

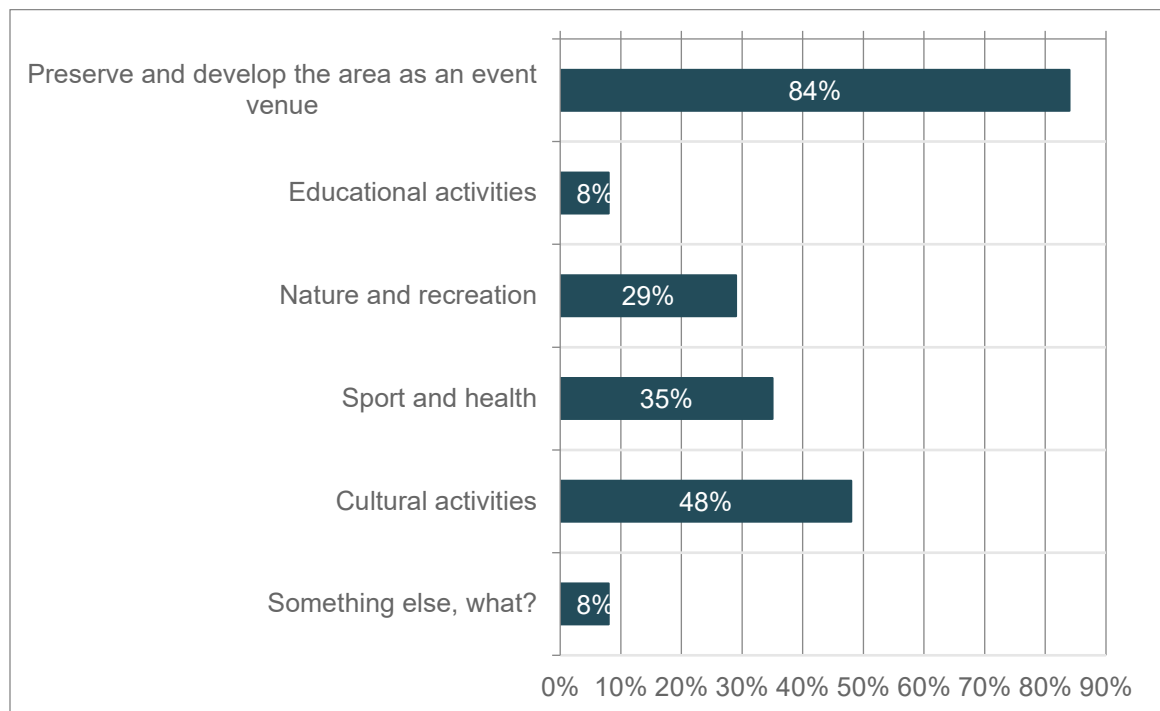
## QUESTION OF THE WEEK, WEEK 37–38 (10–21.9.2025)

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS: 426

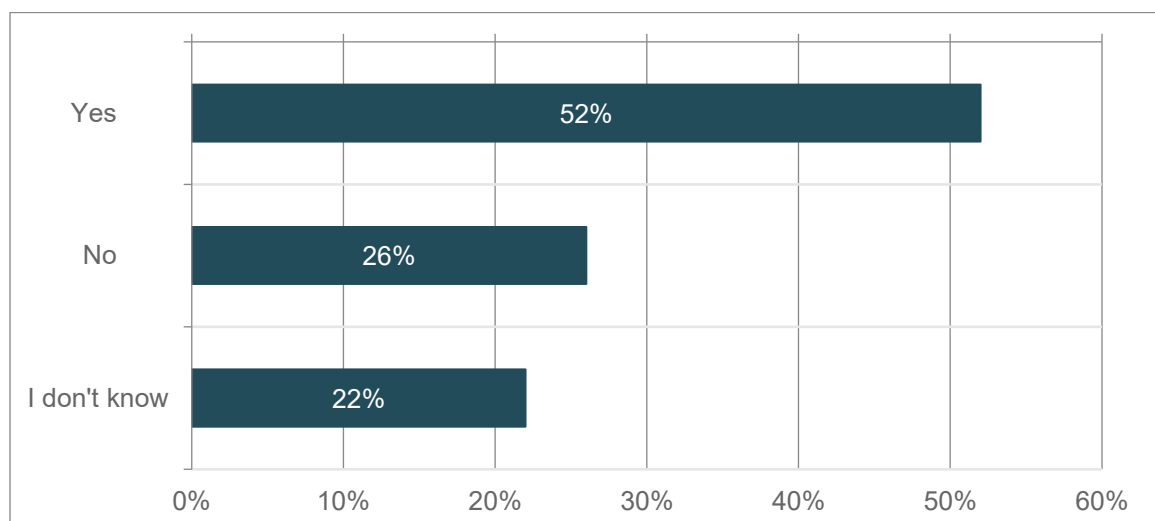
The margin of error is 5 % and thereby the answers are considered to reflect the opinions of the population in Jakobstad.

### FBK FIELD IN THE OLD HARBOUR

In the Question of the Week the residents were asked: *“What kind of activities would you like to see on the FBK field in the future?”*



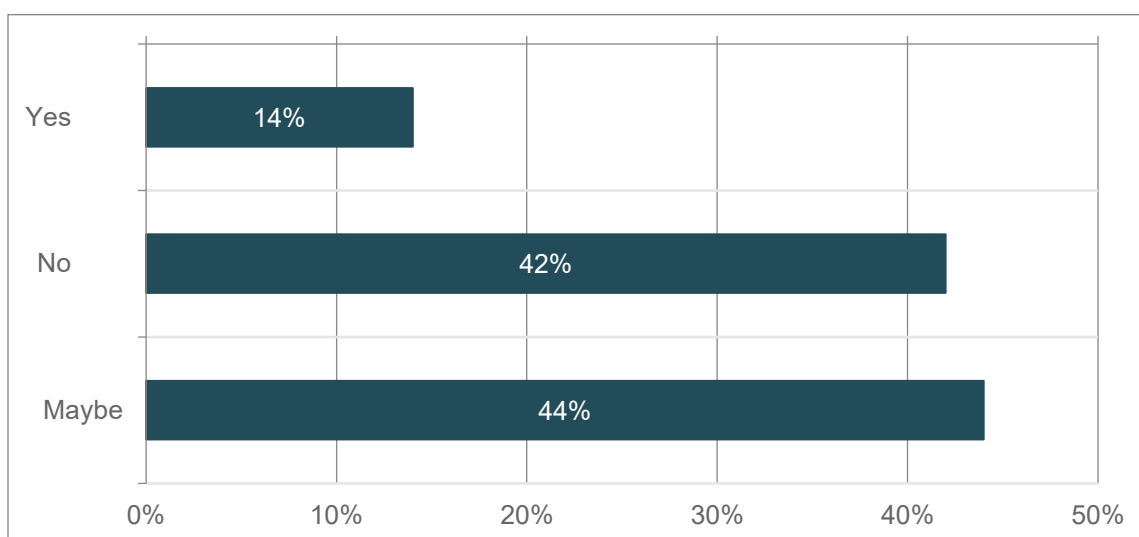
*“Do you think the FBK field should be available for activities all year round, not only during the summer?”*



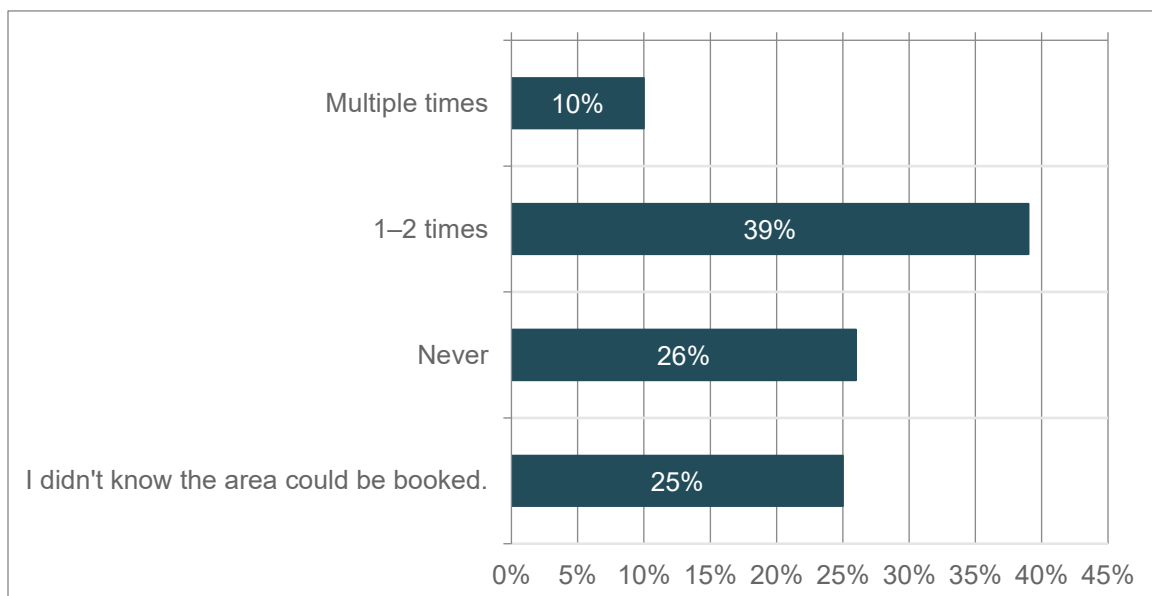
***“What is missing in Jakobstad that the FBK field could offer, in your opinion?”***

170 people responded to this question. According to the responses, Jakobstad primarily lacks a versatile event venue where concerts, festivals, dances, and various activities for both young and old can be organized. Many wishes for the dance pavilion to be rebuilt and for the area to have better facilities such as toilets, catering, and meeting rooms. There is also a need for meeting places for young people, exercise opportunities, and year-round activities. Several emphasize the importance of the area being accessible to associations, companies, and private individuals, as well as the preservation and development of nature and culture.

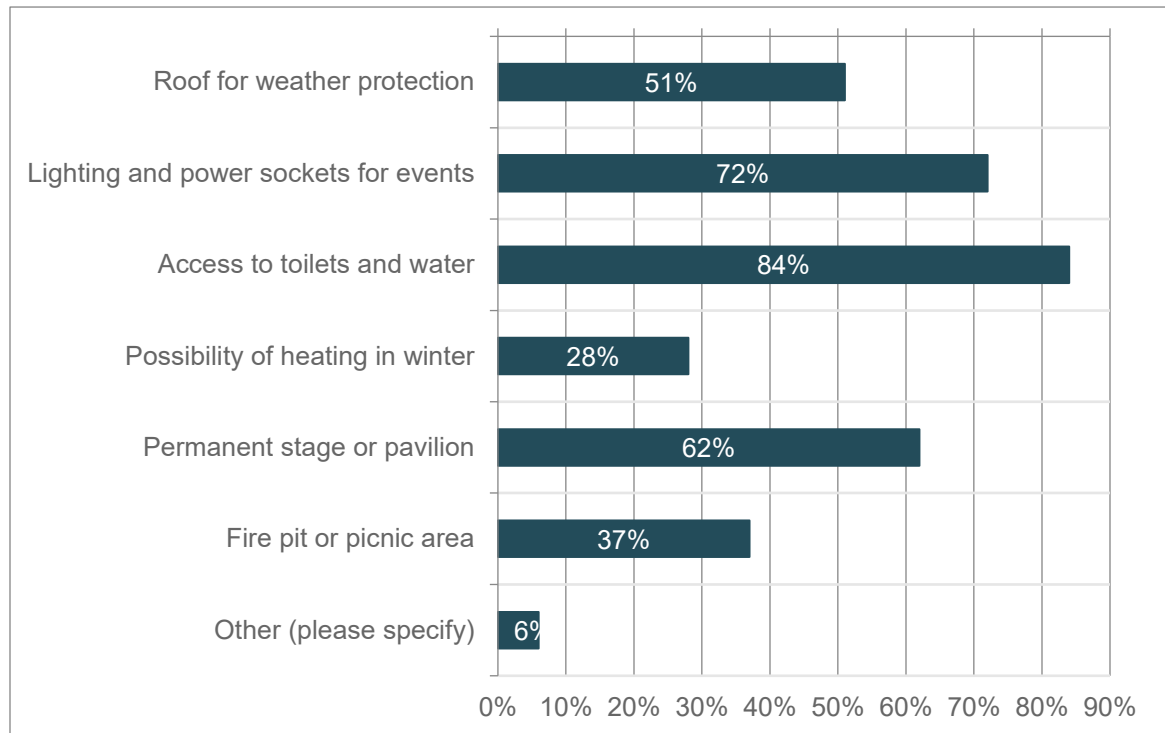
***“Would you or your association/company be interested in organising events on the FBK field if there was better access to the area all year round?”***



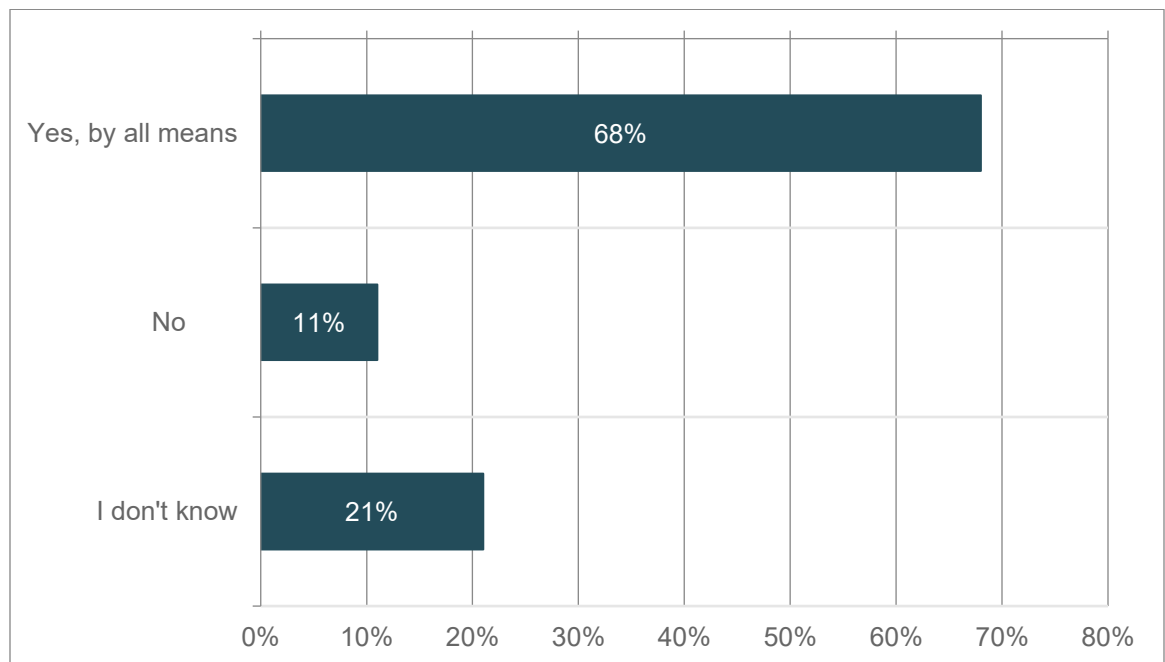
***“How often have you visited events on the FBK field during the past two years?”***



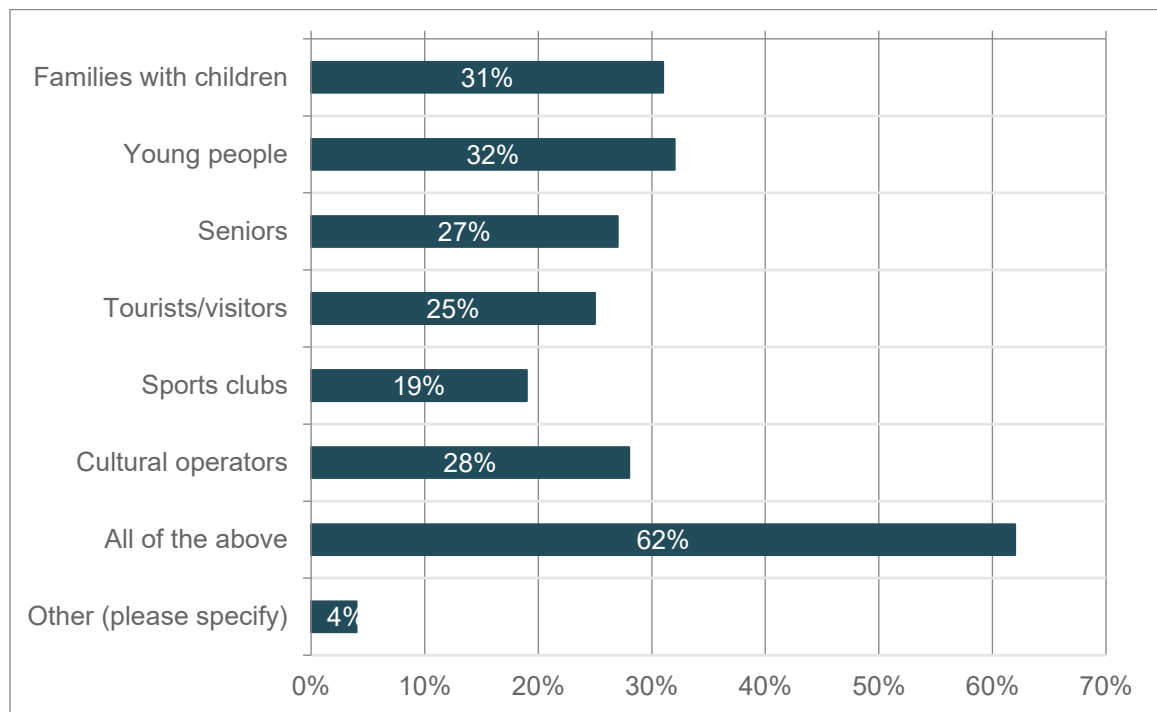
***“Which of the following features would make the area more attractive all year round? (You can choose several alternatives)”***



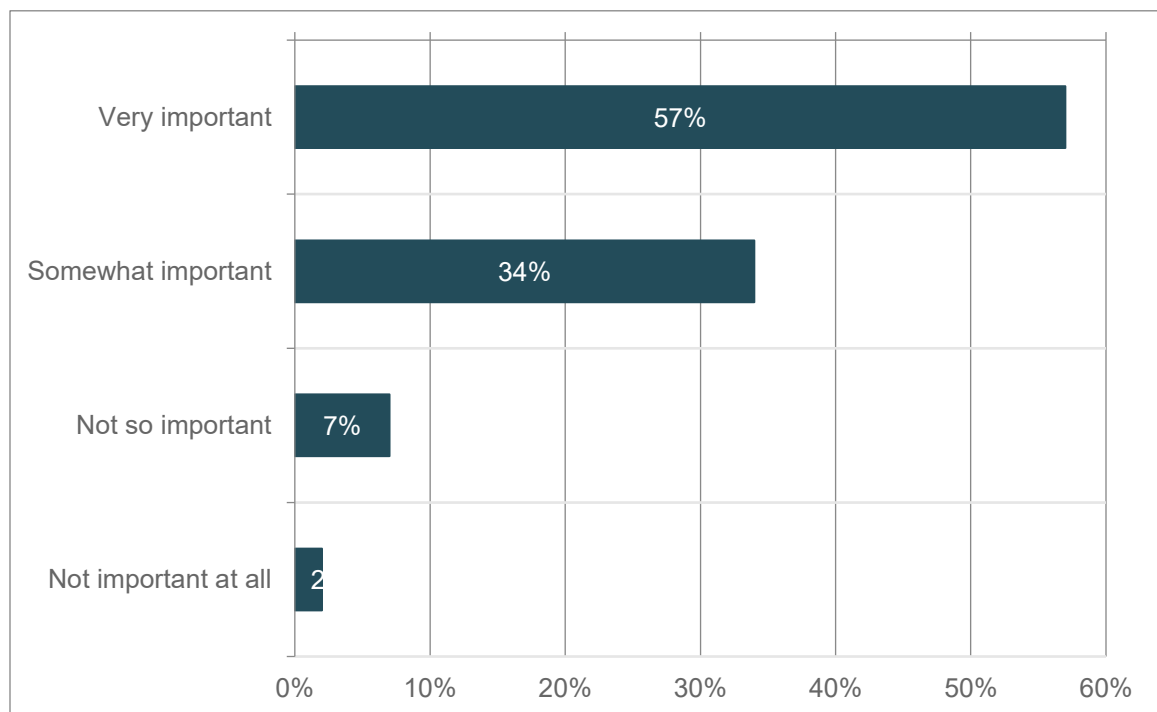
***“Would you like to see the FBK field as a more active recreation area even when there are no events?”***



***“Which target groups do you think should be prioritised in the development of the area?”***



***“How important is it to you that the area retains its current character (e.g. openness, proximity to the water, closeness to nature)?”***



*“Do you have own suggestions or ideas on how the FBK field could be developed? (be creative)”*

101 people responded to this question. Many suggest that the area should be developed into a vibrant meeting place with diverse activities year-round, such as a dance pavilion, concerts, theater, markets, outdoor cinema, sports and cultural events, as well as barbecue and picnic areas. There are wishes to preserve the area's natural and historical character, while improving the infrastructure with, for example, a stage, toilets, café, and better accessibility for everyone. Several emphasize the importance of bilingual and inclusive events that bring together the city's different groups, as well as activities for children, young people, and the elderly. Other ideas include theme days, flea markets, nature trails, climbing, sauna, and opportunities for winter activities. In summary, a flexible and pleasant place is requested that can be adapted to different needs and seasons, where both tradition and innovation have a place.

## NEXT STEP

I would like to start by thanking everyone who participated in the survey about the future of the FBK field. The results provide valuable insights into the residents' wishes and needs for the area. The next step for the town is to carefully analyze the responses and also take them into account in the ongoing detailed planning for Gamla Hamn. Since the detailed plan covers the entire area, including the FBK field, it is important that all viewpoints are considered to create a long-term sustainable and attractive development.

We have also realized that many of the proposed activities highlighted in the responses require cooperation with associations, companies, and other actors, as the town cannot implement everything alone. Therefore, we see collaborations as an important part of developing the FBK field into a vibrant meeting place for everyone.

We look forward to continued dialogue with residents, associations, and other stakeholders during the planning process.

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