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# HEART OF PITSEA BIG LOCAL PLAN <sup>2018</sup><sub>2021</sub>

3 YEAR BIG LOCAL PLAN



# WHAT IS BIG LOCAL?

**Big Local is an exciting opportunity for residents in 150 areas around England to make a massive and lasting positive difference to their communities. Big Local brings together all the local talent, ambitions, skills and energy from individuals, groups and organisations who want to make their area an even better place to live.**

## Big Local outcomes

- Communities will be better able to identify local needs and take action in response to them.
- People will have increased skills and confidence, so that they continue to identify and respond to needs in the future.
- The community will make a difference to the needs it prioritises.
- People will feel that their area is an even better place to live.

## What it's not about

- It's not about your local authority, the government or a national organisation telling you what to do.
- It's not about individual groups fixing their favourite problem without talking to a wide range of different people who live and work in the community.
- It's not about short-term thinking – you've got 10 years or more to plan and deliver the best options for your area.

Hello and thank you for picking up our plan.

We support good value local projects that make positive changes to our community. Early on we recognised that although we have money to develop local projects our biggest challenge is to get people involved. Currently our team has ten enthusiastic local resident volunteers, but we are always looking for more. Why not get in touch and see what we have to offer for you? We host a range of quiz nights, social events, workshops and seasonal activities throughout the year. We can always do with an extra pair of hands, so hop on board and make a difference!

*The Heart of Pitsea Team*





# VISION

We are pleased to present our updated Big Local plan for the Heart of Pitsea area. This document sets out what we plan to do over the next three years and outlines how we have used feedback from our community to shape our themes and objectives. The Heart of Pitsea Partnership is a mainly volunteer-led group supported by specialist partners, which encourages and manages local community development using Big Local lottery funding.

Since the beginning, Heart of Pitsea have identified community needs by surveys, polls, feedback and research. In forming this new version of our plan, this collected information has proved to be crucial in forming our themes and ideas. Our original vision remains as relevant today as when we first created it. We continue to want positive changes and build upon community spirit for local people.

*Our vision is for an  
engaged community  
that creates  
opportunities for  
everyone and feels good  
about itself*







## THEMES

We have continuously listened to local people and because of their feedback have identified three major themes which we would like to improve: Health, Skills and Community. As a result of future Health projects and events, we would like to see people being more active, living a healthier lifestyle and improving their mental and physical health. Through our Skills programmes, we hope to see an increase in training, education and participation for all ages which will help to improve their opportunities throughout their lives. Our Community theme will see residents coming together for social events, working with us to improve the local environment and building community spirit.

We used 744 opinions and views to help us develop our plan

64% were Female 36% were Male

Our ongoing survey helps us discover new trends and areas needing support in our community



# CHANGES

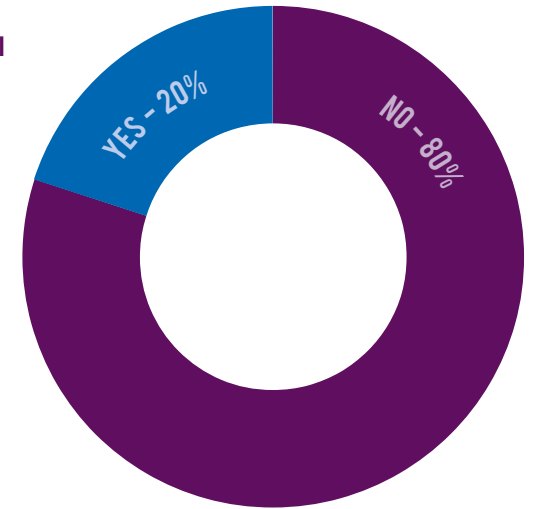
It is important that our work has local impact. Our priorities are to see a reduction in crime and anti-social behaviour, improvements to our local green spaces, the creation of some new activity groups and social clubs and generate a feeling of security and harmony within the Heart of Pitsea area. We will measure progress by using our online monitoring and evaluation tool, feedback from our participants and continuous consultation with our community and partners.

Our committee members have shown great progression in their skills and confidence, developing approaches that truly dictate the direction of the partnership and its endeavours. We are also delivering leadership training with a local training provider for young people in our youth forum. Our focus towards the personal development of our youth volunteers will ensure these changes for the long-term. We attend local community meetings and support residents with their frustrations and personal priorities. We also support our local Patient Participation group and our staff team will continue to host its meetings.



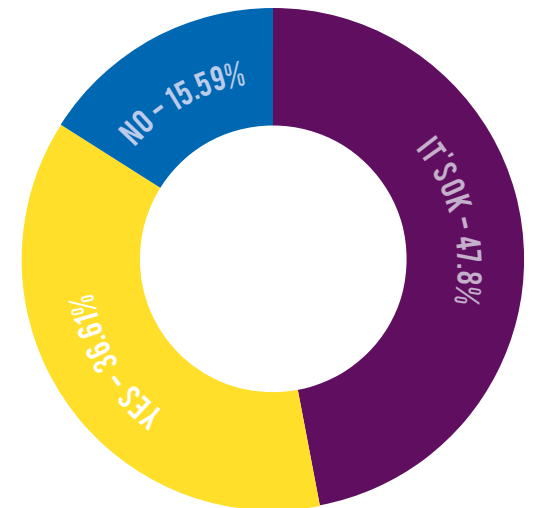
## STATS

**At the moment, do you feel that you can influence decisions affecting our local community?**



**Do you love where you live?**

This has improved by 7% compared to when we last asked in 2014



# OPPORTUNITIES

We have identified a range of projects and activities that we would like to either deliver or fund directly. These include suggestions from the local community, in addition to ideas which have been put forward through our successful Project Proposal process.

Those we intend to progress over the course of our plan include: a brand new Legacy Park with children's play areas and an outdoor gym ; a one-to-one counselling project which will tackle personal problems such as self-esteem, bereavement, isolation and anger issues; an intergenerational social club which brings together the young and old through food and games; a football coaching programme for local youngsters which will help spot and develop local sporting talent; an important project addressing child-to-parent abuse that aims to improve child behaviour and mend family disruption; and a full programme of social quizzes and community parties. With these varied and needed major changes and opportunities in the Heart of Pitsea, we are confident that people will feel that their area is an even better place to live.

## STATS

These opportunities were identified by our survey

