

STAGE 1 PUBLIC CONSULTATION REPORT

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1.1 STAGE 1 OBJECTIVES AND AIMS

This chapter details the actions undertaken in the first stage of the public consultation process for the redevelopment of the Holloway Prison site, which took place from March to June 2019.

This stage of public consultation was designed to:

- ESTABLISH a relationship with community stakeholders for on-going engagement
- INFORM community stakeholders of our initial design principles and our consultation and design processes
- ◆ IDENTIFY initial local priorities for the redevelopment of the Holloway Prison site
- INCORPORATE feedback adjusting design direction and provide additional information for clarification

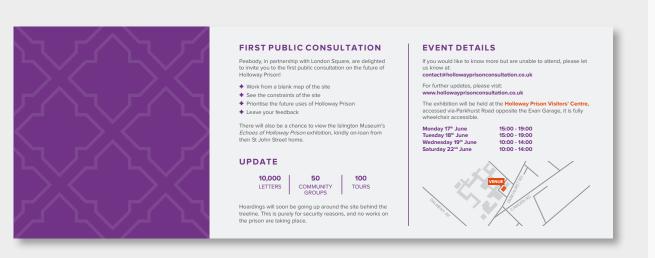
1.2 STAGE 1 ACTIONS

Actions from this stage included:

- An introductory letter sent to 9,876 addresses in the area surrounding the Holloway Prison site (March 2019)
- Introductory letter sent to local politicians and stakeholder groups (March 2019)
- Circa 50 community/stakeholder groups received the introductory letter and invitation (March 2019)
- ◆ Leaflet sent to 9,876 addresses (same addresses as previous), inviting residents to attend the first public consultation events later the same month (June 2019)
- Launch of a dedicated project website: www.hollowayprisonconsultation.com
- Tours with circa 150 residents beginning in April and resuming in September

- ◆ Tour of the site with local Islington councillors
- Regular meetings with representatives of the Community Plan 4 Holloway, Reclaim Holloway and Islington Homes for All
- Meetings with former prison guards, prisoners and the Treasurers Foundation
- Meetings with Islington Museum and Caitlin Davies, author of Bad Girls: A History of Rebels and Renegades
- Filming tours with New London Architecture and Clean Break
- Dedicated on-site consultation zone set-up
- Public consultation drop-in events held on-site at the Holloway Prison Visitors' Centre on:
 - Monday 17th June, 3pm 7pm
 - Tuesday 18th June, 3pm 7pm

- Wednesday 19th June, 10am 2pm
- Saturday 22nd June, 10am 2pm
- Provision of engagement activities to test the development and design principles at the consultation drop-in events
- Provision of feedback forms at the consultation drop-in events, which could be filled in on-site or returned via Freepost
- Opportunities to express interest in a number of workshops we intend to facilitate in the coming months
- Supply and management of a dedicated email inbox and phone landline for project enquiries, as well as a website providing updates on the consultation.



Holloway Prison Consultation Leaflet/Invitation



Holloway Prison Consultation: Project Website

1.3 STAGE 1 DROP-IN EVENTS

The Stage 1 public consultation drop-in events were comprised of information boards and activities to capture feedback, including the following:

Information:

- Welcome/Introduction
- The Team
- · History of the Site
- · Housing Targets & Islington's SPD
- Policy Constraints & Considerations
- Inspiration from the Past
- Learning from the SPD
- Site Constraints & Considerations
- Next Steps

Engagement activities:

- Where do you live? Interactive map for attendees to mark where they have come from
- Future uses understanding local priorities for building uses in the redevelopment of the Holloway Prison site
- Holloway BUILD interactive exercise using LEGO bricks to test local residents' proposals for the Holloway Prison site. The number of bricks available represents the number of proposed homes.

1.3.1 ATTENDANCE

A total of 306 people attended the consultation dropin events across the four days they were held, with a significant number expressing interest in participating in the next stage of the consultation process: themebased workshops, which will be held over the summer.

- ♦ 17th June (Day 1): 80
- ♦ 18th June (Day 2): 35 (115)
- 19th June (Day 3): (62 (177)
- ◆ 22nd June (Day 4): 129 (306)

Where attendees visited from are visualised on the opposite page.

1.4 CAPTURING FEEDBACK

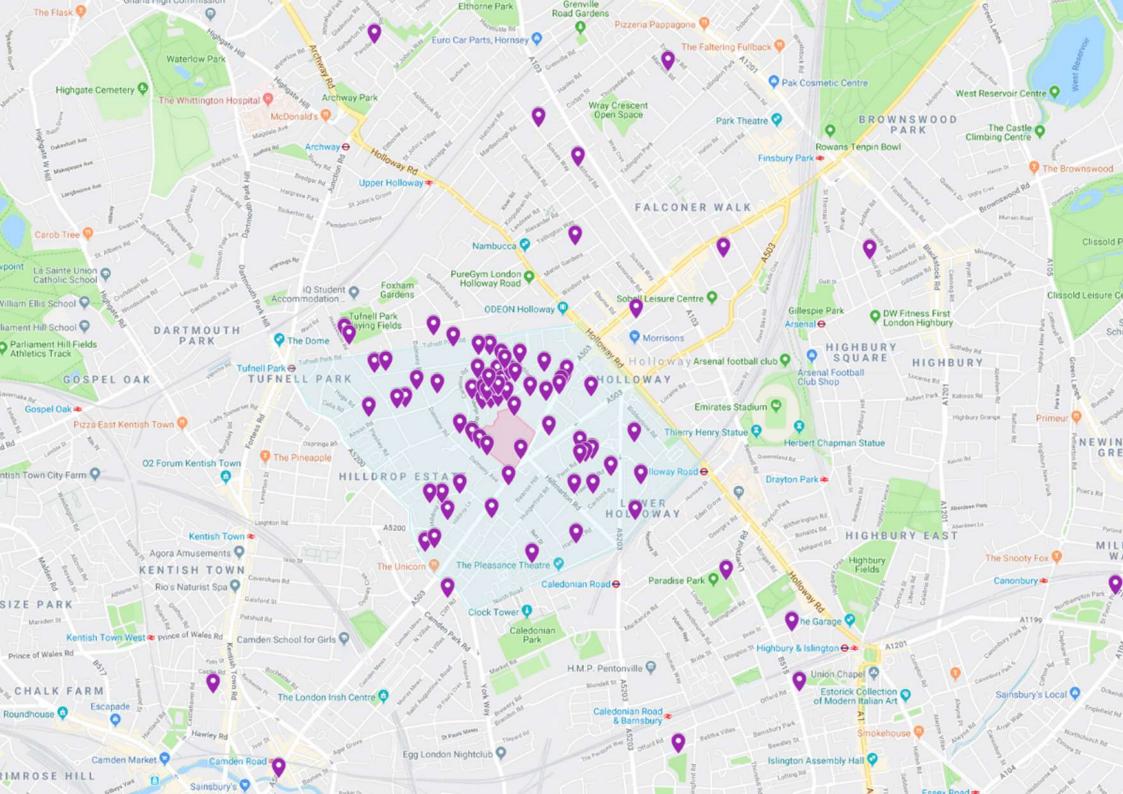
There were a number of opportunities for attendees to the public consultation drop-in events to leave feedback on the information presented, including:

- 105 completed feedback forms
- ♦ Local Priorities engagement activity





Example outputs from the 'Holloway BUILD' activity



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1.5 QUALITATIVE FEEDBACK

The following summary and themes of qualitative feedback were collected at the first public consultation events via feedback forms, engagement tools and verbal communication.

Women's Building

A common theme for respondents regarding the Women's Building, are comments that it should be "accessible" in terms of its location, usually concluding that this should be on Parkhurst Road / where the Visitors' Centre currently lies.

Often, attendees would suggest that the Women's Building should have access to green and open space as well. There was minimal mention of the size of the eventual building or that it should form a 'centrepiece' for the site.

In terms of function, there does not seem to be any overarching majority or consensus. Rather, there are lots of calls to consult with former prisoners and ensure that the building provides care/services for those who have been affected by the criminal justice system. These themes will be more deeply explored at the Women's Building workshops throughout the summer.

Tall Buildings

More work needs to be done to understand and define what constitutes a tall building. This subjectivity stemmed into each individual's definition of height, with many stating different measurements of what is 'tall', 'high-rise' or 'low-rise'. Interestingly, there is no obvious reference of a local landmark, with

respondents including a range of examples such as the Bakersfield Estate and comparative local streets.

In terms of location, attendees have placed markers across the site for where height could be. There is no consensus however, which is to be expected given the blankness of the exercise carried out.

Most often, residents would place tall buildings at the "back" of this site (near Bakersfield) or in the centre. Whilst nearly no attendees mentioned the viewing corridor as a constraint, with none mentioning Islington Council's policy on Tall Buildings.

Green & Open Space

There is a clear consensus that the green space should be at the "front" and "centre" of the site, usually represented as the area opposite Hillmarton Road.

Respondents would often state that green space should be "all over", with smaller parks complimenting a larger centre space. Several people also asked for green roofs and safe spaces for children.



Holloway Prison Consultation Feedback Form

Housing

Residents are evidently nervous about the definition of "affordable" housing. Regularly, they would highlight the need for social housing, in some cases stating the scheme should deliver 100%. Certainly, attendees wanted to see as much affordable housing delivered at as cheap a rent possible.

Key Commitments

Attendees regularly praised and discussed the agreed deliverables of affordable housing, a women's building and green and open space. These items tended to lead the conversation, with residents easily able to add value to discussions and seeking to hold the Project Team to account with regard to future development. In addition, the early stage consultation strategy was largely pleased, with a few attendees expecting to see more detailed plans at the first public consultation!

Sustainability

Attendees both verbally and via the feedback form would often call for as sustainable a scheme as possible. The definition of which would vary, but several attendees spoke of technical innovation in terms of heating or other means.

Whereas wildlife, biodiversity and air quality are often mentioned, the latter is particularly coveted by those who live closest to the site, who coupled air quality in with construction as a cause for concern.

Infrastructure

A cause for concern is how the impact of new homes will have on the local area. In particular, infrastructure is often mentioned in terms of the provision of schools and a GPs offices to support existing facilities in Holloway and further afield.

Additionally, transport is considered a major issue, with impact new residents would have on the existing bus network. The discussed 'new access routes' throughout the site have created a division between residents as to what this means and where they should be, and whether they are needed at all.

Other Comments

This section was largely used as an extension of the comments on the feedback form, with residents wanting to put their opinions in a place that could be seen by others. These comments are largely summarized in the qualitative feedback session Sticky notes would often include descriptions of housing, women's building, green space and accessibility. Suggestions such as 'Tesco', 'children's nursey', 'post office' were rare. This part of the board was more enthusiastically engaged with on the Saturday session.

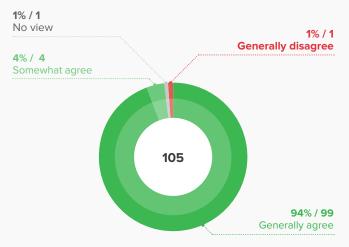


Stage 1 public consultation drop-in events

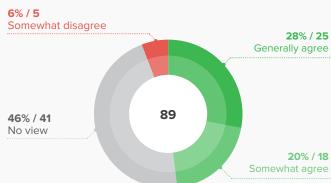
1.6 QUANTITATIVE FEEDBACK

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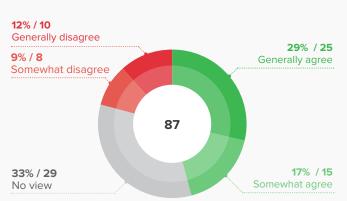
I welcome the opportunity to be consulted on the future of Holloway Prison



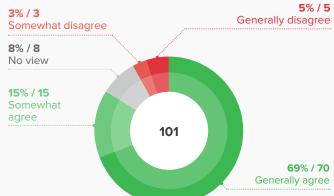
I believe that the site's history/heritage is being respected



I support the number of homes being proposed



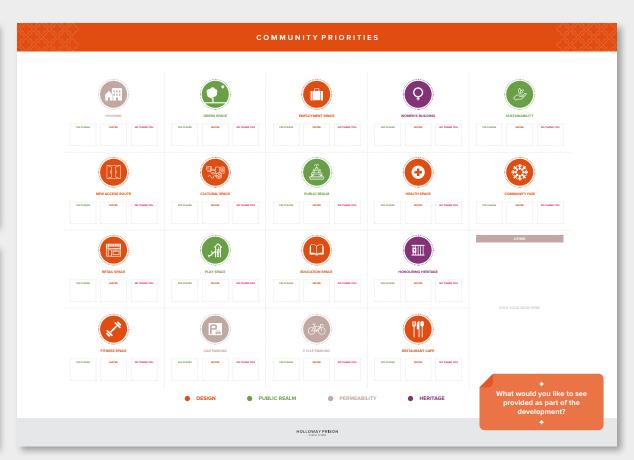
The site is an important part of Islington's urban environment



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Tall Buildings There on the site would you like to see tall buildings? Where on the site would you like to see tall buildings? Where on the site would you like to see tall buildings? 4-44.9 Paul Street CCA-83.						
Open Space Where on the site would you like to see open space?						

Holloway Prison Consultation: Feedback Form



Holloway Prison Consultation: Future Uses Activity



















Green Space

Housing

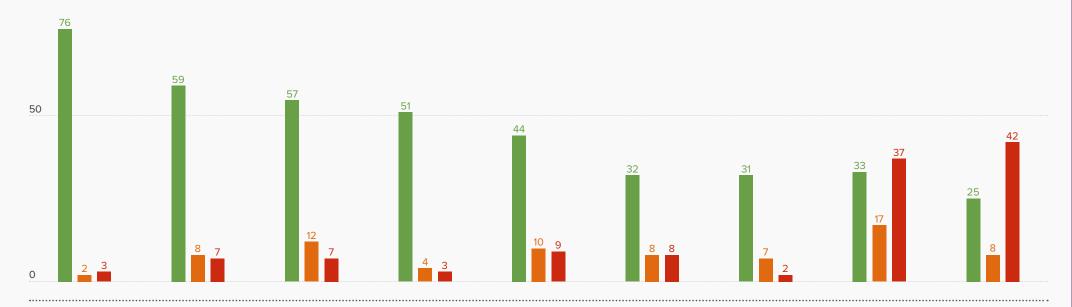
Cycle Parking

Community Hub

Cultural Space

Public Realm

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Health Space



Fitness Space



Employment Space



Educational Space



Retail



Car Parking

1.7 NEXT STEPS

Interest in Workshops

Attendees to the stage 1 events were asked whether they would be interested in themed workshops which will take place over the coming months. This has helped us gauge the levels of interest in our development principles further develop our engagement programme.

♦ Women's Building: 83

Permeability: 79

Design: 78

Public & Open Space: 60

