

Canidrome | Half of the respondents in short survey want to close space

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THE General Union of Macao Residents' Associations (Kaifong) published a survey which shows that only about 40% of residents want to keep the greyhound racing in Canidrome, and 50% expect the space to be shut down or move to another site.

The survey took into account only a universe of 902 residents, where 10% said not even have an opinion over the issue. Within the majority who want to see the Canidrome ended, 35% want public housing on site.

Sam Keng Wuan, representative of Kaifong, explained that 30.15% of respondents consider that the bets and greyhounds "help a lot" in tourism development and economy of the northern zone, while 38.14% think that little or no help. About 40% of the reviews say the greyhound racing cause noise and 30% think that there are problem of odors in the area because of the space.

The president of the Association of Mutual Help of Green Island Residents, Cheong Git, this revenue of greyhound racing have decreased from 340 million in 2010 to 145 million patacas in 2014 shows that economic aid and tourism development space is limited. The Canidrome the exclusive contract will expire at the end of the year, but the Secretary for Economy and Finance, Lionel Leong, has revealed that the government intends to renew the controversial contract temporarily without changing the conditions.



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