

Key findings from The Gower Consultation

Total number of responses received: 450

Question No 1 – Are you a resident of St Georges & Priorslee.

449: Yes

1: No

Question No 2 – How important, is it you that the Gower Building is reopened and used as a community facility/resource.

183: Very Important

121: Quite important

36: Not very important

97: Not at all important

Question No 3 – Do you support the proposal for the parish council to take on the responsibility of the Gower and raise its precept to pay for it?

296: Support the proposal

144: Don't support the proposal

9: Don't know

Question No 4 – Please tell us why you do or don't support it?

Key reasons given for **wanting** to support the scheme:

- Need to save the building from being lost forever/ preserve local heritage.
- The building will help to develop the local community, bring people together, improve local pride.
- Nostalgic/ emotional attachment to local residents/ concern it will be lost and used for housing.
- Local landmark.
- Help alleviate social isolation.
- Need to build on the great work the local volunteers have already started.

Key reasons given for **not** wanting to support the scheme:

- Do not agree that the precept be increased and residents pay for the funding.
- Scheme is too expensive
- The project will only benefit a few who live in St Georges
- The building is beyond repair
- Not viable/waste of money
- No benefit to residents in Priorslee
- Money should be spent on other public services – hospital, roads.
- Not sustainable
- Telford & Wrekin Council own it so they should fund it
- No demand
- Not enough information has been provided

Question No 5 – Please tell us if the building was reopened what activities and events would you like it to provide?

- A place for Young and Old people
- Nursery
- Courses
- Arts & Music
- Fitness groups
- Café
- Private hire
- Tea dances
- Other organisations 'MIND'
- Adult/children learning
- Craft activity/ Fayre
- Library
- Cinema nights
- Walking Group
- Community Garden
- CAB
- Small Skate Park
- Small business
- Community Choir
- Family Events

Question No 5 – Is there anything else you would like to tell us?

- Sell it!
- Concern the decision has already been made
- Needs equality of funding
- Should build a new modern centre not try and refurbish an old one
- Too much money
- Need community space

- Need homes for the homeless
- Need it to get people out of their homes
- Must be sustainable
- Interest rates are a concern
- Ask Redrow Homes for a contribution
- Good luck
- Will need good site security
- Will need good parking – may be an opportunity to rent spaces to residents who struggle to park their car in nearby streets
- Need to preserve for future generations
- Like the new Newsletter
- Spend on public services