

The background of the slide is a photograph of a football pitch. In the foreground, the green grass is visible with white boundary lines. In the middle ground, several players in dark kits are scattered across the field. In the background, there is a long, low stadium stand with orange seating, partially filled with spectators. Behind the stand, there are trees and some buildings under a cloudy sky.

Survey into Newbury's Community Football Facilities May 2017

In March 2017 a survey was carried out by Newbury Community Football Group (NCFG) to ascertain the views of the local community in relation to the quality and availability of the football facilities in the Newbury area

The survey is the biggest consultation of local football needs ever carried out in West Berkshire

The survey was available for anyone to complete, but targeted at those who use the current facilities and was promoted through local press, radio and social media

Just under 200 responses were received, including responses from 37 local teams and leagues

Of the respondents:

- 74% currently use grass pitches, 68% use artificial pitches and 26% use indoor facilities**
- 53% use the local facilities 1-2 days a week and 19% use them for 3 days or more**
- 49% used the facilities for league matches and training for F.A. affiliated youth teams, 19% for F.A. affiliated senior teams and 18% use it for informal games with friends**



Summary of findings:

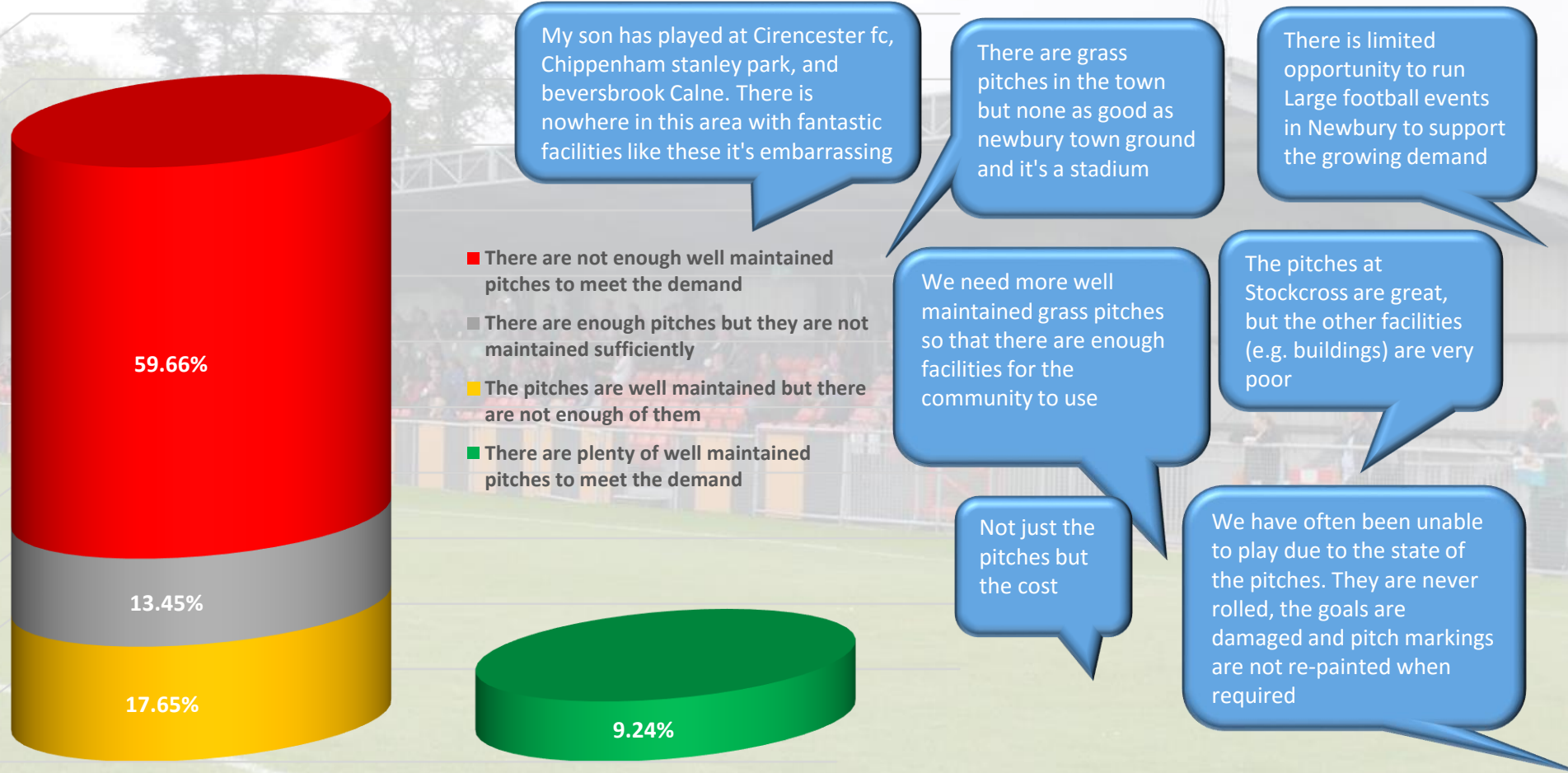
The responses clearly show there are extremely high levels of dissatisfaction with the local football facilities

- Only 9% believe there are enough, well maintained grass pitches in Newbury
- Only 16% believe there are enough, well maintained indoor football facilities in Newbury
- Only 9% believe there are enough, well maintained artificial pitches in Newbury

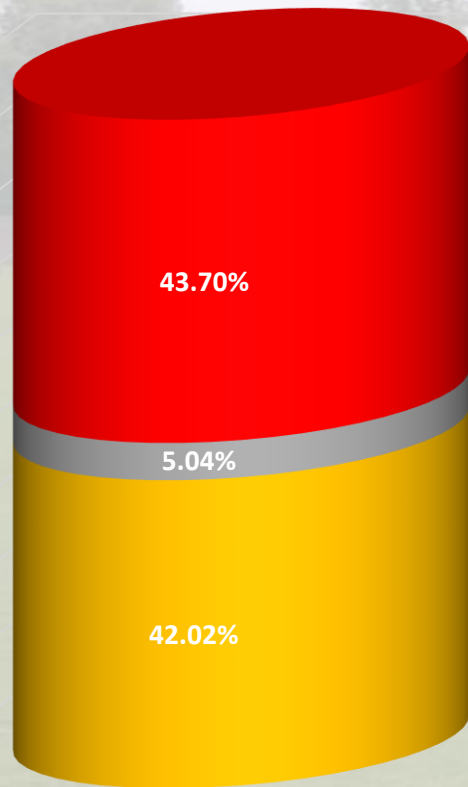
Furthermore if Newbury Football Ground was developed, there is a high propensity for regular community use, with 48% of respondents saying they would use it 1-2 days a week and 34% saying they would use it more than 3 times a week

And of the facilities required in a redeveloped Newbury Football Ground, 90% wanted floodlights, 60% wanted artificial (3G) pitches and 30% felt it was important to be within close proximity to the town centre

Q6. HOW DO YOU RATE THE GRASS PITCH PROVISION IN NEWBURY?



Q7. OVERALL HOW WOULD YOU RATE THE OUTDOOR NON-GRASS FACILITIES (ARTIFICIAL PITCHES) IN NEWBURY?



- There are not enough well maintained facilities to meet the demand
- There are enough facilities but they are not maintained well enough
- The facilities are well maintained but there are not enough of them
- There are plenty of well maintained outdoor facilities in Newbury

Normally they are fully booked which means you have to play late in the evening

The non grass facilities are limited and so expensive to hire

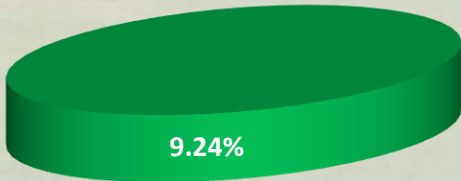
I think that the schools & academies have done well in developing 3G pitches but beyond that there don't seem to be the facilities, it appears that the council are not doing anything to develop facilities

Only one 3G pitch suitable for football at Park House School, oversubscribed and not currently FA licensed for league matches

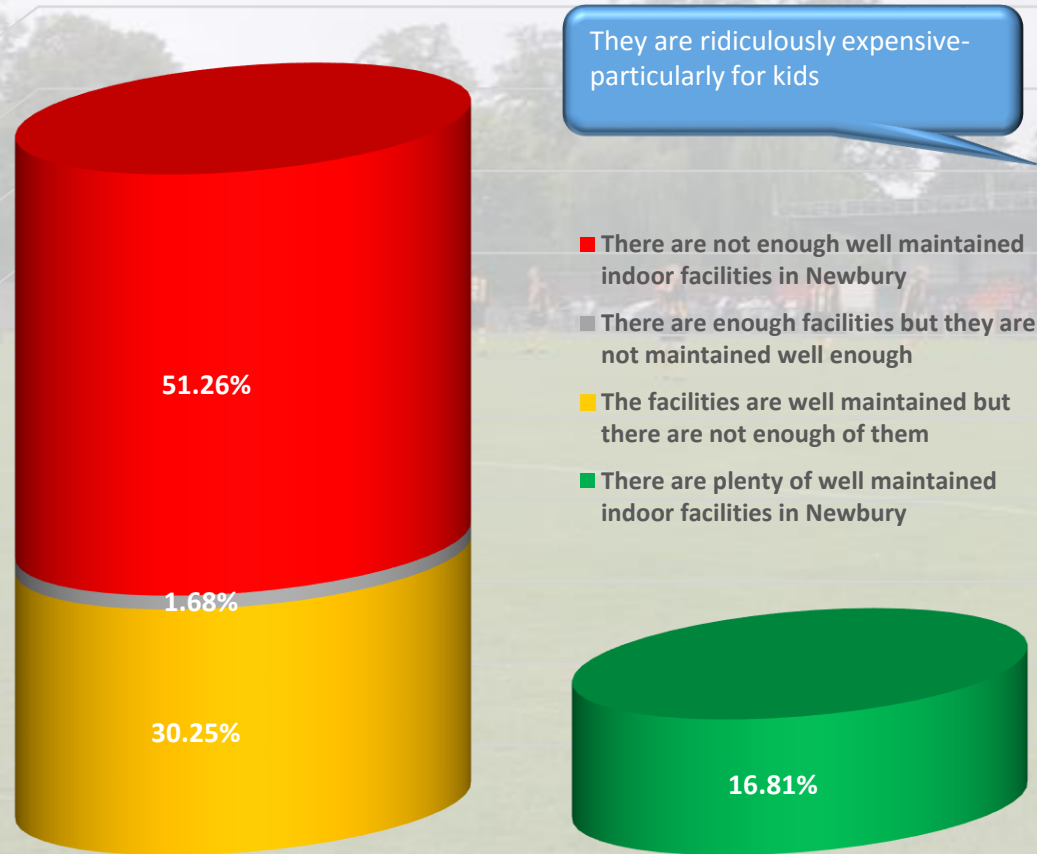
Availability of artificial pitches in Newbury is shocking. Nowhere enough space for local teams

Non grass facilities are the future and Newbury is far far behind.

I think Newbury is woefully short of all weather pitches



Q8: OVERALL HOW WOULD YOU RATE THE INDOOR FOOTBALL FACILITIES IN NEWBURY?



They are ridiculously expensive-particularly for kids

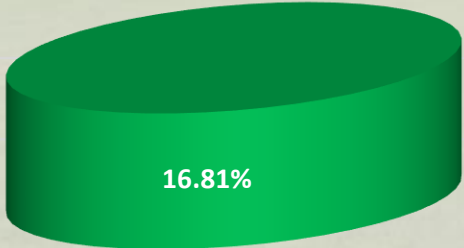
Again woefully short

Since the closure of Liberty Ballroom, I can only think of 1 indoor facility in the town

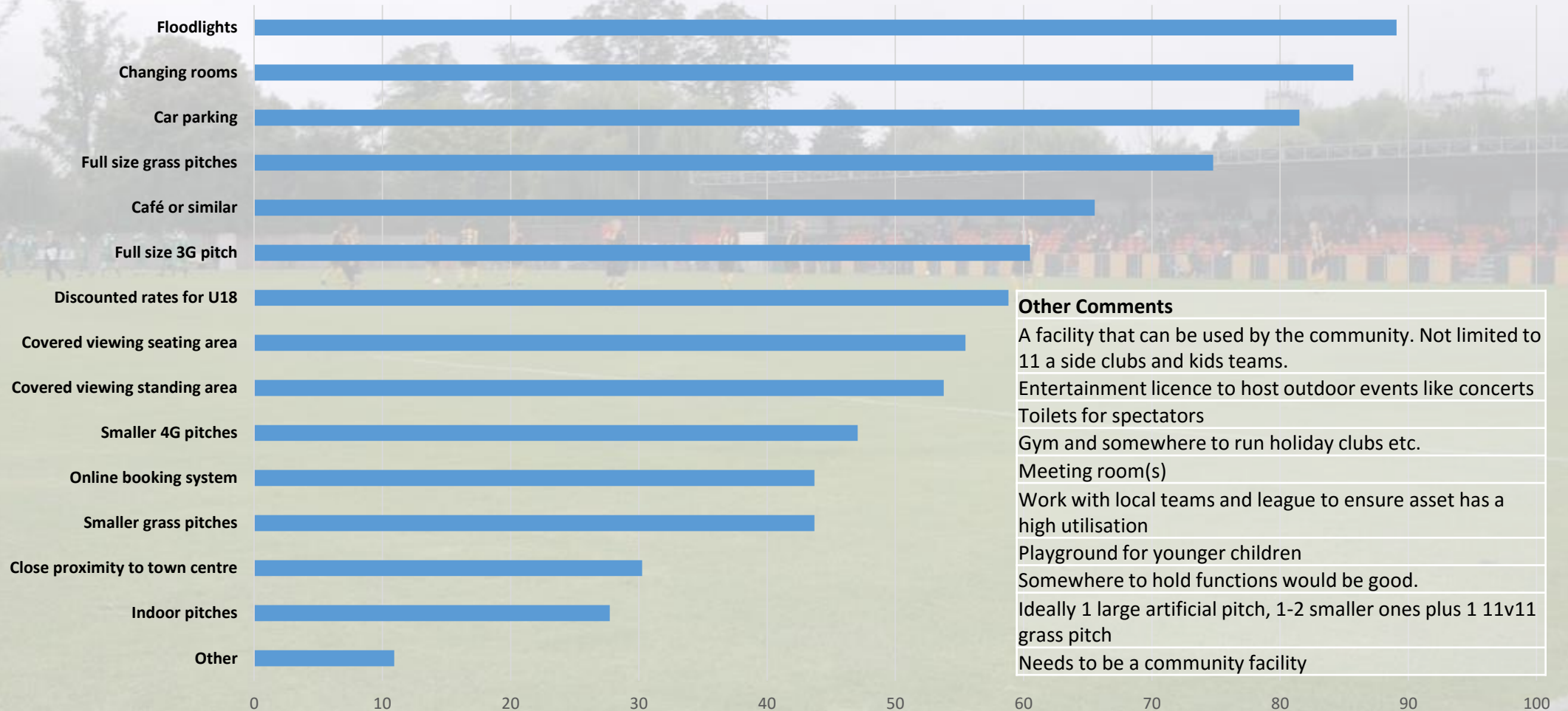
Hardly any, and those that exist (Park House being a prime example) are awful

Indoor football is a massive growth sport including Futsal but you have to look outside Newbury to find somewhere

Cost is huge! Places charge sooooo much for hire



Q9: If Newbury Football Ground was to be redeveloped, what facilities and features do you think are important to include?



Other Comments

A facility that can be used by the community. Not limited to 11 a side clubs and kids teams.

Entertainment licence to host outdoor events like concerts

Toilets for spectators

Gym and somewhere to run holiday clubs etc.

Meeting room(s)

Work with local teams and league to ensure asset has a high utilisation

Playground for younger children

Somewhere to hold functions would be good.

Ideally 1 large artificial pitch, 1-2 smaller ones plus 1 11v11 grass pitch

Needs to be a community facility

Q10: If a redeveloped Newbury Football Ground facility had the facilities you listed, how often would you use it?

