked as a priority school for replacement by NLC?

You answered no - 69
You answered yes - 270



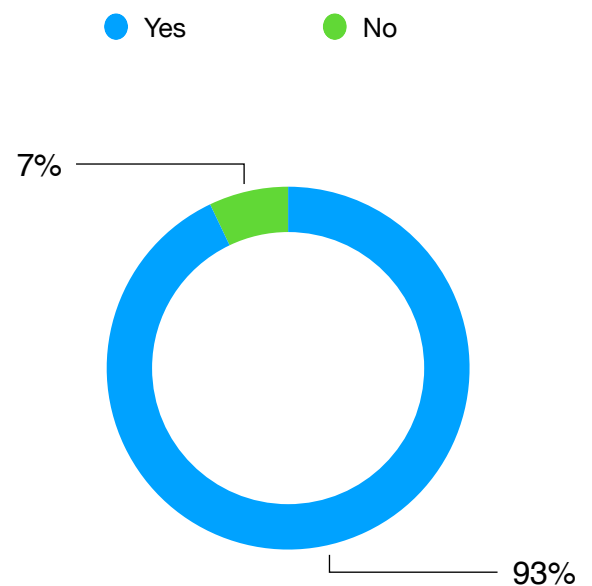
We asked - Do you think NLC should inform the community of any expected changes in the catchment area for the Gartcosh Primary School due to housing development?

You answered no - 6
You answered yes - 333



We asked - Do you think there should be school sports facilities specifically for the school?

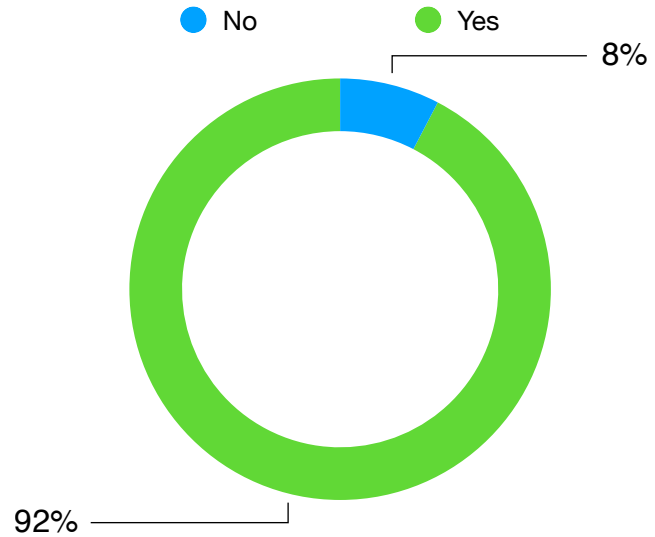
You answered yes - 315
You answered no - 24



GP Services

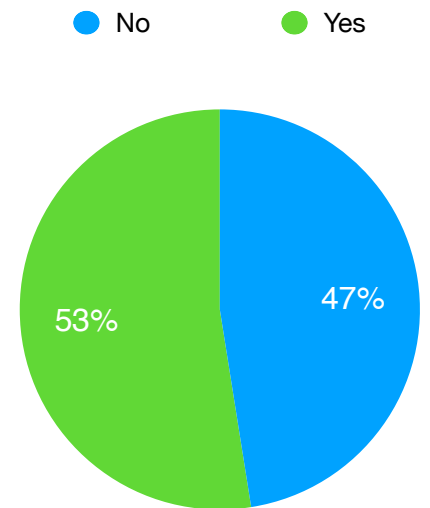
We asked - considering premises and parking for GP services, do you think it would be a good addition to a Health Zone?

You answered no - 26
You answered yes - 313



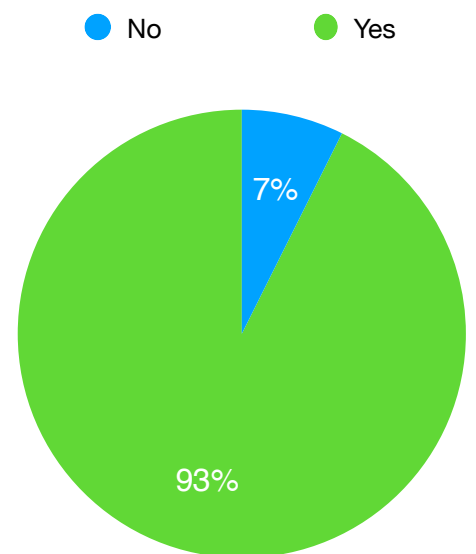
We asked - Are you registered with a GP in the area?

You answered no - 161
You answered yes - 178



We asked - Do you think it would be valuable to have GP services in Gartcosh?

You answered no - 25
You answered yes - 314

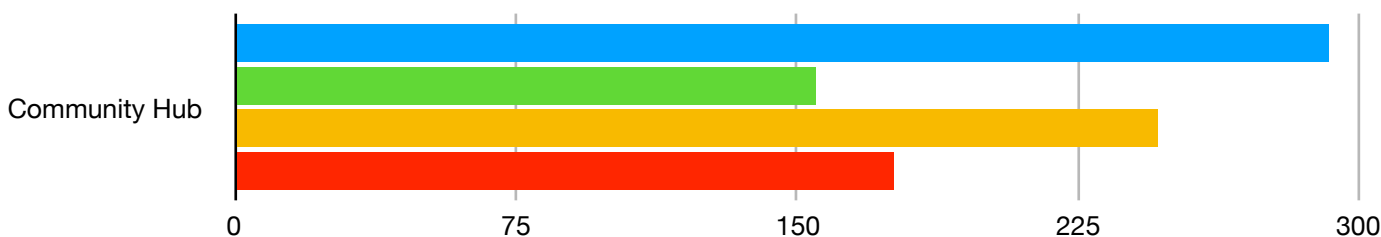


Community Hub Zones

We asked you- The following zones can be included in any good Community Hub. Please select each of the zones you would like included for Gartcosh. (Multi choice questions)

You answered - Cafe - 292 E- Learn -155 Retail/ comm - 246 Travel/Transport -176

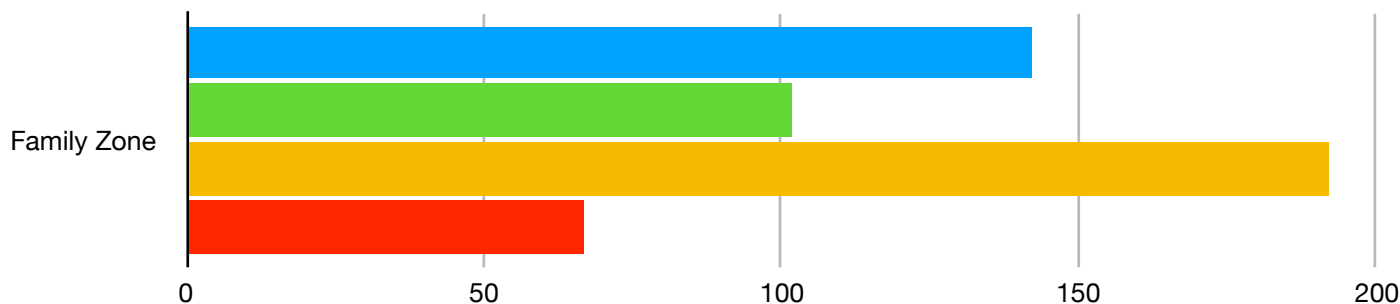
■ CAFE Zone
 ■ E-Learn Zone
 ■ Retail/Commercial
 ■ Travel/Transport Zone



We asked you - Here are some services/activity which might be useful to families. Please select those you will be interested in.

You answered - Bike Parking - 142 Creche-102 Soft Play - 192 Pram Park - 67

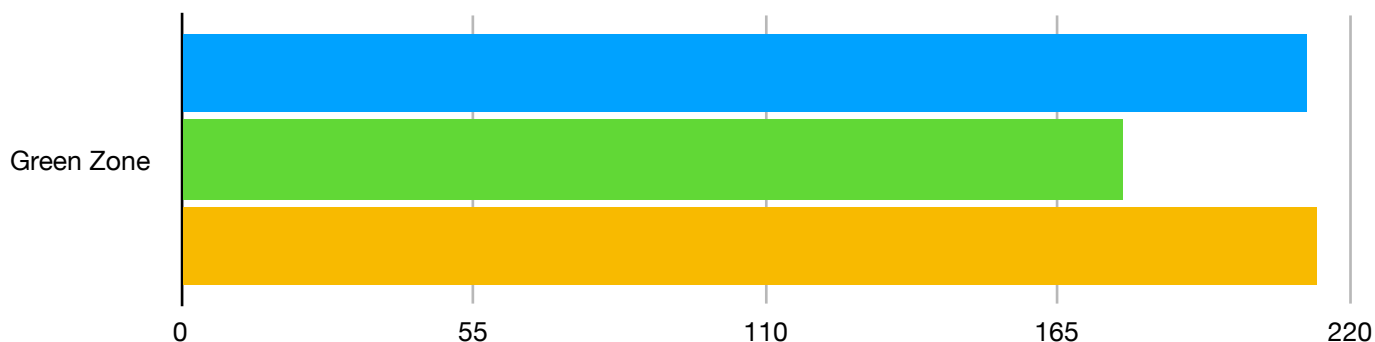
■ Bike Parking
 ■ Creche
 ■ Soft Play
 ■ Pram Park



We asked you - Think about a green space. What would you like?

You answered Park Space - 212 - Outside greet/ seating - 177 Outside connected to cafe space - 214

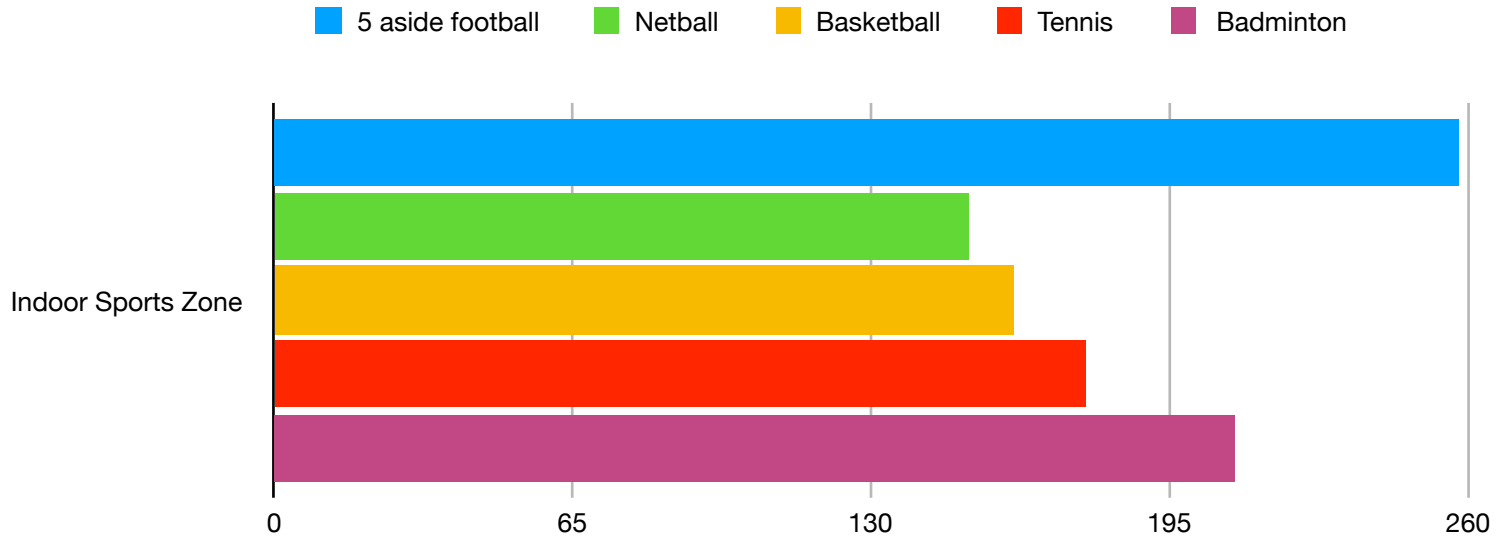
■ Formal Park Space
 ■ outside greeting /seating
 ■ outside space connected to cafe



We asked you - What do you think would be good indoor sport facilities to have in the Community Hub?

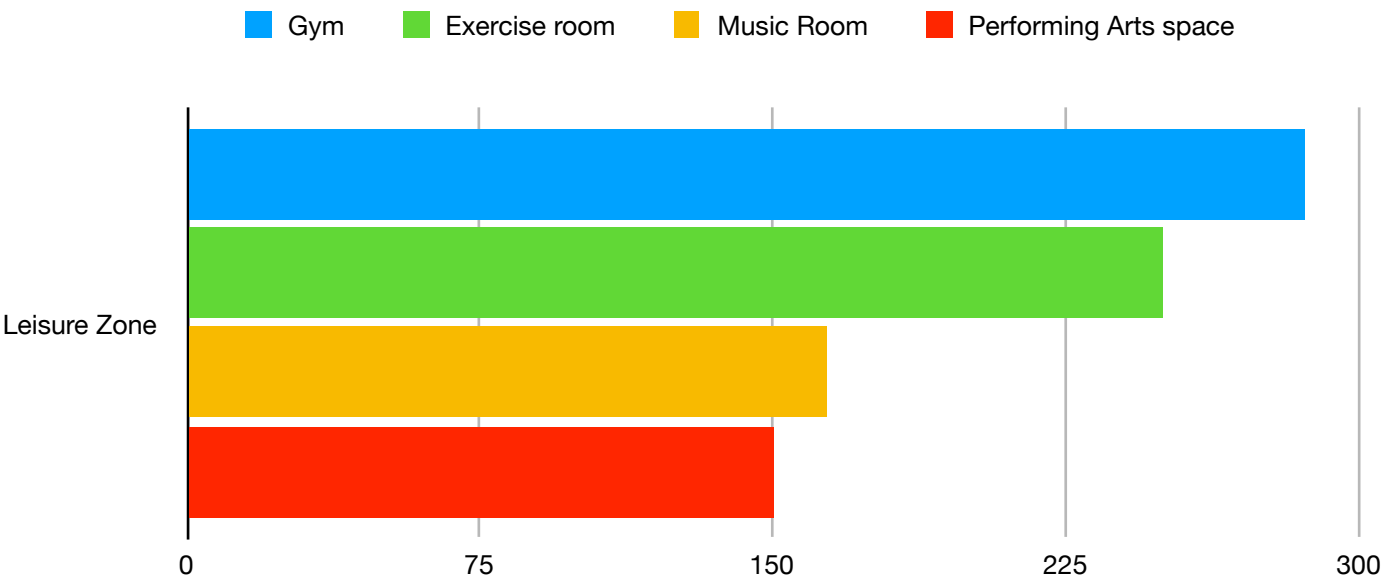
You answered

5 aside- 258 Netball - 151 Basketball - 161 Tennis - 177 Badminton 209



We asked you - A leisure zone can accommodate a number of activities. What do you think would be good facilities?

You answered Gym - 286 Exercise Room - 250 Music - 164 P/ Arts Space - 150



In the free text section

We asked you - what outdoor sport facilities your household would like to be included? We grouped your comments into areas involving:

- Outdoor ball activity
- Outdoor wheel activity
- Outdoor specific exercise activity
- Outdoor general activity including play

Outdoor ball activity -

- There was numerous requests for an outdoor full size football pitch.
- There was numerous requests for a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) to accommodate 5aside football, Tennis, Netball, Badminton and Basketball
- Small football pitches aimed at 4-12 year olds.
- Rugby was requested on 4 occasions
- Hockey was requested on 1 occasion
- Golf was requested on 1 occasion

Outdoor wheel activity -

- There was numerous requests for a Skate park
- There was numerous requests for a BMX/ Cycle park

Outdoor specific exercise activity -

- Outdoor GYM was requested on 4 occasions
- Parkour park was requested on 6 occasions
- Obstacle course was requested on 1 occasion
- Running track & Athletics training space was requested on 11 occasions
- Outdoor training space was requested on 1 occasion
- Tai Chi Yoga space was requested on 2 occasions
- Climbing Wall inside or out was requested on 4 occasions

General activity including play -

This area is best expressed by residents comments.

“Just somewhere to walk including round the loch”

“Children’s bike area” “Mini Cycling “road” area for learners”

“Play park, swings etc. Play park with climbing frame “ “a park that kids can ride bikes”

“Walking and cycling paths that are well maintained”

“ Crazy golf “

“ Disc Golf 9 holes”

“Archery”

“ Pony riding”

“Multi purpose sports facility. Not aimed at one sport specifically “

“ultimate frisbee”

In the free text section

We asked you - are there any other service/activity you would like to be considered for a Gartcosh Community Hub?

We grouped your comments into areas involving:

- Retail
- Commercial
- Services
- suggestions & comments

Retail

Post office Mini supermarket Butcher Baker Fruit &Veg
Pub Restaurant 24 hour cash line

Commercial

Electric Bike Hire Credit Union After school care Pre school services

Services

Education - The New School Local council office Library Services
Metal Health Services Parent and Baby support services Bus services to Fort and

Cumbernauld Dentist GP

(Please note Dental & Gp services are a business, they contract to provide service to the NHS but they choose the area where they set their business up)

Suggestion & other Comments - recorded by residents

“Have the cafe allow BYOB subject to corkage, and capable of hosting things like whisky/wine tasting nights”

“Swimming Pool (5 requests)”

“Community based cafe employing locals, offering possible part local authority funded subsidies meals. Community garden/ allotment growing fresh produce to support meal production. Teaching kitchen offering Cooking classes, budget/meal planners, recipe ideas/ tutorials. Food waste hub..... digital platform to help share excess food/home baking/ food donations/ home grown fruit/veg central point”

“Less new builds and more drive to get a primary school build quicker with facilities”

“Nature walk walks around the loch”
“More access to the loch”
“Walk/ boardwalk round loch”

“Facility for community groups, older group gatherings, scouts, kids clubs etc”

“Activities for Older people”
“Something to help the pensioners”
“Something for over 60”
“Meeting area for retired men”
“Men shed”
“Activities for the retired of Gartcosh. Not much at present .“

“ICT access, Christmas concert, musical performances”

End of survey

We have a lot of new residents and a new Community Board. Further information is available below.

**The Northern Corridor Area
(Both wards make The Northern Corridor Community Board}**

The area above is the area Gartcosh is part of and makes up our wider community, comprising of the villages/areas :

	Population Estimate at 2019
Gartcosh, Glenboig, Moodiesburn, NLC electoral ward 6	14,004
Chryston/ Muirhead, Stepps, NLC electoral ward 5 (which includes areas Mount Ellen, Cardowan & Auchinloch)	12,290

Current Services/amenities in Gartcosh

School - Gartcosh Primary School is over capacity and is marked for replacement. A single site consultation took place to replace the school at the back of the loch. The proposal and development breached much of the 7 Lochs Masterplan and was unpopular with residents wanting to preserve greenbelt, the SINK, vistas and walkway/ cycle paths round the loch side. NLC concluded this was to be the location. That was 3 years ago. Recently NLC sought authorisation to explore placing the school on the playing field site. It will require a second consultation as the previous was based on the loch site (a single site option only). There has been no contact by NLC regarding this issue. There are questions such as the land mass of the playing field site. Is it capable of supporting the facilities we require of a the community hub, no approach regarding the size and design of the hub. We as a community have to be careful we are not “selling short” future generations for short term gain because a school is needed. Because of this new strategy separate sites are not acceptable as a quick fix. A full package in terms of education and amenities is required. We bring you back to the guiding principles “**Designed by the community with NLC, rather than for the community**”. This is not only our principle it is NLC’S own principle in hub design.

Any new school consultation should not be used to reduce overall services and amenities the community needs. This point is academic when the NLC leave the community to speculate through social media, to add confusion the land is owned by a developer and they have simultaneously applied for planning permission for 72 houses on the land they own scheduled within the development plan for housing? To date NLC has not given our elected representative any explanation that he can convey to the GTRA in this regard.

Transport - Services have caused no end of problems to residents who rely on public transport. Residents have on many occasions posted the status of “no shows” of schedule services, services cut early and leaving residents without a mode of public transport to get to work or home. The train service as left a lot to be desired before the pandemic with cancelled and late service. Residents have written and commented on the parking around and in the park and ride facility caused by inadequate parking facilities for crime campus staff. Staff have to go to work and thats not the issue. Nobody in Gartcosh would rate the service or public realm impact regarding walking or park and ride access as satisfactory.

Like the school the asset and service is there but is so unsatisfactory on many fronts for users of these services.

Health Services - There are no GP or primary healthcare provision and even if provision is sought in our wider community lists are stretched or closed. The GP is the General Clinical Expert that makes referrals to the wider primary and secondary healthcare services. Without access health promotion, public health and health conditions/issues cannot be address. This includes social care issues for older and vulnerable patients. Within the whole of Northern Corridor there is not one Health Centre to base any services.

Amenities - Gartcosh has a community hall built in 1903 and refurbished in the 1970's. It holds 70 people as maximum capacity. It is available for hire week days. It now does not take weekend lets due to council cuts. Some organisations have block bookings for activities within the hall. It is of course currently closed due to the pandemic. Gartcosh has no, community centre, outdoor sports facilities, no indoor games area for clubs or personal sports activity. We have no park and most land is fenced off by the private land owner. NLC have no community land in Gartcosh except for the loch front, school and community hall with strips of verge requiring grass cutting. This explains why the school site and hub will be a problem. NLC did not plan amenities and housing having regard for the original settlement in 2006 and what was to be achieved has never been realised or so far removed in suggested location is in fact closer to Chryston and Muirhead in that they are being considered on the west side of the Johnstone Loch. This has no regard for the original settlement and population it serves. Access to amenities will be an issue as the proposed site, proposed by people who don't know our community along with bad planning will encourage /includes a far larger population than sized to cater for.

Retail - Is contained in the small parade of shops, the other convenience store and the tearoom on the loch. Retail is currently advertised next to the Avant development to be built on a 1.2 acre site. This goes against the Community Hub strategy of creating a "community of services, amenities and retail" which gives sustainability to organisations and businesses involved by creating a critical mass of activity at one location. This retail area may create a fragmented approach. Another consideration is scale. Gartcosh sits less than 2 kilometres from one of the largest shopping centres in Scotland (The Fort). If some choices have to be made, is community amenities more important and scale back aspirations on retail or is retail more important? We also have the explosion of online delivery because of the pandemic and will be a retail service that is here to stay and become more sophisticated as time goes on. It gives some food for thought and different opinions are what makes a community.

Why did we ask you certain questions

We asked you questions about age and household members, so we could find out the types of age groups and mix of households. When we put the survey out we asked as many household members as possible to contribute and try and make it a family/ household response and believe parents are best placed to ask children and young people for their response.

A total of 339 responses were completed but it also included the opportunity for a further 284 adults, 246 children under 12 and 77 young people between the 13 -17 age group.

We asked you about the school because we wanted to sense check the community's knowledge of the current situation of school capacity and facilities. We also wanted to check that a NLC solution to provide a school with sports facilities but recognising the community requires additional amenities.

Another guiding principle is that of:

Availability and usage

Accessible from morning to late evening,

Multi-functional spaces to serve the whole community.

No facilities provided were they are only used in the evening

Providing facilities only for the school and available for "let" out-with school hours does not meet expectations of community based on the survey data or the guiding principles.

We asked you about GP services as there is growing concern throughout The Northern Corridor regarding access to this service. It is worrying that 47% do not have a registered GP in the area when patient lists are stretched or closed.

Based on survey responses for indoor and outdoor amenities, these can only be met through a community hub building in addition to the school and a park to host the outdoor sport activity.

We sent out the survey, so that we as a community can shape the Community Hub from a community's perspective, 339 returns does not represent or presents everyones views but is a representative view/ survey. Local Authorities have made changes in services based on surveys over large populations when responses have been less than 100.

We hope you find the results interesting and if you want to get involved please contact Gartcosh Tenants Residents Association through messenger on our facebook page or complete the contact form on our website www.gtra.org