

## CONSULTATION SUMMARY OF COMMENTS

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

COLOUR CODING:

LOCATION, CAR PARKING, SUSTAINABILITY, TOILET FACILITIES, INTERNAL FACILITIES, TRAFFIC, NOISE/ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

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1.	Will the toilets be available for public use?	See report
2.	a. The area for outside Scout activities	
	b. Too much glass, safety, and cleaning issues.	Noted, for consideration
	c. WCs have external exit not suitable for youth organisations and need to be secure. The WCs nearest the hall unisex, not suitable for youth groups.	Under discussion
	d. Issue of preferential letting rates for Scouts with hall use requirements expanding in the Autumn	Under discussion
	e. Large area of glass in main hall, when possible 'energetic' games at scouting meetings	Noted, for consideration
	f. Will be enough parking?	See report
3.	a. Position – Recreation Ground, on the current scout hut area?	See report
	b. Size – build for the future with room to expand assume continued population growth	Is being designed and facilitated as modular for this purpose
	c. Content – meet needs of scouts and other community groups, drama, sports, changing rooms, showers.	All under consideration
	d. Environmental – must be sustainable, solar, ground source heat pump, wifi, hybrid working/drop in spaces/local start-ups that can grow and then move to other business locations, charging points.	See report
	e. Parking – free?	See report
4.	Turn the unit 90 degrees along road by bowling green and knock or knock down old building by cricket pitch and rebuild in that location	See report Tree constraint identified.
5.	The playground is fantastic, however do need some toilet facilities that are always open for use by people at the playground.	See report
	b. As you will be using up the casual football area we need another facility for 'knocking around or football' behind Benians.	Football training area to be relocated to former cricket pitch
6.	a. Fully support of new community hub. Think it will add value to the local area. Would like to see the café with tailored opening hours eg. Longer in the Summer. The main sports hall needs to be flexible for outdoor events.	Noted. Thank you.
	b. Also, consider outdoor dining facilities perhaps e.g. pizzas after school.	Noted, for consideration.

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	c. Would a toddler-sized swimming pool be an option to suit the number of toddler groups in the area? This would drive revenue into the café too.	Noted, for consideration, may be constrained by available space.
7.	Separate sheet with drawing/designs for Scouts storage	Ideas will be kept for future discussions
8.	It seems a sensible idea which will enhance Four Marks.	Noted, thank you.
9.	a. Concern for waste outside the building, attracting more rats?	Noted, will be attenuated by any contract.
	b. Overall size and position	See report
	c. The amount of extra traffic using the rec.	See report
	d. Noise pollution effect on local houses	See report
	e. Will there be toilet facilities, so people don't have to use the back of the building like they do now?	See report
10.	Think of changing rooms for football. Sizes are stipulated. Outside doors to avoid mud x 2 rooms.	Noted, if provided.
11.	The proposed building is going to put intense noise and added 'freeway' for louts to appear not seen by the café late at night. Toilets accessed to and <i>dark park</i> , (cannot read writing), you must be thinking of nothing else but a giant area well tbh, you are very wrong. With the increased noise level, litter, and a bad reputation for living in Four Marks. DO NOT BUILD THIS BUILDING HERE in the Recreation Ground. Use the existing pavilion where the facilities are already in place saving 'funds' or use the also existing Village Hall for 'coffee/chatting'.	Comments noted, and some issues covered under summary report
12.	A new village hall with flexible use is very welcomed. Having looked at the plans I question whether the narrow access to the building is the best position to have the main access. It would get congested when large events take place. Similarly, a servery hatch into the main hall would be better for the same reason. The design of the building is good. Only thing really is toilets for use outside of the café opening hours, although any availability for toilets at the Recreation Ground is welcome.	Noted.  Servery hatch already on plan  See report
13.	The building looks great, I hope it gets built.	Noted. Thank you.
14.	Well! We need a new scout/guide building. But not what you are proposing. Using the area, you are wanting to will be lost forever. More people will use their cars to reach the 'hub' so the whole area there will be very busy with traffic. Sorry but NO to this plan. Update this village Hall but no to building on a green field! Children and families need green safe spaces to run, play, cycle in and this one of the only ones in Four Marks, so again NO.	Noted. See report. See report

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15.	Via email: I attended the presentation last Saturday morning, hoping to discover more details about the proposed building and where it is to be situated. It was with some astonishment that I discovered the presentation was only an artist's impression drawing, which in itself is not unexpected, but beneath it was a drawing of a proposed construction with extremely limited detail. No dimensions at all, so no indication of proposed width length or height of the building. No constructive information available on which to make any sort of evaluation but raising many questions. Several points arose from discussions with the councillors present.	See summary report.
	a. It was apparent that no decision had been made as to where the building should ideally be placed.	See report
	b. There was a suggestion the scout hut could remain and the new building put in front of it.	See report
	c. There was a suggestion it may be turned 90 degrees and placed longways on the training pitch.	See report, and previous comment.
	d. There is no firm method of compensation for The Scout Groups loss of premises.	The Scouts are no longer losing their premises, however the initial proposal was to include a purpose built storage facility and they will benefit from reduced rates.
	e. Drawing does not allow for Scout groups to have use of the building and toilets totally independent of other users – as would be required for child protection – this would apply to any groups of children sharing mixed adult facilities for safety.	Under discussion. See report
	f. It was stated that the storage shown to the right hand side, potentially for Scout use was totally included in the costings for the building.	It was, however this has now changed as the Scouts are able to retain their own storage.
	g. Proposed costs had not been finalised but was estimated to be over £3 million at today's prices.	Agreed, feasibility study being undertaken.
	h. Artists impression showed a pitch roof to the back of the building apparently to the surprise of the councillor again with no height detail.	The artists impression was just that, an artists impression. There has been no agreement yet as to whether the area to the back of the building will have a pitch or flat roof. The initial sketch drawings did indicate a 'possible' pitch roof. This will be ascertained later in the process.
	i. No information as to how much the scout group might be asked to pay should they wish to hire it.	That will be discussed with all potential user groups. The Scouts are heavily involved in that discussion and not relevant to this consultation.

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	<p>j. No groups other than the scouts have been asked for their ideas.</p>	<p>As the Scouts were the priority, they were approached first. Other potential users have now indicated their interest and requirements following the consultation and further communication will now take place.</p>
	<p>I was very surprised at the lack of detail that was available. That no plan drawing was available to see on the internet, only the artists impression, when consideration must be given to those who can't make the meetings. Undoubtedly the village needs more community building space but in my opinion the proposal is in the wrong place. It should be on the cricket side of the recreation ground where it impacts less on neighbouring houses, no loss of the training pitch and no impact on the Four Marks Scout Group.</p>	<p>See summary report. The artists and plan drawings are available on the website, and there will be further consultations, which will provide more detailed information. <b>See summary report on location.</b> There has to be some compromise, the training pitch can be moved and the Scouts will only benefit from the new facility.</p>
	<p>I feel that the council have not been sufficiently strong enough in their presentations to the planning department. We are told by Parish Councillors it must be on a brownfield site and yet more and more houses are proposed all around our village on green fields, yet we cannot build a community building where we want on our own land.</p>	<p>This was a misapprehension, and the assumption was that any new building may have to be built on existing footings. However this is not the case as the Recreation Ground is not a brownfield site, it is outside the settlement policy boundary. The provision is for a community facility, and as such there are different planning policies applicable. The only restrictions on location are existing covenants on the land, and constraints within planning policy. The building will be located in the most appropriate location within those various constraints.</p>

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	<p>I was surprised that the Community Building's outgoing chairman's comments at the recent public meeting, mentioned that the extent of any new build, on this site, would not go beyond the football floodlights. and would thus not impact on the training pitch. This seems to have been forgotten by Parish Council chair and the E.O. when I spoke about it on Saturday. It was suggested by the Parish Council, as a result of that discussion at the public meeting that a line would be drawn on the training pitch at the platinum celebration event to show the extent of the building, did that happen?</p>	<p>The comments made were correct, if the new building is to be located in this area, it was not intended that the building would not come any further forward than the floodlights, however I think there may have been a misunderstanding as to which floodlights. Wherever the building is located, there will be in impact on the training area, but there will still be that provision within the Recreation Ground. There was no point drawing any line on the training pitch as the location has not yet been decided and would have been misleading and open to further misinterpretation.</p>
	<p>To sum up we are in need of an additional community building but this should not be at the expense of existing buildings and needs to be where it has least impact on all residents.</p>	<p>The new proposal was to complement the existing facilities, not compete with or replace, whilst noting that if the location is to be football side then some residents may be affected in some way. All local residents will be consulted with to ensure that the impact will be minimal, and their concerns mitigated, where possible.</p>

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**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

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16.	I am concerned about the long wall overlooking the Recreation Ground, unless this wall is broken up it will give a feel on the Recreation Ground of being overlooked and oppressed	Noted. Design will be key.
17.	Brilliant a building desperately needed for the community. Well done, the sooner the better as Four Marks is getting more and more new builds. Love the Café.	Noted. Thank you.
18.	Very Good. Well done.	Noted. Thank you.
19.	Possibility of upgrading the village hall instead? Multi-storey car park.	See report.
20.	No particular order:	
	a. Is there enough storage area for all the activities that will take place?	See report
	b. The Scout's needs must be given priority. Four Marks has a very active and important scout group	The Scouts needs have been given priority since the inception of the project.
	c. Is wood cladding a good choice for long term? It has a reputation for looking shabby very quickly.	Materials not yet decided upon, but comment noted, thank you.
	d. The frontage of the main building will look down the playing field – from the plan the long upper part over the doors looks very plain and could be quite an eye sore?	Noted. Design will be key.
	e. The community hub is a good idea.	Noted. Thank you.
	f. If this building is well used as is hoped, how will the current road and parking area be addressed to ensure safety – children on bikes, mothers with push chairs, people walking dogs are very frequent users of the current access road, and if extra parking is needed, the current areas that are used for recreation cannot be depleted to make space for cars. g. (from a frequent user, Four Marks resident and allotment holder)	See report.
21.	a. Concerned about loss of green space due to additional building/parking	Already a consideration and possible loss of green space will be kept as minimal as possible
	b. Parking?	See report
	c. Consult with pet owners as many use the area	Noted.
	d. Free wifi	Yes.

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	e. How long will it take to build? If long time , then we are potentially paying for something that we may not use?	Cannot answer this question, but the team would hope that the building would be constructed and in use as soon as possible.
	f. Have mirrored walls in the halls for the dance classes	Noted.
22.	The requirements seem wrong. Why a basketball & badminton court?	There have been previous enquiries on the provision of both basketball and badminton.
	It's too big, it's too tall, and will dwarf houses on Lapwing Way	Noted.
	The current choice of location is the one bit of green area used – the football training area.	See report. All areas of the Recreation Ground are used.
	Use the playground or cricket pitch (which is never used).	Both areas are heavily used, particularly in the Summer months.
	It's too big – which leads to more spaces, smaller building = less car spaces = cheaper.	Noted. However, to provide the required facilities, the sizes of halls are regulation size. See report
	Noise pollution next to Lapwing Way.	See report.
	Needs to be smaller in an area further away from houses.	The new facility has to be able to provide for the needs of the increased population, and any future development. It would be imprudent to build a smaller building that is not fit for purpose in 10 years. There has been no improvement in infrastructure since 1999. See report.
23.	As a newcomer to the village, and with young children, it is very clear that this village is lacking in such a facility, (assuming sited at the area of current scout hut).	
	a. impact to the practice football pitch	This will be relocated.
	b. impact to the trees, so important these are kept	The Council has a policy in place that for every tree lost, two will be replanted. If any trees have to be removed to accommodate the facility, more will be planted to recompense.
	c. eco friendly – solar panels, grass roof, wild garden areas, bug hotels etc	See report
	d. consideration for the future, not looking at what we need right now, but the impact of global warming	People need recreational facilities for health and wellbeing now, the building will be fully sustainable. See report.
	e. AC, heating etc. ventilation , thinking C.19 (?), but as much as possible of a sustainable nature	See report.

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	f. The extra traffic vehicles on the track to the Recreation Ground. This is often busy with dogs, children, bikes, etc. Footballs/frisbees are often flying into the road. Can these be upgraded and managed, environmentally friendly without losing the 'freedom' which is felt?	See report.
	g. The café; will this be in competition to the sports pavilion? Will they be offered support to keep (incorporate them into future plans)?	See report.
	h. The height of the building – can it be to the minimum possible?	The height will be determined by the sports provision and required height sizes for badminton/basketball.
	i. How in keeping with the environment	The design of the new facility will be in keeping with the environment.
	j. Car parking? Can the road into recreation ground become disabled drop off – no parking to reduce the traffic?	See report.
	k. Having spoken and listened to a few people this evening, there does also seem to be a slight discrepancy in what will happen – scout hut staying, not staying etc. It does make it difficult to give a full comment as well as the exact location. Thank you for the opportunity to discuss and comment today. Four Marks resident.	The Scout hut does not need to be demolished, it will be the Scouts' decision what to do with the hut. Further consultation on size and location will be held. Noted. Thank you.
24.	Concerned about disturbances if weddings were allowed to be held there – particularly noise created by people outside the building, rather than music. Proposed building is right next to housing estate with lots of young families who would be disturbed late at night with children/babies being woken.	See report.
25.	Sports Hall and Storage Space for indoor archery.	Noted. See report.
26.	Disappointing amount of information on consultation boards – more info available online! (?)	See summary report.
27.	a. Ballroom and Latin dancing (sport/leisure), the floor covering is very important. A sprung floor is not required. Wooden floor would be good.	Noted, for consideration.
	b. Storage lockers for regular users.	Noted, for consideration.
	c. PA system.	Noted, for consideration.
	d. Kitchen access from main hall, maybe a serving hatch? For use when main hall in use for village function.	Already in plans.
28.	Firstly, I like the design of the hall, it's very fitting for a rural location. These are my comments on Environmental Grounds:	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I think parking around the hall should be limited to bare number of cars. Overflow car park could be the Village Hall.</li> </ul>	See report. Not feasible.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You could provide electric bikes/scooters for use up the hill (yellow Four Marks labelled)</li> </ul>	Noted, for consideration.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I do think having cars driving up the lane defeats the object of wellbeing and free from noise and air pollution – definitely not school parking – it’s not to be an NCP car park.</li> </ul>	See report. Would not encourage school parking, however consideration has been given to assisting the park and stride scheme, so effectively a drop off point.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If they park at the hall (here) they should get a discount on hire or free cup of tea</li> </ul>	Noted, for consideration.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I think the size of the hall should be marked out with poles and tapes</li> </ul>	Once it is determined, it may be possible.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rec. Hall could be located where the poppy memorial is?</li> </ul>	No. PC do not own the land. Leased from HCC and is currently awaiting confirmation as a village green.
29.	Great idea, although we think you underestimate the parking. How many cars do you envisage 100 + 2? Access road will be very congested if parking is allowed on the right-hand side (think village fete).	See report See report Excess parking for the Village fete parking has always been on the football pitch, this could still be the case.
30.	<p>e. I am concerned about noise from people congregating in the outdoor seating area during events like weddings who would not be concerned about their voices carrying into the nearby housing estate (Medstead Farm) especially after a few drinks. I can already hear every football game but at least that is only on a weekend morning.</p> <p>f. The fff brewery has just had its outdoor seated area ‘permit’ revoked for context/comparison. [name supplied].</p>	See report. There should not be a comparison, as that was a planning breach rather than noise complaint.
31.	<p>a. Brislands Lane is not suitable for the traffic levels generated.</p> <p>b. The junction at Lymington Bottom is very dangerous.</p> <p>c. We shouldn’t build on a green field site – why not replace Benians?</p> <p>d. The building is too large and imposing.</p> <p>e. The parish should not be building a café and business units -projected revenue is only estimated.</p>	See report. Access safety will be determined by HCC. See report Noted.

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	f. I was concerned over the future of the Scout Hut but if this can be left, I would be satisfied.	Noted that the revenue is projected, but has been carried out on local case studies, and there is already interest in both regards. The Scout hut will not be demolished to accommodate the new building, however it is the scouts's decision as to what they do with their existing facility.
32.	EXCELLENT DESIGN *****	Noted. Thank you.
	a. Electric vehicle charging point	In the scheme
	b. Instavolt (profit share scheme available)	Noted.
	c. Air source heat pump (octopus energy)	Noted.
	d. An area where one could purchase products from small local businesses	Noted.
	e. Sensory garden outside	Noted, although this maybe an idea for another area.
	f. Space for a community share linked to the allotments	Already have this in place.
	g. Soup kitchen	Noted.
33.	a. Concerned about the scale of building in comparison to existing green space.	Noted and a consideration. As much green space will be protected as possible. Existing green space will be enhanced.
	b. Location – impact of noise of events.	To be mitigated. See report.
	c. Vermin control for café.	To be attenuated by any contract
	d. Evidence for 'need' of badminton hall.	Several expressions of interest. Local Groups currently using Alton would relocate.
	e. Encourage community to walk/cycle to recreation ground.	See report
	f. Traffic impact and safety on Brislands/Uplands.	See report
	g. Less residential impact if building was located at cemetery end.	Would entail moving the football pitch which would prove difficult because of other constraints.
	h. Living roof instead of cladding.	A living roof was suggested for any flat roof areas and will be investigated. Solar panels will go on the pitched roof.
34.	a. Real concern about functions in the evening going on past 10pm	See report.

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	b. We live next door to the scout hut and are worried about construction noise/dust etc	There will be a construction method statement in place to ensure measures are taken to limit disturbance to neighbouring residential properties.
	c. Worried size and proximity of the building to nearby housing	Noted.
	d. Has a full and proper survey been conducted as to how much this facility is required? How many businesses will use the business hub, how many people a day will use it for sports/social events? Risk of being a white elephant.	Yes. The pop up business hub is aimed at those working from home who need a quiet space, or meeting room facilities, not businesses themselves. The need for this has increased since the pandemic. It is anticipated, taking all expressions of interest into consideration, that the building will run at 60% usage. There will be a marketing strategy in place to ensure that it is used to its maximum potential.
35.	a. Losing too much green space	The loss of green space will be kept to a minimum, and other areas enhanced to compensate.
	b. Noise issues for local residents	See report.
	c. Access for pedestrians is through private estates – no-one will walk up Brislands to Uplands entrance. Cost of clearing up those two estates	See report.
	d. Is there enough space to cater for all those different associations already using the village hall?	The Village Hall remains as its own separate entity.
	e. Why are we already paying (council tax) for a facility we do not have. Why are EHDC not contributing to early costs bearing in mind a large sum of money was paid to them by the builders.	EHDC have awarded £1.25m to the project from developers contributions (CIL). The Council needed to ensure that there would be enough money to pay loan repayments, and had been warned about a precept cap. It made sense to do this straight away. Currently, the amount budgeted for the loan repayments will be earmarked solely for this project. It is not unusual for Councils to ask for precept money to 'save' for a new facility or project.

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	f. We don't need another café	There is a need for a provision for snacks/coffees/teas at the Recreation Ground, as is evidenced daily and requested regularly and believe it will be entirely justified.
	g. Do businesses want hot desks	It is not for businesses, this is primarily aimed at people working from home.
	h. Road access is awful – Brislands Lane is too narrow and crossroads visibility is dreadful	See report. Whilst incoming/exiting will be staggered, HCC will determine the access safety.
	i. I do not support this venture	Noted.
36.	I support the idea of a community hub for Four Marks. I am surprised that the existing village hall is intended to remain. Sale of the village hall would generate more money to enhance the new community hub development [name supplied]	Thank you and noted. The users of the village hall were keen to retain it.
37.	We have no particular comments. We like the design as it seems to be in keeping with farm outbuildings and will not look out of place. I like the partitioning of the hall and kitchens and caterers kitchen have been well provided. Like the WC provision but question if the changing rooms and showers will be big enough. Will the wifi signal be ok for the business hub? Overall we like the concept plan.	Noted. Thank you.  For consideration. That will be investigated to ensure that it is.
38.	a. Perhaps only one accessible toilet with baby changing area and 1 ladies and 1 gents suites Room divider. Suggest additional one in larger hall to give 3 rooms.	Noted, for consideration. Already under discussion.
	b. What is the scale of the drawing?	Dimensions will be available once the facilities are confirmed. Further consultation to follow.
	c. Door to segregate corridor and escapee children if sent to the toilet alone.	Already in the concept design.
	d. Fire exit distances if fire in reception area?	Will be covered under the health and safety regulations.
	e. Are there stairs in the store? If so, where do they lead? Is there space above the corridor?	There will be a recess to allow for a stairwell, for roof/storage access.
	f. What is the building cross section?	This will be determined at the planning application stage.
	g. All portal frame?	To be determined.
	h. Where is the rubbish stored?	Will identified during the planning stage.

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39.	Short mat bowls. It would appear that the larger hall is big enough, the smaller hall would work but be cramped. However the rolls of carpet would need to be left on site. Is there provision? [name and details supplied]	Excellent. <a href="#">See report.</a>
40.	What is the sound proofing and time of noise control policies considered? I can already hear noise from the football pitches from my home so am concerned about any potential increase, particularly if weddings or other large events planned. [name supplied]	<a href="#">See report.</a>
41.	a. I have concerns about parking. Are 80 spaces plus 5 disabled going to be adequate for the new pavilion, Benians Pavilion and the Bowls Club?	<a href="#">See report.</a>
	b. How to keep vehicles from driving onto the football pitch also needs considering – maybe native hedge planting along the grass along Uplands.	<a href="#">See report.</a>
	c. Is the building going to be large enough for the village in say, 25 years.	The specification will allow for any increase in size in future years, it has been designed modularly for this purpose.
42.	To obtain additional funds we could set up a local lottery. <a href="https://start-ups.co.uk/guides/how-to/start-a-lottery-business">https://start-ups.co.uk/guides/how-to/start-a-lottery-business.</a> (name supplied)	Thank you. Noted.
43.		