

# PEOPLE AND THE MARSH



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# OUTLINE OF PRESENTATION



- 1. BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE TASK**
- 2. OUR RESEARCH FRAMEWORK (METHODOLOGY, FIELDWORK, LIMITATIONS OF STUDY, WHAT WILL AND WONT DELIVER)**
- 3. BRIEF CONTEXTUAL INFO**
- 4. FINDINGS: MAPS, DIAGRAMS SHOWING EXPERIENCES, NEEDS AND EXPECTATIONS IN THE USE, ACCESS TO AND APPROPRIATION OF HACKNEY MARSH**
- 5. BASELINES CAPTURED: LOCAL PEOPLES ATTITUDES AND EXPECTATIONS REGARDING THE OLYMPICS PLAN AND LEGACY**
- 6. CONCLUSIONS KEY FINDINGS, REFLECTIONS**

# HISTORY OF THE MARSH



➤ AREA OF GRASSLAND ON THE WESTERN BANK OF THE RIVER LEA IN THE LONDON BOROUGH OF HACKNEY

➤ 337 ACRES PRESERVED BY LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL SINCE 1890 - PUBLIC AREA SINCE 1893. NOW MANAGED BY HACKNEY COUNCIL

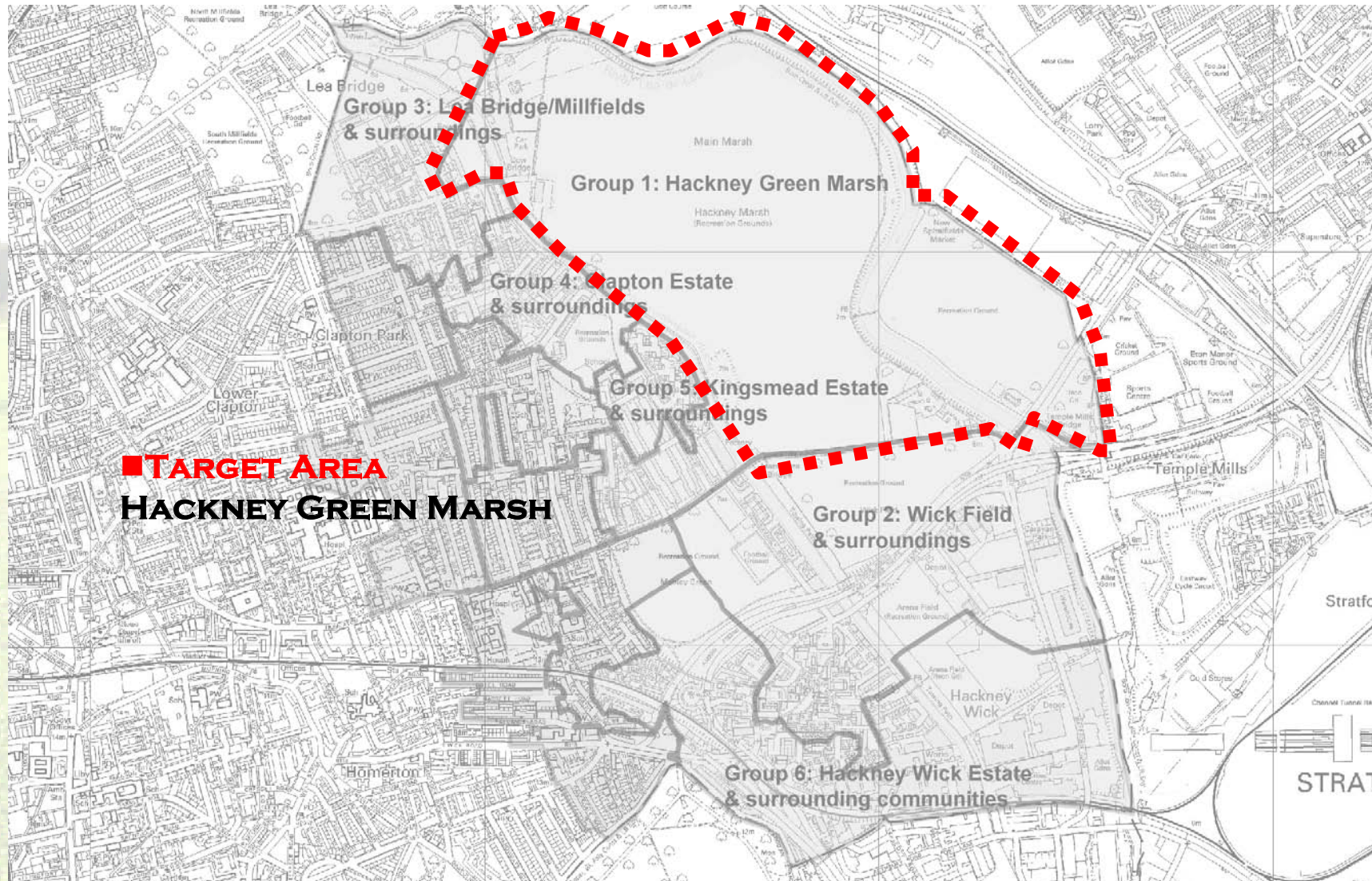
➤ NOW MAN MADE ENVIRONMENT: RUBBLE FROM AIR RAID DAMAGED BUILDINGS DURING WORLD WAR II WAS DUMPED IN THE MARSH

➤ ORIGINAL OCCUPANTS: NOMADIC COMMUNITIES AND LATER WERE FORCIBLY DISPLACED BY AUTHORITIES

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# OUR TASK

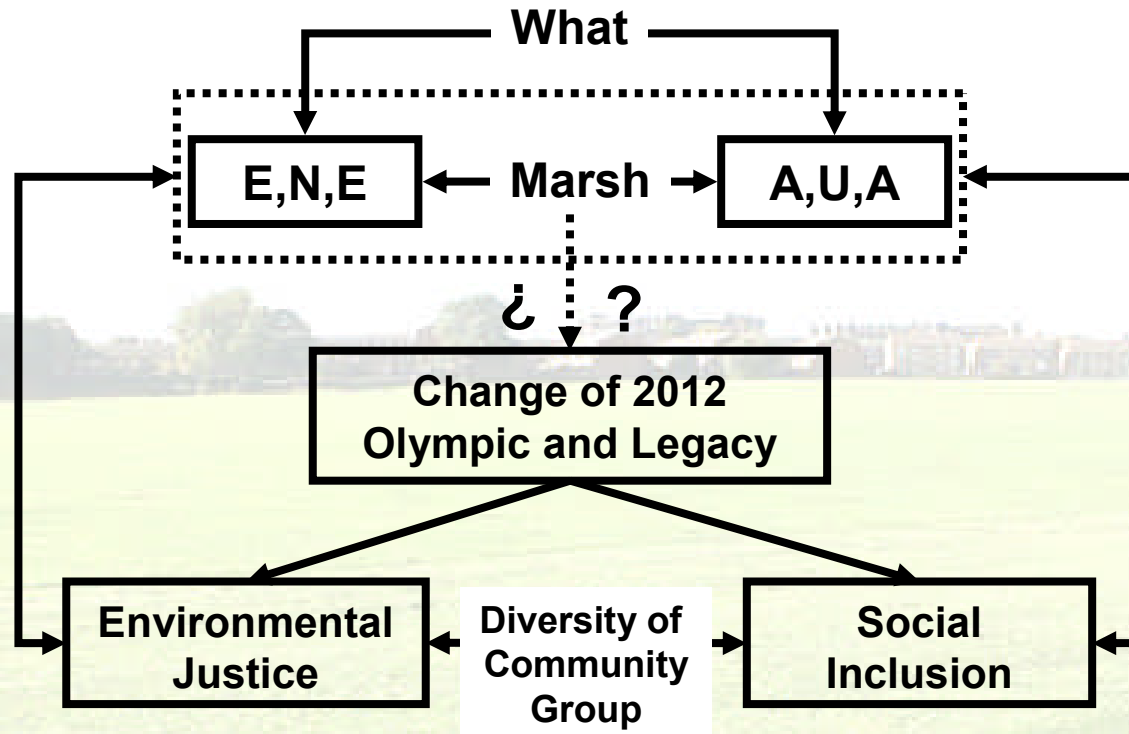


## QUESTIONS

A. WHAT ARE THE **EXPERIENCES, NEEDS AND EXPECTATIONS** IN THE ACCESS TO, USE AND APPROPRIATION OF THE MARSH BY THE COMMUNITIES?

B. HOW WOULD THE CHANGES BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE 2012 **OLYMPIC GAMES** AFFECT THE POSSIBILITY OF ENHANCING **ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE** AND **SOCIAL INCLUSION** IN THE USE OF THE MARSH BY THE DIVERSE COMMUNITY GROUPS?

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**ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE:** REFERS TO THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN GROUPS OF PEOPLE AND NATURE, SPECIFICALLY, REGARDING THE DISTRIBUTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL POSITIVES AND NEGATIVES.

**SOCIAL INCLUSION:** POSITIVE ACTION TO INCLUDE ALL GROUPS IN A SOCIETY IN THE PLANNING AND DECISION MAKING PROCESS. (WWW.PLANNINGPORTAL.GOV.UK)

# RESEARCH FRAMEWORK



## ➤ TRANSECT WALK

➤ 41 STRUCTURED QUESTIONNAIRES (INCLUDING SURVEY MONKEY)

➤ 9 SEMI STRUCTURED INTERVIEWS

➤ MAPS



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# STUDY'S LIMITATIONS



- **TIME AVAILABILITY FOR RESEARCH/ SEASON AND CLIMATE**
- **PRESCRIBED BOUNDARIES – RESTRICTED TO THE MARSH AND EXISTING USERS**
- **LACK OF INFORMATION FROM KEY STAKEHOLDERS (TRAVELLERS)**
- **QUANTITATIVE DATA NOT AS REPRESENTATIVE AS DESIRED**

**WE WILL DELIVER: MAPS AND GRAPHIC REPRESENTATION OF OUR FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS AND REFLECTIONS**

**WE WON'T DELIVER: LARGE SCALE QUANTITATIVE DATA AND SOLUTIONS, PRIMARY DATA ON PEOPLE WHO DON'T USE THE MARSH**



**TRANSECT WALK: ON 25/10/08, IT WAS OBSERVED THE MARSH IS CURRENTLY USED FOR FOOTBALL, CYCLING, JOGGING, AQUATIC SPORTS (CANOEING & FISHING), GOLF COACHING, DOG WALKING, TRAINING AND BIRD WATCHING.**



### **SINGLE/FAMILY USERS**

- TOTAL: 38 PEOPLE
- 3 MALE ATHLETES ( JOGGERS)
- 1 MALE GOING FISHING
- A COUPLE JOGGING
- 5 FEMALE ATHLETES ( JOGGERS)
- 8 MALE DOG WALKERS
- 5 FEMALE DOG WALKERS
- 8 CYCLISTS
- A YOUNG MALE DOG TRAINER
- A FATHER TEACHING HIS SON GOLF
- A SENIOR MALE CITIZEN EXERCISING (STROLLING)
- 2 MIDDLE AGED FISHERMEN FISHING AT OLD RIVER LEE

### **COLLECTIVE Users**

- TOTAL: 68 PEOPLE
- 8 CANOEISTS
- 4 FOOTBALL TEAMS:
  - 1) CONSISTING OF 16 MALE FOOTBALLERS AND FEMALE FOOTBALLERS WHO WERE AGED BETWEEN 13- 15.
  - 2) CONSISTING OF 15 MALE FOOTBALLERS WHO WERE AGED BETWEEN 6 – 7.
  - 3) & 4) CONSISTING OF 28 MIDDLE AGED MALE FOOTBALLERS.

HACKNEY MARSHES SURVEY



# HABITAT MAP



# LEGACY PLAN





# FOOTBALL PITCHES

**2003 – 51K**  
**2008 – 30K**



# OUR FINDINGS - AGE DISTRIBUTION

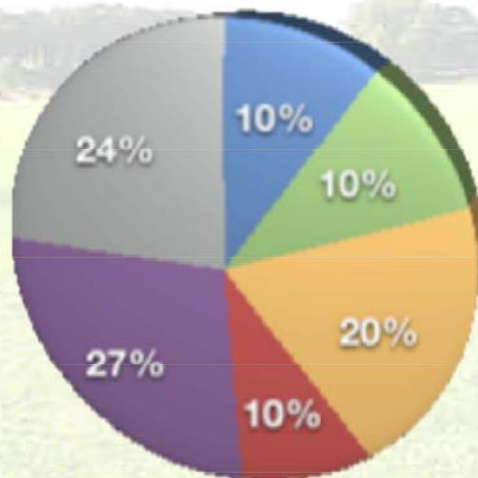


-INTERVIEWEES: > 45 & PEOPLE BETWEEN 20 & 34.

- HACKNEY POPULATION: 30 & 34 YEARS OLD AND BETWEEN 45 & 59.

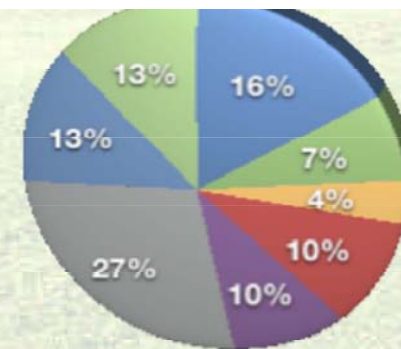
- 25% OF THE POPULATION IN HACKNEY ARE UNDER 19

AGE OF THE INTERVIEWEES



● 14-17 ● 18-24 ● 25-34 ● 35-44 ● 45-54 ● 55<

AGE OF PEOPLE IN HACKNEY

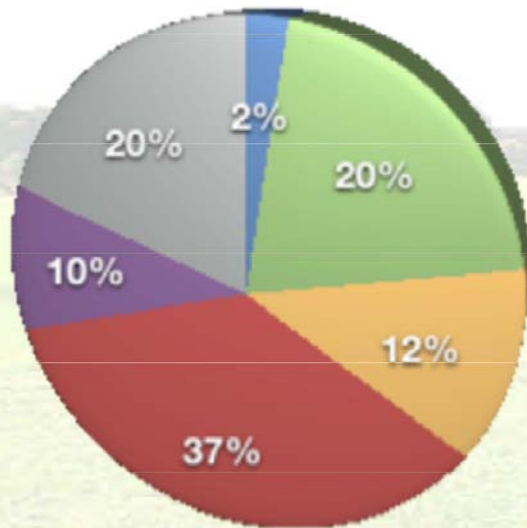


● 0-9 ● 10-14 ● 15-17 ● 18-24 ● 25-29  
● 30-34 ● 35-39 ● 40-44 ● 45-59 ● 60 over

# OUR FINDINGS - EDUCATION



## EDUCATION LEVEL OF INTERVIEWEES

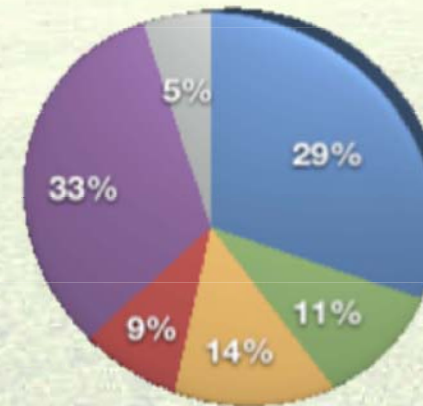


● primary school    ● secondary school    ● college/diploma  
● degree    ● higher degree    ● Unknown

**-INTERVIEWEES: DEGREE/HIGHER AND NO QUALIFICATION.**

**- HACKNEY: DEGREE AND SECONDARY SCHOOL**

## EDUCATION LEVEL OF PEOPLE IN HACKNEY



● None    ● Primary school    ● Secondary school  
● College/Diploma    ● Degree/Higher    ● Unknow

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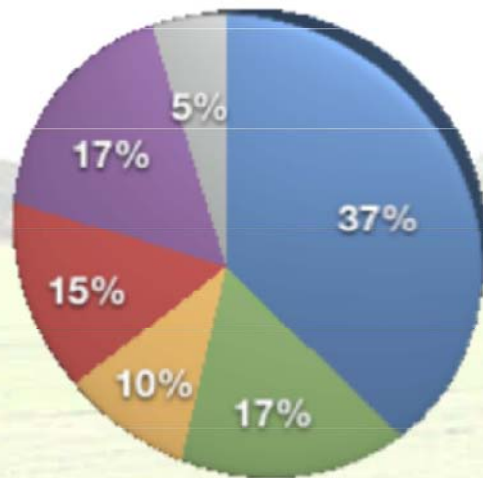
# OUR FINDINGS - OCCUPATION



## OCCUPATION STATUS OF THE INTERVIEWEES

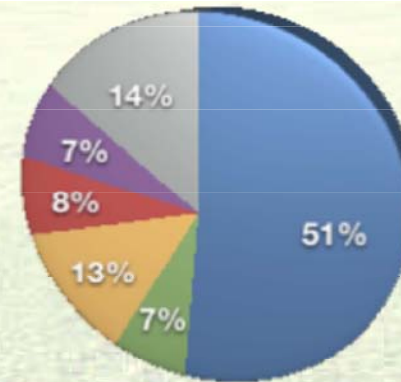
- INTERVIEWEES: FULL TIME AND THEN PART TIME, STUDENTS AND RETIRED.

-HACKNEY: EMPLOYEE, THEN OTHERS



● full time    ● part-time    ● unemployed    ● retired  
● student    ● undisclosed

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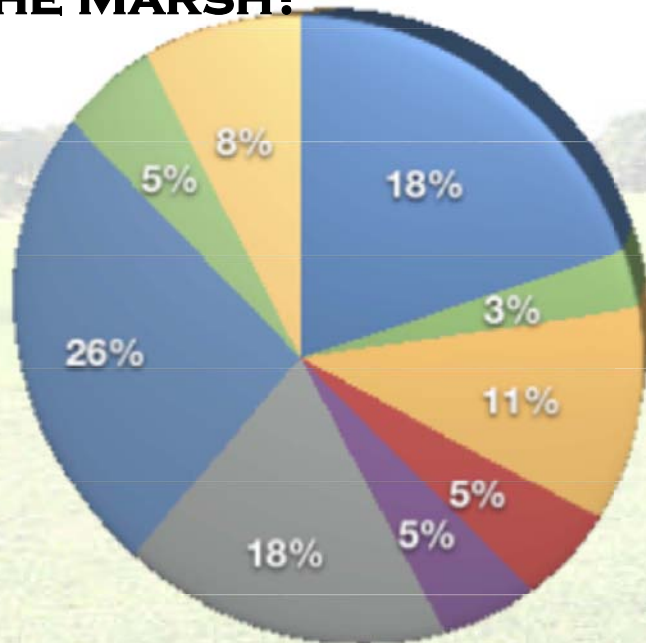


● Employee    ● Unemloyee    ● Studet    ● Retired  
● Sick    ● Others

# OUR FINDINGS - EXPERIENCES & NEEDS IN THE USE OF THE MARSH



## WHAT SORT OF ACTIVITIES DO YOU TYPICALLY DO IN THE MARSH?



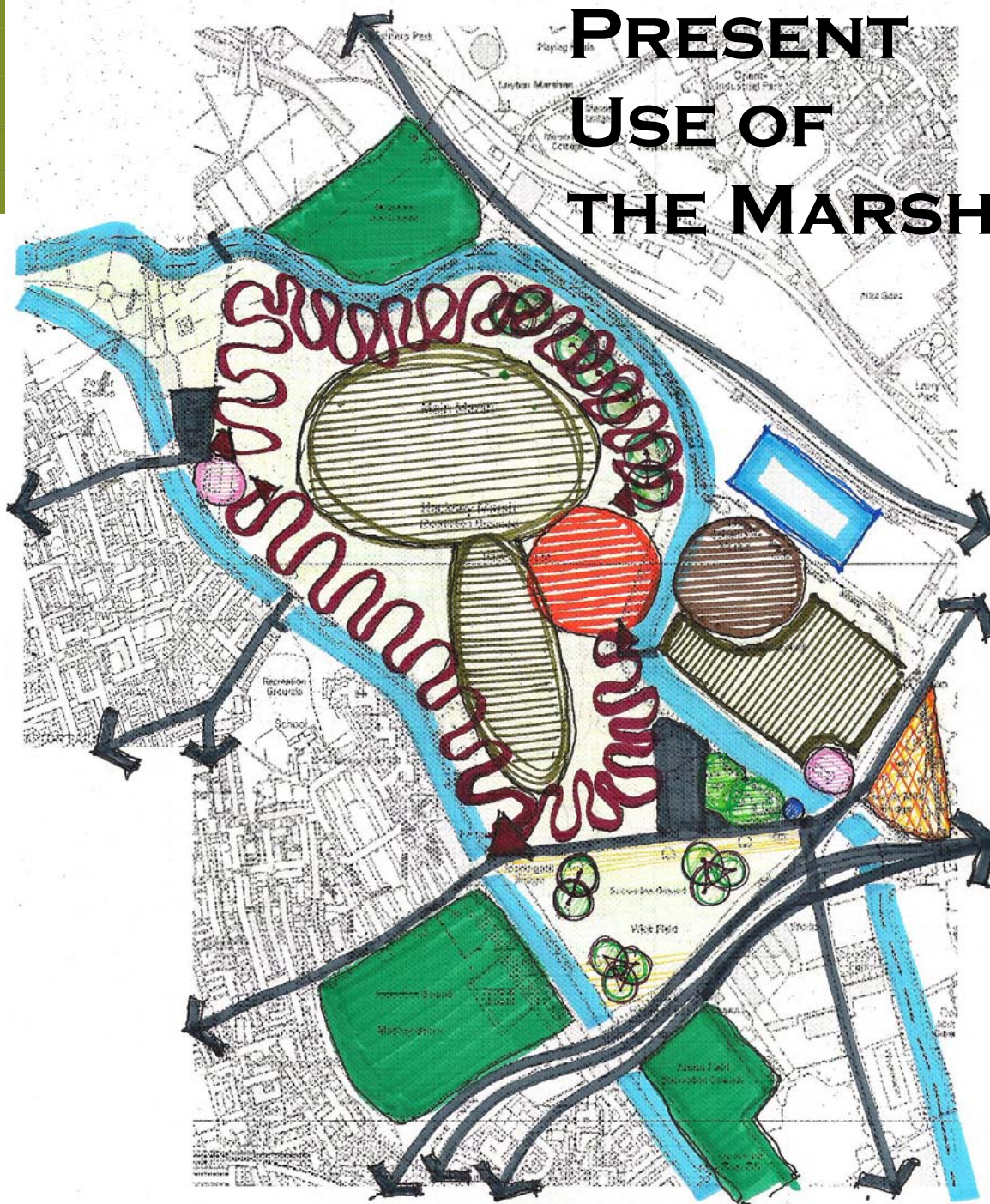
-“IT IS A MASSIVE PROPER GREEN SPACE ON A LOT OF RESIDENTS’ DOORSTEPS. IT FEELS LIKE THE COUNTRYSIDE, RATHER THAN A PARK. IT KEEPS ME SANE!” (MALE OVER 45)

- MAIN FOUR ACTIVITIES: WALK THE DOG, WALK, CYCLING, JOGGING, FOOTBALL

- |                |            |           |
|----------------|------------|-----------|
| 1 cycling      | 2 football | 3 jogging |
| 4 meet friends | 5 picnic   | 6 walking |
| 7 walk the dog | 8 fishing  | 9 other   |



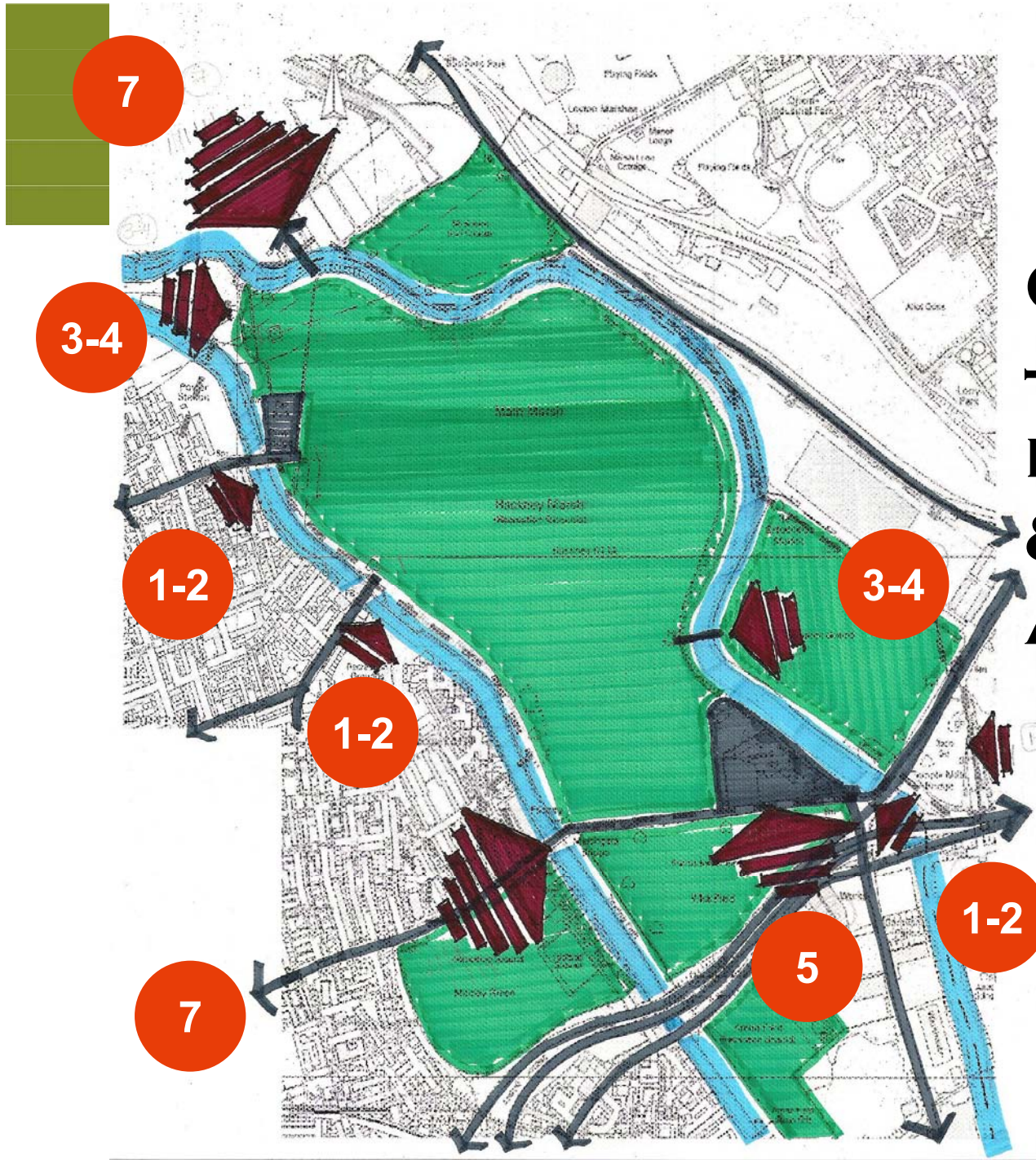
# PRESENT USE OF THE MARSH



-  MAIN ROADS
-  RIVER LEA
-  CYCLING, JOGGING, WALKING
-  CHANGING ROOMS
-  PARKING
-  TRAVELLERS
-  SURROUNDING GREEN AREAS
-  RUGBY
-  FOOTBALL PITCHES
-  CRICKET
-  DEPOT
-  SPITALFIELD MARKET
-  WOOD LANDS
-  TEMPLEMILL LODGE



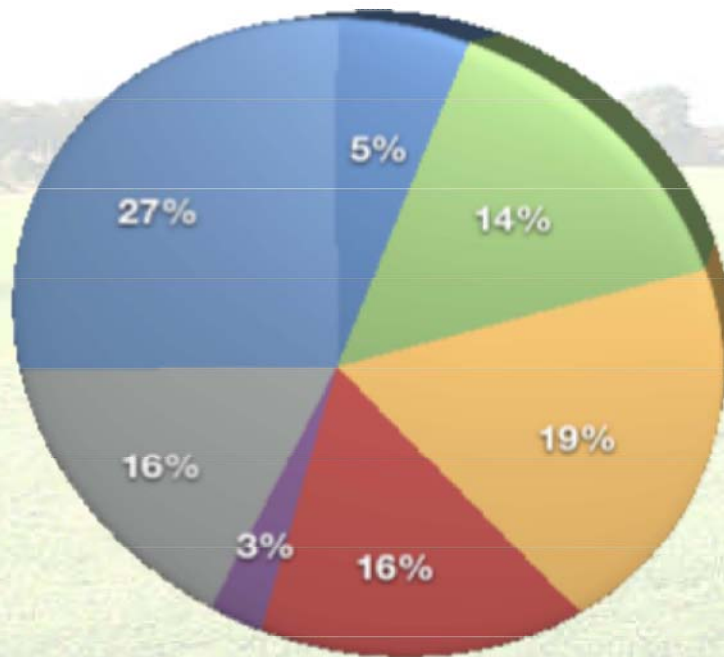
# OUR FINDINGS - MAP THE EXPERIENCES & NEEDS OF ACCESS



# OUR FINDINGS – EXPERIENCES AND NEEDS IN APPROPRIATION OF MARSH



## WHAT WOULD MAKE YOU VISIT THE MARSH MORE OFTEN?



-THE UNDERSTANDING FROM THE COUNCIL IS THAT THEY NEED TO PROVIDE MORE FACILITIES. THE FINDINGS FROM THE COMMUNITIES SUGGEST A NEED FOR DIVERSIFICATION OF USES.

- 1 easy access
- 2 safety improved
- 3 different activities
- 4 if more time
- 5 if more space
- 6 other(write answer)
- 7 Leave as it is

# OUR FINDINGS – NEEDS IN RELATION TO USE OF THE MARSH



USERS	CHANGES	
	DO NOT WANT CHANGES	WANT CHANGES
RESIDENTS	X	
NON RESIDENTS		X
PEOPLE WHO COME EVERY DAY	X	
PEOPLE WHO COME SEASONALLY		X

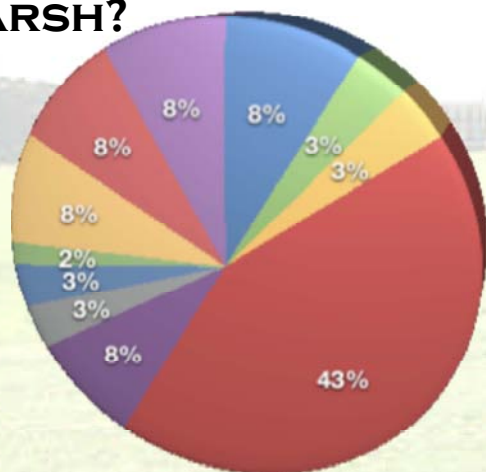
USERS →



# OUR FINDINGS – PERCEPTION OF WHO BENEFITS OR NOT



## WHO BENEFITS THE MOST FROM THE USE OF THE MARSH?

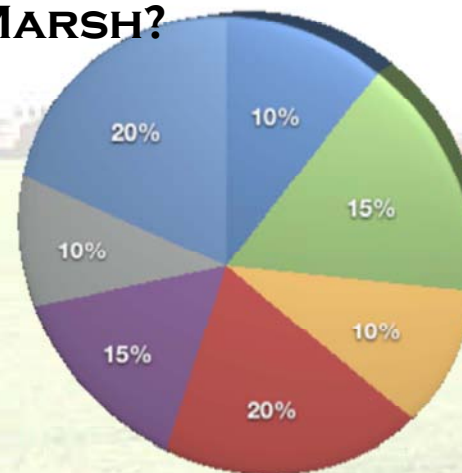


- People from outside
- Rich
- Dangerous
- Footballer
- Sports teams
- Families
- Pensioners
- young children
- Teenagers
- Residents
- others

■ “I FEEL THAT CONSERVATION AND SPORT ARE DIRECTLY IN CONFLICT” (FEMALE DOG WALKER)

■ 43% THINKS THAT FOOTBALLERS ARE THE MOST BENEFITED!

## WHO BENEFITS THE LEAST FROM THE USE OF THE MARSH?



- people from outside
- rich
- families
- pensioners
- young children
- Teenagers
- residents

■ “CONFLICT DURING SUNNY WEEKENDS WHEN THE MARSH IS LIKE A HONEY POT AND SWARMED WITH PEOPLE” (WALKER)

■- RESIDENTS, PENSIONERS, RICH AND YOUNG CHILDREN

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# BASELINE OF ATTITUDES & EXPECTATIONS OF THE OLYMPICS

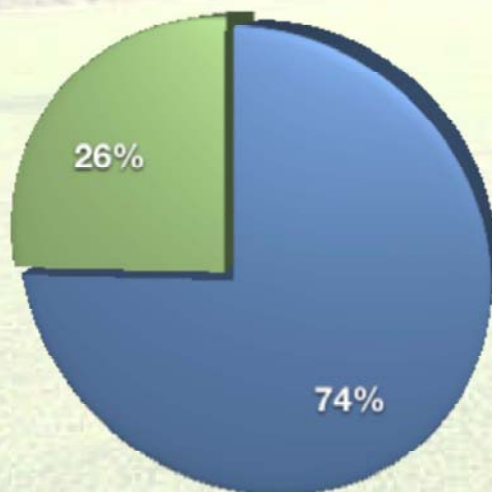


## KNOWLEDGE OF THE OLYMPIC LEGACY

### TOTAL POPULATION IN INTERVIEW

● Residents      ● Non Residents

Chart 4



### NON RESIDENTS

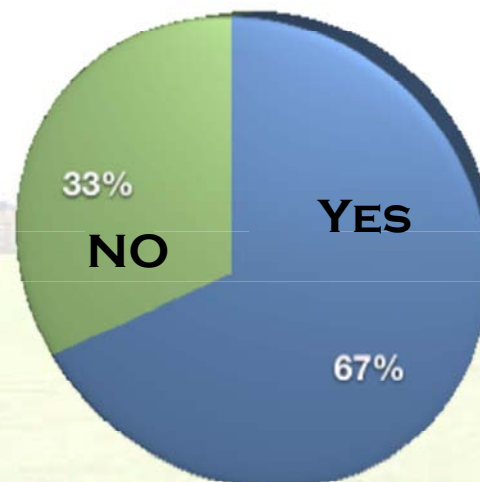
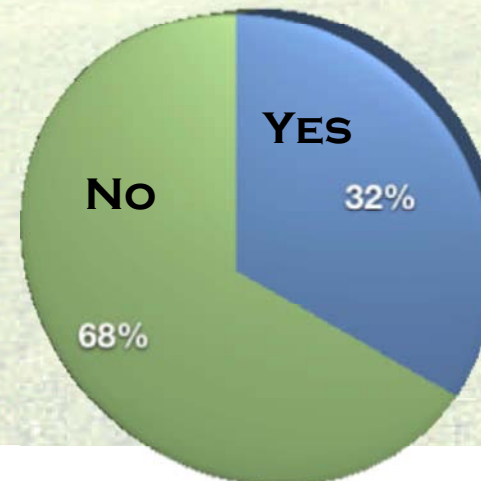


Chart 6

### RESIDENTS



- **NON RESIDENTS KNOW MORE ABOUT THE LEGACY THAN RESIDENTS. NON RESIDENTS TENDED TO HAVE MORE POSITIVE COMMENTS.**

# BASELINE OF ATTITUDES & EXPECTATIONS OF THE OLYMPICS



**“I WAS OPPOSED TO IT. YOU CAN BET THE PEOPLE WHO WANTED THE OLYMPICS IN HACKNEY ARE NOT HACKNEY RESIDENTS. THEY VOTED FOR IT AND WENT OFF HOME TO BLOODY CHELSEA! LESS GREEN SPACE FOR LOCAL PEOPLE” (MALE RESIDENT)**

**“THE DAMMING UP OF THE THAMES WILL STOP THE RIVER LEA FROM BEING A TIDAL RIVER WHICH WILL COMPLETELY CHANGE THE ECOSYSTEM OF THE RIVER. MY CONCERN IS THAT THE BREAM POPULATIONS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO COME UPSTREAM TO BREED....THE OTTERS AND VOLES WILL LOSE THEIR HABITAT.” (FEMALE DOG WALKER, RESIDENT)**

**“NO-ONE BELIEVES ANYTHING THAT THEY ARE TOLD BY A POLITICIAN, AND WE ARE SKEPTICAL OF THE LEGACY THAT MAY OR MAY NOT BE LEFT” (MALE RESIDENT)**

**“LDA LANDUSE CONSULTANTS HAVE HELPED WITH CONSERVATION. DEVELOPMENT OF THE PITCHES AND REFURBISHED CHANGING ROOMS. THERE IS A PLAN TO PUT A NEW PATH BETWEEN PITCH S12 AND S9” (MARSH RANGER – NON-RESIDENT)**

# PEOPLE'S PROPOSALS



-  MAIN ROADS
-  TOILET & CAFÉ
-  DUSTBIN AND BENCHES
-  REINSTALLING PUB
-  INCREASING PEDESTRIAN SAFETY
-  TREE NURSERY EXPANDED
-  CHANGING ROOM
-  KIDS PLAY GROUND
-  SURROUNDING GREEN AREAS
-  WATER SPOTS
-  RESTORE TIDAL LEA
-  YOUTH OF WOMEN FOOTBALL  
+ NEW SPORTS
-  TREES/WOODLAND AREA
-  WILD LIFE WATCHING ARENA
-  MORE FOOTBRIDGES AND CYCLES





# GROUP PROPOSALS

-  **MAIN ROADS**
-  **PARKING**
-  **WATER SPORTS**
-  **RESTORE TIDAL LEA**
-  **CAFÉ, RESTAURANT AND TOILET**
-  **WOOD LAND**
-  **TREE NURSERY**
-  **HANDBALL COURT**
-  **NEW SPORTS**
-  **FOOTBALL**
-  **CRICKET**
-  **AMBULANCE AND REST POINT**
-  **CHANGING ROOMS**
-  **BENCHES AND DUSTBIN**
-  **PEDESTRIAN LINKAGES**
-  **FOOT BRIDGES AND CYCLING**
-  **WILDLIFE WATCHING**

# CONCLUSIONS



## **SOCIAL INCLUSION:**

➤ **CERTAIN GROUPS ARE ACCESSING SPACE ON THE MARSH AND CERTAIN GROUPS ARE NOT.**

➤ **YOUNG PEOPLE, MOTHERS AND CHILDREN, ETHNIC GROUPS, UP TO SECONDARY LEVEL EDUCATION**

➤ **LACK OF INFORMATION ABOUT THE MARSH AND LACK OF INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DECISION MAKING PROCESSES OF CHANGING USE IS PREVENTING A MORE DIVERSE APPROPRIATION OF USE OF THE MARSH**

## **ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE**

➤ **THE PEOPLE WE SPOKE TO HAVE EXPRESSED A WISH FOR A MORE DIVERSE PATTERN OF USE ON THE MARSH. NOT JUST SPORT, BUT ACCESS TO NATURE, TO SOCIAL INTERACTION AND HEALTH BENEFITS ETC**

# CONCLUSIONS



➤ **HOW CAN THE PARK MANAGERS USE THE OLYMPIC LEGACY TO IMPROVE DIVERSITY OF USE AND ACCESS TO IMPROVE SOCIAL INCLUSION AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE?**

➤ **MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES AND FACILITIES ALONE ARE NOT THE ANSWER. THEY NEED TO WORK WITH THE COMMUNITIES TO CHANGE EXPECTATIONS AROUND USE**

➤ **WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE PARK MANAGERS EXPAND THE BENEFITS FROM THE OLYMPIC LEGACY TO RESIDENTS.**