

Results of consultation on new Louie Memorial Pavilion – June 2022

In anticipation of re-submitting a planning application to Vale of White Horse District Council for a new Louie Memorial Pavilion, North Hinksey Parish Council (NHPC) has undertaken fresh consultation with the local community.

The current planning permission was granted on 31st July 2019 and will expire this summer. The plans consulted on were very similar to those already approved, but with some changes to the external landscaping and parking facilities.

A feedback questionnaire was developed by Cllr Potter with review and amendments by Cllrs Berrett, Dowie, Fairclough, and Kay.

Consultation dates and venues

An in-person consultation session was held at the Louie Memorial Pavilion pop-up café on Sunday 15th May from 3pm-5pm. Several Parish Councillors were in attendance (Blase, Dowie, Kay, MacKeith, Potter), as well as architect Rob Goacher from Jessop & Cook, to discuss the plans with residents. Hard copy feedback forms were available; 19 completed forms were received.

On the same day an online feedback form with identical content to the paper form was launched and advertised on NHPC's website and Facebook page. The online feedback form remained open until 27th May, through which 38 responses were received.

On Monday 16th June the plans were displayed outside of the Botley Library entrance and remained on display until 29th May. Feedback forms were available, although no Councillors were present to discuss the plans. A further 18 completed feedback forms were received.

Further in-person consultation was held at the Botley Farmers' Market on Saturday 22nd May from 10am-1pm. Three Parish Councillors (Berrett, Jones, Potter) attended. A further 11 feedback responses were received.

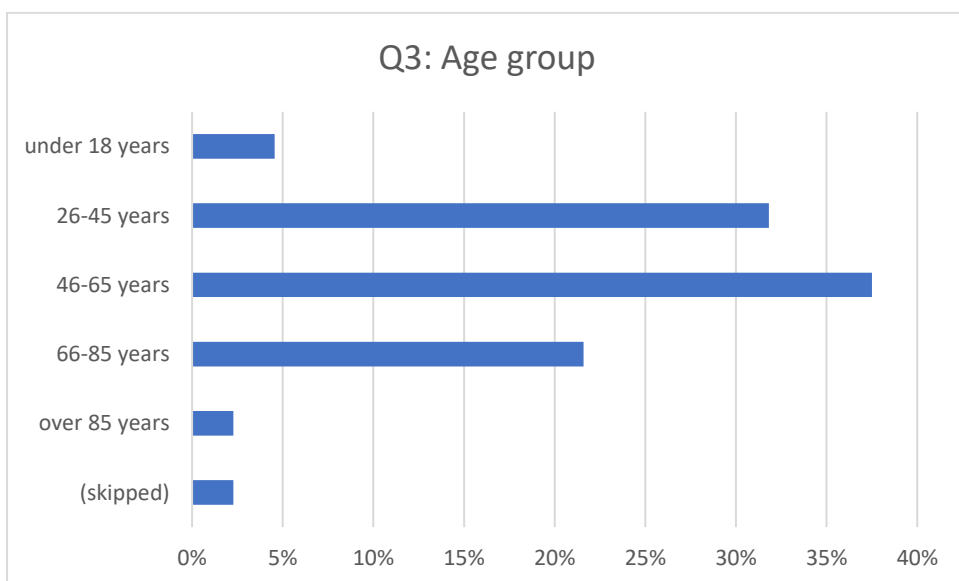
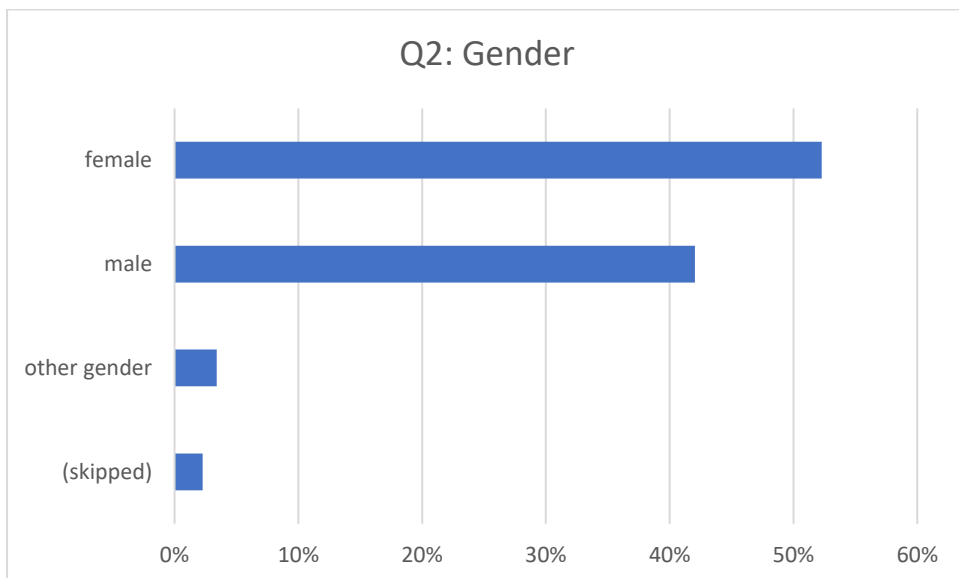
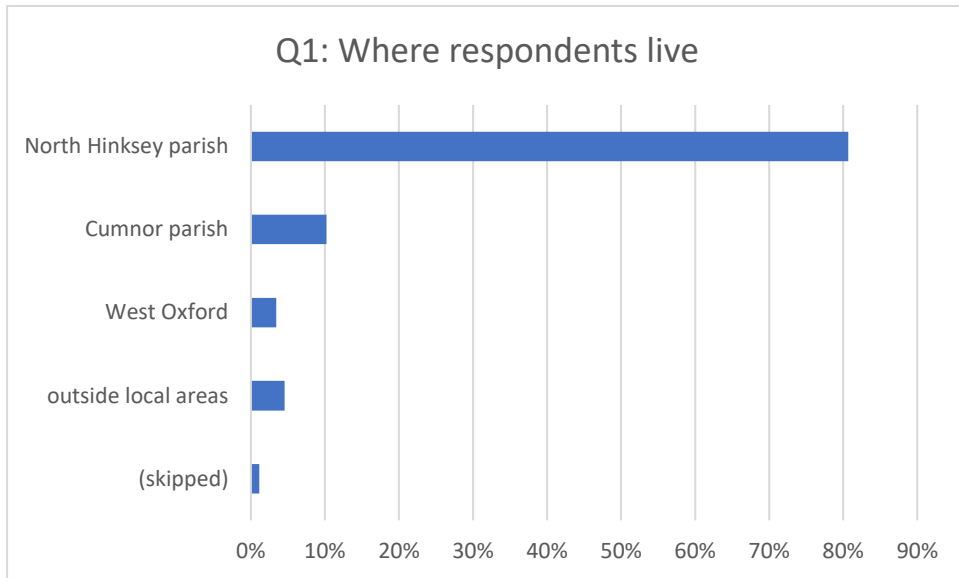
Cllr Potter attended the Botley Lunch Club on Thursday 26th June and presented the plans briefly to attendees before lunch was served. Attendees on two tables engaged in discussion of the plans, which were left with the feedback forms in the hall until after the lunch was over. Two further feedback forms were received by this route, for a **total of 88 responses received across all consultation routes.**

Key findings

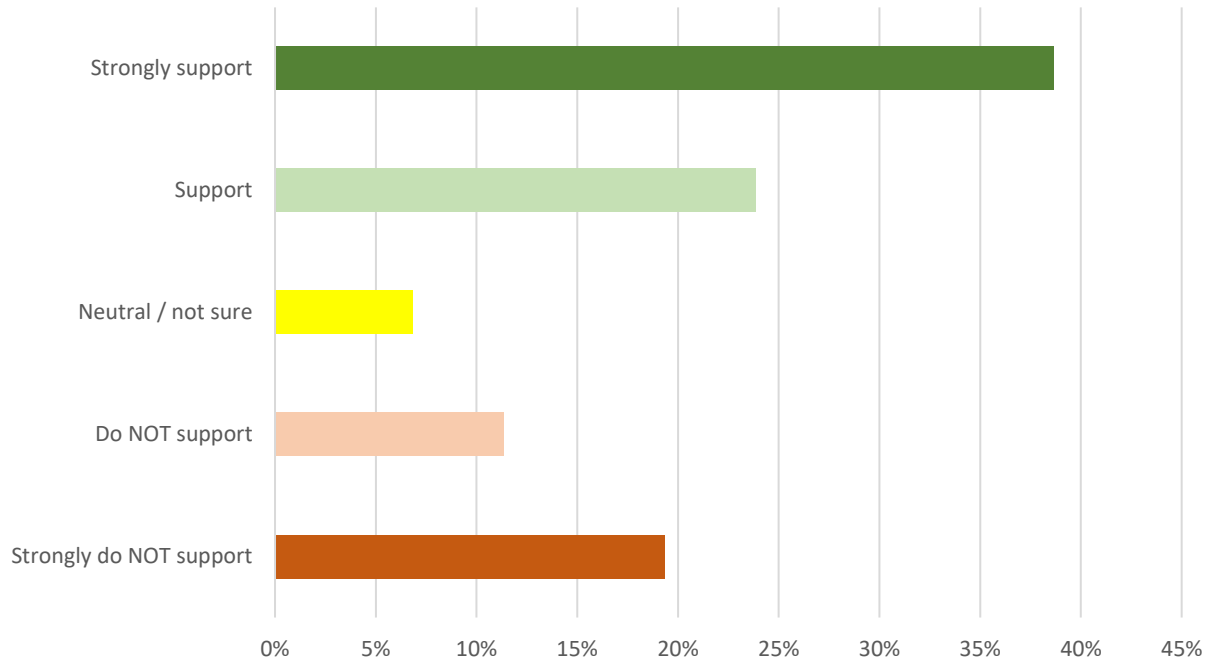
A majority of respondents were in support of the plans for the new Pavilion, with 39% in strong support. 30% of respondents did not support the plans.

Key issues raised were the number of car parking spaces (feedback that car parking space should be reduced in favour of sustainable modes of transport), the amount of green space affected by the new building (calls to reduce the footprint and/or reposition the building so that it projected less into the open field), and questioning if the sports changing facilities would be used. Fifteen respondents (17%) expressed a desire to retain a separate scout hut building, but there was no consensus on how the land to the west of the building should be used.

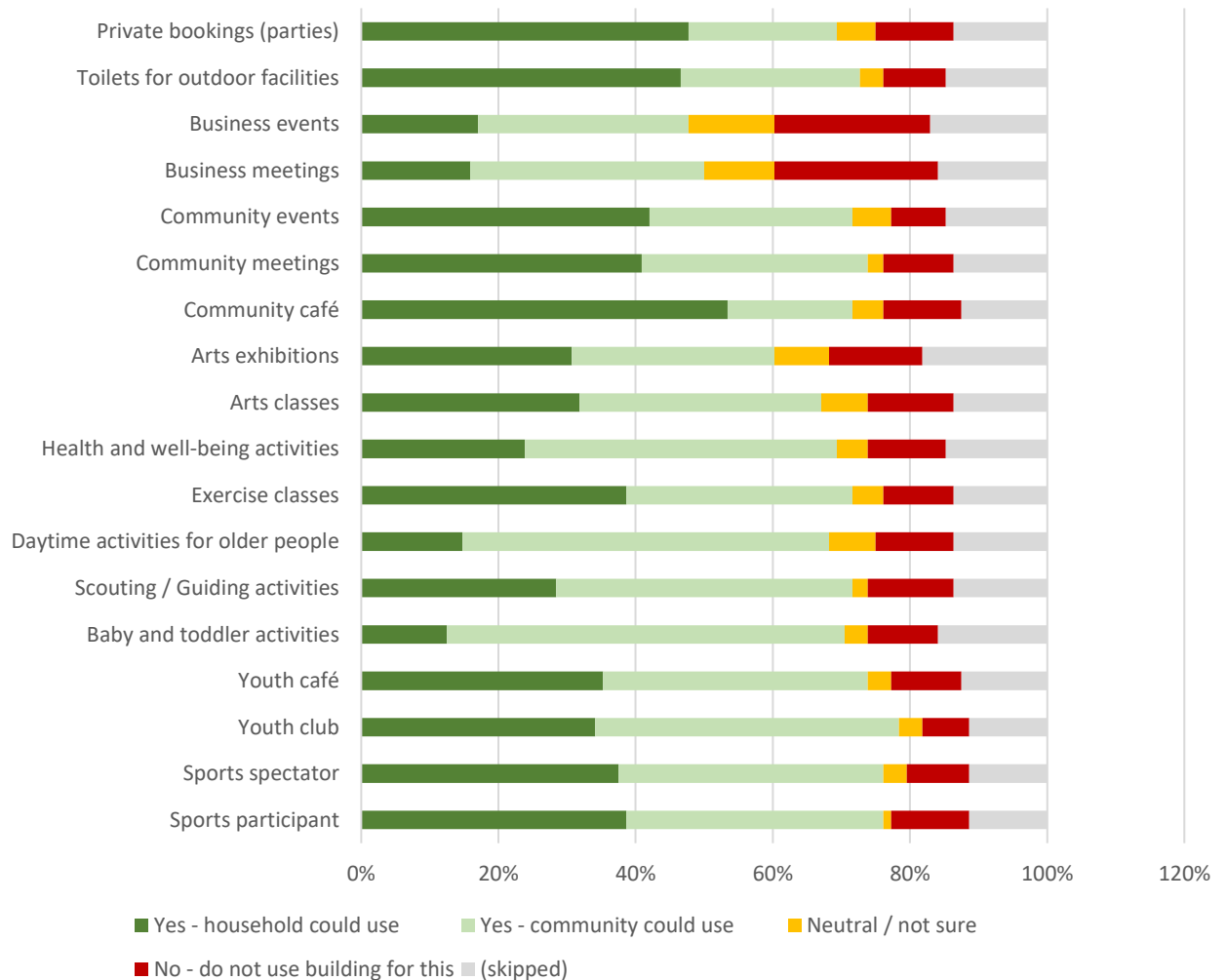
All results and comments are detailed below.



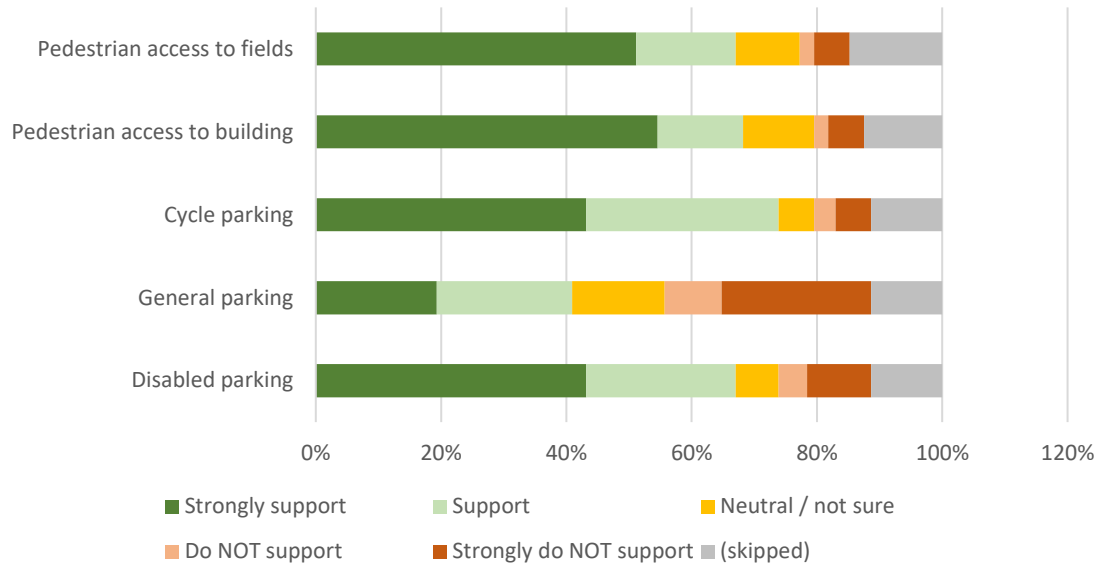
Q4: Overall opinion of plans



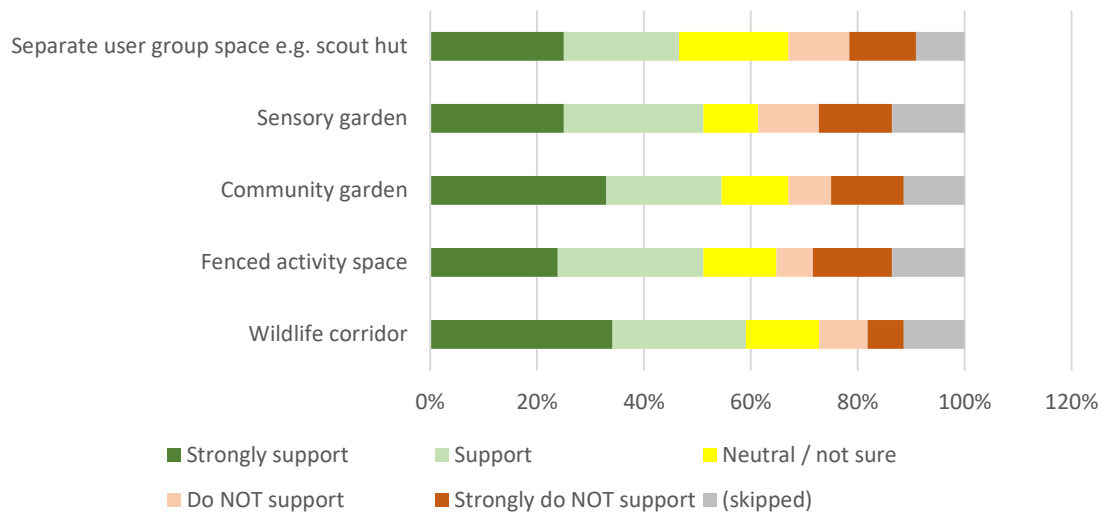
Q6: Uses of new Pavilion building



Q8: Access facilities



Q10: Use of western corridor



Comments from Pavilion consultation May 2022 – sorted by level of support

Q5 – Are there any changes that could improve the plans? Please say here:

Strongly support

I think the overall design and function are right, and I like that there is now more open green space in front of the main hall. Might be improved with some minor changes such as putting the solar panels over the the larger community block (although I like the look of the big green roof but think the solar panels might get more sun there).

I am very supportive of the toilet which is accessible from the outside of the building for families using the play equipment when the building is not open. I think it should be bigger (take some space out of the external store room) to accommodate a baby change table at least and if possible a disabled toilet.

Direct access from kitchen to outdoor areas for pop up café. Kitchen should be bigger and connect better with the halls

Space for a community cafe or space like flos at Florence park. Also there are currently zero play facilities in botley for children 0-4

Concerned that by hiding MUGA from road this invites vandalism. Likewise the enclosed garden spaces sound like a good spot for a cigarette.

We could really do with an adventure playground for Year 4-5 until middle school. This would be a big attraction for the area.

Increase the size of the solar panel installation, and get an export tariff. Maybe. But 80/20 rule. Get on with it - it can't be perfect.

A skate park as previously considered

Add a water fountain outside. Review the changing facilities to ensure they meet needs for indoor and outdoor sport and size of teams.

Looks a good plan - would aim to build in sections.

Could the changing rooms be reduced in scale to save on costs. Are two full sets of changing rooms really needed by potential users?

No - it seems to cover all aspects of the requirements for the community and is a significant upgrade.

Make sure there's a cafe. Consider post-Covid needs for exercise, social interaction especially for people working from home or the elderly.

Indoor gymnasium

It may be worth considering changing room spaces to safeguard adults and children for club events, perhaps small pods?

Looks wonderful. Does it need to be quite as large as planned?

Store room for North Hinksey Parish Council for things like the grit spreader, paint for the Gateway and tools and equipment owned by the Council. Also the display boards, presently kept in the Parish Office.

Support

We love the lovely green space the park provides for us but it would be great for families with young children to have an outdoor play area close to the facilities of the pavilion. Eg car parking, toilets and maybe even somewhere to get a coffee. At the moment the play park is quite far from the facilities and there is no baby swing :(

It seems quite big - do we need to have 2+ changing rooms? Could they be changed to more toilets?

Dissatisfied that the scouts are losing their hut, but the new facilities will be an asset to the community.

Changing rooms should be flexible to accommodate small teams. Splitable into 2 changing rooms if needed.

Its bigger than it needs to be. Think you could easily get rid of the changing rooms so not so big & imposing - are you sure there is a need for them. Most teams come in kit - children's football that is. Also - just have disabled parking. Parking on opposite side of road is adequate.

Not sure about the loss of open space to parking

Scout hut to be retained and given back to the scouts.

Are there provisions for maintenance over the long term? Could it include solar panels? (water recycling)

Please include a space for the line marking equipment - somewhere to clean and mix paint i.e. 'dirty work' area - Needs water + elec

Neutral / not sure

Footprint should be reduced. I think changing rooms dominate the building. I don't think there's a need for 2 larger rooms & a meeting room. Don't need more parking. Only disabled access.

I think the new pavilion should consider better the needs of the 4th Oxford scouts groups that are active for 50 years in the area, as their groups are more than ever now. And the community would benefit lots by this opportunity. They can't do everything without their space for all their needs. The way how they operate requires they opposite space.

I am excited about the idea of a new space but also concerned about where the Scouts will base themselves. We would like to be sure that the scouts are catered for in terms of having a workable space which is embedded in the community. Ideally the scouts would like a bespoke area/building.

No mention of the new skate park?

Not a very nice building. Takes up too much space. Use scout club house site to reduce pressure on LMF.

Do NOT support

the scouts should be given more consideration, the mandate by parish vote was given to give them back the building. they can refurb or rebuild at their own costs. The current plans are too big, the footprint too large, i don't believe there is a need for a hall of this size. I think changing rooms are an unnecessary expense esp if sports England grants will not cover the full cost of that part of the building, i do not know anyone who uses external changing rooms/showers after sports. Do not think there is a need for 2 halls & a meeting room, costs need to be saved and plans are too ambitious. If you are not willing or even consider the scouts going back to the scout hut then the plans should be altered so new building covers the land already being used (I.E the scout hut & Pavillion) makes no sense to knock scout hut down, leave the land empty but then build on more of the field. I don't think there should be such a large car park, only disabled spaces should be included there is a car park on the other side of the road.

Put Scout Hut back to use. Lower the height of these buildings in this sensitive location.

The new building looks very big & will lose a lot of the public green open space, accessible to all. This field is much used by teenagers & young people. Also blocking the view of the MUGA from the road makes it a lot less safe.

Having used/had involvement in the pavilion over many years I would be happy for the existing building to be refurbished BUT the current plans for rebuild are far too large & over designed for use of any of the groups locally.

I feel we need to start again I'm afraid. The present plans were based around the scouts being a significant user group and it would appear that now they are not.

Still very disappointed that no real provision for scouting group. New planning application was surely an opportunity to re-engage. I support development of the old sports hut but with scouts now facing prospect of having to build a new hut surely incorporating this into the one building would be more efficient on so many levels.

I understand the current plans were designed to include provision for a scout group to use the new pavilion. If this group are no longer to be the main users of the building, my preference would be to strip down the design to its core user / potential user group's requirements. This would reduce cost and the building footprint dramatically. The danger of continuing 'as is' is severe under useage of the facility.

No. Its not needed. It will be a waste of money and cover green space

1) I do not support it because it is not a 'friendly building' that feels open to all. 2) I do not support provision of car parking into the memorial fields. There is an abundance of car parking in the street and in the Park. No need for any car parking (including disabled) as allocated spaces and ramps can accommodate disabled. 3) Use Scout hut space for building to reduce impact on Fields and entry to countryside.

Reduce size considerably. Existing hall in Botley can and should cover activities listed on next page.

Strongly do NOT support

Its too big, replace like for like, upgrade changing area etc. There are plenty of large halls locally.

1) Positioning of the building blocks the views. Turn the building sideways. Think how the building will be used inside & outside. 2) Remove changing rooms. Local children in the area will change at home. 3) Remove car parking spaces either this side of the road or the other side. 4) Make full use of the wildlife corridor. Don't just 'leave it alone'. 5) Build wildlife bridges/tunnels to the other woodland area. 6) The overall footprint of the building is too big.

Leave the Scout Hut alone. Building is far too big for what is needed.

The proposed building is far too large and imposing. And it is disingenuous to not show the (also supported by the Parish Council) plans for a skate park. If included, this would show how much of the current open space would be concreted over.

Reduce footprint. Replacement pavilion should be same as the one it's replacing. The PC's proposal is TOO big. We have a new community hall . This will be a £2m white elephant. Takes up precious green, open space. Keep scout hut.

The plans should be completely revised to include a separate refurbished or replacement Scout Hut and the size and layout of the building needs to be reassessed. NHPC does not appear to know who or what the building is for and whether or not the changing rooms are needed. The orientation of the proposed building does not give optimal views of the playing fields and views over Oxford.

Reducing the size by at least half so that people have more access to open space.

Smaller building and no car park (there is one already), both ensuring less impact on a valued green space

No car park - there is one. No larger building required -- we have many easy-reach halls

Pavilion too big, hiding the muga from view from the road. It should be scaled down. The extra parking spaces are not needed as the parking opposite is rarely full. The Scouts group should be given a new lease on the Scout hut and allowed to stay there. It should not be demolished.

Renovate existing pavilion and Scout hall. Building new is a waste of resources (both financial and environmental).

1) Refurbish / rebuild the existing pavilion. At the Nortoft consultation a majority wanted something on a similar footprint. 2) Let the Scouts refurbish the Scout Hut (the structure is sound, the asbestos level low - similar to existing Pavilion and is no hazard if undisturbed)

No

Make it smaller so that it covers about the same footprint as the current one. Currently a bit too expensive for the Parish budget I think. Spend some of the money on doing up the old Scout Hut so that everybody is then happy.

The plans need to be changed so that the building and its intended operation meet the identified needs of those who would use the site. The current building unnecessarily demolishes a scout hut and fails to provide for the needs of the 4th Oxford scouts, which the scout hut provided for for 50 years. The project forces the group out of the area and jeopardises its future, unless it can build another one, which is far from certain, and at vast cost. The other needs that the building is supposed to satisfy have not really been identified, how can the design meet unidentified needs? The building forces a drastic alteration in the use of the site, even the pop up cafe will have to fundamentally change its character since the open space where people meet and children play will have a bulding on it, and it can't operte in the same way without that, the views that makes the location so special will not be available in the same way. No assessment has been made of the best way to spend £2.1m, this is a predetermined project looking for something to spin as justification. The main change that provides a massive and obvious improvement would be to leave the existing scout hut up, it is a far more useful use of the space than the shipping containers, and knocking it down harms the opoortnities for young people and risks reduction in provision of youth services.

Q7 – Please tell us any other uses of the new Pavilion building that you would like to see:

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[comments by most options above - e.g. other venues] Many of these uses are available already in the community and we don't need to duplicate - also need to think about the suitability of the locations for many in Botley. Moving scouts to this building would not work for scouts with youth club.

A nice sensory garden and a nature friendly play area wooden beams to climb, log stepping stones etc

An annual summer fête would be brilliant! Also, in other places I've lived there has been pop up summer outdoor cinemas. It's a great space up there!

Book exchange, possibly recycling of shoes/clothing

Community food larder? As for Community use- gardening club, cooking club?, backgammon/chess club

Community cafe like flos in Florence park. Play area for small children

community garden / allotment, gym equipment

Current easy-reach halls already cater for all of the above. And the scouts have already OPTED OUT

Difficult for older people to access because it's uphill. Unlikely to have enough customers for a daytime cafe & therefore most of the time will be an empty building.

Fully licensed bar? Revenue maker?

I teach karate and would most certainly like to use the main hall. Preferably Saturday and/or Sunday mornings or any weekday evenings 5-8pm.

I think the new pavilion should consider better the needs of the 4th Oxford scouts groups that are active for 50 years in the area, as their groups are more that ever now. And the community would benefit lots by this opportunity. They can't do everything without their space for all their needs. The way how they operate requires they apposite space.

I'd really like to see daytime usage (which doesn't happen at all at the moment since the current buildings are so small and poor quality), particularly to support older people in our community.

Most of the above is catered for by our many easy-reach halls. The Scouts have OPTED OUT

Music events + practice space. Could it include a piano?

music events e.g. community festival

Pavilion should not be built

Perhaps a hatch could be built to provide refreshments during busy skatepark periods + a community shop could operate during part-time periods.

Pop-up gardening workshops & seminars, maybe even a small allotment system or raised beds planted by school kids? Be nice to hold gardening events e.g. seed swap shops etc.

Private booking of main hall with outside area could make facility very economically sustainable

Question 6 is unhelpful. The proposed new building is supposed to be a replacement for the existing Pavilion and Scout Hut. The existing role of the current Pavilion is poorly defined but the role of the existing Scout Hut is clear. However, the proposed new building does not meet the needs of the 4th Oxford Scout Group. North Hinksey Neighbourhood Plan policy SI1 identifies the Pavilion and Scout Hut as facilities which carry out one or more identified social or leisure functions as important to the community. Developments involving a change of use or loss of function(s) at these locations will be refused unless at least one of the following applies: The proposed development is ancillary and complementary to the main use of the facility, and would not result in a negative visual impact on the site and surrounding area; and/or replacement land and facilities/infrastructure suitable for carrying out the identified role of the site, of at least equal benefit to the local community in terms of scale, quality and accessibility would be provided elsewhere within North Hinksey. NHPC needs to (a) identify existing social and leisure functions first and then (b) consider if the proposed building meets those needs and (c) determine if changes of use or loss of function are acceptable within the constraints of North Hinksey Neighbourhood Plan policy SI1. At present the proposed building plans are contrary to policy SI1.

Questions 6 & 7 are not sensible questions. If the pavilion is built, clearly it should be used as much as possible. But there is no need for it, as nearly all these activities already have adequate provision in more convenient and appropriate locations.

Safe storage for NHPC owned items

Scout group does not feel that building can meet their needs. This should be resolved before building designs are finalised (or should be re-designed)

Small educational sessions re wildlife for example
Small meeting room could be used for drop-in health or police visits like at Dean Court in the past.
Possible extension of community fridge if there was demand at top of hill.

Talks

The above options are perfect.

There is no demand for this building, it is a complete fabrication. The Scouts don't want to use it and have said so for years now.

This is a building looking for uses to justify its creation

Use of the existing pavilion is LOW. There is no demonstrated need for a new pavilion on the scale proposed. Refurbish the existing pavilion for current users. There is NO need to spend on new changing rooms as most teams don't use them.

We have a new community hall at the heart of the community which is more suitable for social events for elderly and mother and toddler groups .There is also already ample provision of halls to rent in the area. Don't encourage car use to access this building on a very steep hill. The new Pavilion should be used by those participating in sports on the Fields as specified in the original deeds. Changing rooms are not needed. We don't need two community halls. Green, open space is needed for well being not this £2m white elephant which will blight the Green Belt. .

What does the parish council think the building should be used for, surely that is the starting point?!
What intended use is it designed to meet? It seems strange that the potential use of a building is being identified in this 'consultation' after it has been designed, with no prospect of the significant changes that would be required to meet eg the needs of the 4th Oxford scout group.

Q9 – Any comments about accessing the building and surrounding space:

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2 or 3 disabled spaces needed - could be fitted in front of existing pavilion + Scout Hut

A shame to have concreted car park when we have currently grass.

As it is placed up the hill and some of the events will need specific equipment I think the building should have some dedicated parking, but perhaps not much more than there's today.

Car park is not needed. Car use should not be encouraged. Car park provision already available for those playing football etc, Important wildlife corridors must be protected. No need to change access if plans adhere to a replacement pavilion which people thought they were getting rather than a huge 'community' hall. No proven need for this.

Climate emergency - able bodied people should not need to drive to their community hall. Charging for E-bikes?

Complete re-think + design on revised user group requirements

Cycling and walking should be more encouraged than parking a car

Disabled access is essential but the proposed design is not nearly as user friendly and protected from the elements as it could be. It is unclear if the parking arrangements can accommodate vehicles larger than cars, (converted large MPVs, commercial type vans or wheelchair adapted minibuses etc.). If the Scout Hut is refurbished or replaced, or parts of the building omitted and/or re-oriented then this will affect all the proposed parking arrangements. In my view the proposed facilities for parking and accessing the building are inadequate and given that further significant design changes are likely to occur, premature.

For pedestrian access into the building, I think you would want to make sure no one can walk in without permission, so it's safer.

Having a Radar Key operated disabled toilet would be a positive. Disabled parking next to toilet.

I don't agree with more tarmacked field for parking when there is parking just across the street we should be protecting the green space

I like that the car parking takes up less space in front of the building than previously

I would just repeat it would be great for facilities to be more accessible from the play area for those with young children

It is not realistic to expect people to assess that sort of detail on a small screen.

It might be helpful to be able to access changing rooms from inside the building for indoor exercise classes.

Leave the green space alone. Not apparent how much green space is being consumed by this ugly building and the proposed skating park, more concrete.

Needs good access for all including parking next to building. Current buildings are terrible for that.

No car park -- there already is one.

No extra car parking -- there is already a car park and on-road parking

no extra parking required on green belt space

Plans not sufficiently clear/detailed on a small screen to make any meaningful comment. I understand that car parking is a complex issue but we should be encouraging local people to walk or take the bus.

Probably could do with more cycle facilities

such a great idea

That the building is a direct competitor to Botley Centre should be noted, so perhaps it doesn't have to provide everything.

The building is in the wrong location for the majority of Botley / North Hinksey

The plans give a lot less space for people who want to walk in the fields Cars should not be encouraged This is against all attempts to make the environment more green

This is too big & too much concrete. No more cars up here please!! Encourage walking, cycling, bus.

Try not to encourage access for cars.

Use scout hut site. Use street parking and existing parking in the park. No need for cars on the fields. Everything will be concreted over.

We need a community wellness hub, inc. cafe & yoga etc.

Q11 – Please tell us any other uses of the western space that you would like to see:

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[asterik by last option] *I feel allowing a public space available for just one group the wrong thing to do.

[comment by wildlife corridor option: crossed out minimal human activity, replaced 'with human activity']

[comment by wildlife corridor option:] Already have this in lower field

Any of the first four options would be a good thing

as above

Bird / bat boxes, using them as an opportunity to get kids into nature. Beehives.

Great to have community garden and wildlife corridor.

I think the scouts should have their hut back with a long lease to secure their future. they should be given the option to repair or replace the existing building and the pavilion project should be treated as a separate project

I would like the scout hut to be retained for use by the scouts.

I would like to see a bespoke space/building for the Scouts.

If the scouts CAN raise money to replace the hut they should be allowed to do so.

Its is fine with the Scout Hut in place

Just leave the space as nature intended. Stop pretending it can be improved upon

Just leave the space, as nature intended. Stop pretending it can be improved upon.

Keep the existing Scout Hut and keep the wildlife corridor as it is. Why can't the area be left . Just replace or renovate the existing Pavilion rather than urbanising the whole area.

left without buildings

Nature play area.

Need to ensure sufficient storage for outdoor games to encourage teams to be based at LM fields.

Only other thing that comes to mind is a climbing wall.

path with a nature walk

Reinstate the Scout Hut as 4th Oxford want and at NO EXPENSE to NHPC

Should be considered with Memorial Fields. More building is necessary, so that more activity space is created. Wildlife, gardens etc. could be in a more 'public space'.

Something educational about wildlife - bug hotel or an interesting garden?

The above is all in relation to the lack of suitability of the building

The scouts should have a dedicated hut + storage space.

The space should be for the benefit of the whole community. But, just try something. You can't please everyone and you can always adapt the use.

The value of the fields are the open spaces. It should not become something artificial with small gardens and designated spaces. Children need to be able to use much wider spaces.

There are lots of other halls for hire & facilities near to here - Rosary Room Yarnells Hill, Brookes Sport, Seacourt Hall, etc. I think to have lost the local scouts was very unfortunate, though I realise this was not necessarily the Pavilion planners fault. I strongly support rebuilding the pavilion but just not quite so big please. Also too expensive in current economic downturn. Where are the solar panels on the building? & environmental considerations of the building?

This 'western space' is where the Scout Hut currently stands. The Scout Hut should be refurbished for replaced and the Scouts should be able use it as they have done for 50 years. There is no need for a community garden as NHPC has about 100 allotments and part of the Upper Louie Memorial field is designated under covenant for use as allotments. There is no needs for a sensory garden or other space for outdoor activities as the both the Upper and lower Louie Memorial Fields are available. Wildlife uses the area as a corridor as it now exists and it is the proposed new alternative uses which will cause disturbance and damage.

To support the separation for the scouts groups activities. The Community would benefit from being part of these experiences. And they need their own space as their groups are growing now more than ever.

Too grandiose - trying to do too many things. No management plan. In the wrong place. Use scout hut space/plot. If its to be used for kids it can't be used for yoga. Better to organise proper youth facilities - shared with school? What's the strategy.

Who will tend the community garden or look after the fenced space to keep it in good condition?

wonderful, can't wait to see it :)

You have to think who is going to look after these areas - sensory garden sounds great but is it realistic? Don't think any one user group should have completely dedicated space.

You seem to have missed off the use for that space that 1000 people requested in a petition, and that 3/4 of the parish poll voted for, namely retaining the existing scout hut, which is entirely possible. It is also the desired outcome for the 4th Oxford scout group, who would be by far the largest user of the site, if the hut was left up, they currently provide over 22,000 person hours of activities for the community, all by volunteers. I don't believe that any other youth organisation comes close, the group is the joint largest group by numbers of young people in Oxford Spires district. Meeting their needs is an obvious use for the space, rather than forcing them to try and survive elsewhere, and an objective that is so important it is irrational not to meet their needs, and irrational not to put that as an option to be consulted on. The silence in this consultation concerning the existing scout hut and the role of the 4th Oxford on the site is deafening...

Q12 – Any other comments that you would like to make about the current plans to redevelop the Louie Memorial Pavilion and surrounding space:

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1) The showers are a nice idea but based on other similar facilities I have used elsewhere, they are difficult to maintain and end up being underutilized or vandalized etc. - better scrap the shower plan.

2) Please use the max amount of solar panels! 3) Please consider the gardening hub idea, since this is a proven way to keep people coming back. A 'community garden' sounds good but not sure how it would work in practice?

Can't tell from these plans how high the building is compared to existing. It looks much higher. The location is poor for various suggested activities, top of windswept hill with poor public transport. Bring the Scouts back to their hut.

Dissappointed in the decision to knock down the scout hut. I don't buy the argument that you can't build further out because you need to retain green space. This isn't a meadow/pond/wood/etc. It's a green lawn used by dog walkers. We have plenty of them! There's another one right over the road.

Don't change things for the sake of change. We dont need more buildings.

Don't make it too big, we don't need that much building, replace like for like with slight upgrades.

Get on and build it please.

Good luck, we can't wait to see this turn into reality! Please keep us up to date via the sprout, we'll keep an eye out for fundraising opportunities.

Great that a new pavillion will be built. Could be a great enhancement for the community, esp with combined use of the field.

Grossly excessive. Very little demonstrated demand and lots of competition from 8 or so other halls in N Hinksey parish, not to mention more in Cumnor Parish and far better sports facilities adjacent at Matthew Arnold Academy + Brookes Sports Centre. At the first consultation by Nortoft a majority wanted something on the present scale, no larger. The costs of maintaining the proposed new building would be large? permanent caretaker at least £20k / yr

Hope this goes forward as soon as possible. Don't be put off by those loudly objecting. We, the quiet majority support the project strongly and are thankful for those putting in the effort.

How does it fit with other facilities (Brookes Sport facilities, Seacourt Hall, etc.)? How will vandalism be managed?

I am looking forward to the development, I think the plans look good. Personally wouldn't object to more space being used if needed, the field is huge.

I find these plans totally out of proportion to the space available on the fields .The proposals actually suggest various ideas that will take even more space away from the general public and seem totally out of proportion in relation to the usage of the fields. It seems a waste of money at a time when money is tight. I am surprised at the amount of space given to changing rooms. Nowadays children come to school in sports kit so they don't have to change and similarly, children often turn up to matches dressed ready for the match. Changing rooms can be sources of bullying, there are some issues about gender identity and ,even more simply, they need to be kept spotlessly clean.

I like the idea of the new pavilion. Just I would support the need of the Oxford 4th scouts groups more. As they can't do otherwise to make all their activities work if they don't have their own space. This is not because they don't want to share, but just the way how they operate isn't helpful to their needs for all what they need to complete all the activities. Otherwise they need to cut children out because they can't effort to have the hall every night and other needs of drying tends. Thank you

I really think the cost of this development could be used more effectively for community use elsewhere in Botley. But the refurbishment of the pavilion would be good - NOT a rebuild.

I strongly oppose this planning application. There are community facilities in other parts of Botley. This proposed development will encourage car usage up and down the hill and will not benefit the local community.

I support Scouting and similar clubs and groups for children. However, the Scout group that previously occupied the Scout Hut to the west of the site has left and no longer has any formal connection to that hut. It would now be entirely inappropriate for the Council to prioritize any one group with regard to that land. The Scout hut is not safe to use and repairs are uneconomical. Remove the hut and use the land to benefit the whole community.

I think any suggestion that the 4th Oxford Scouts should be given their own space again is ridiculous. They said a hard no to all previous offers and left the old hut a wreck. It's public land which should be properly maintained for everyone to enjoy. There are other local groups (including the 15th Scouts) who need a space and should get more priority now.

I think it is alot bigger, but on the line between too big and not. Also, when entering, it looks like the pavilion would block the view of the field (I know there is an other entrance closer to the field, bt I think that, when entering the pavillion, it would still be nice to see the field properly). :)

I would like the scout hut to be retained.

I would like to acknowledge and thank the efforts made by the parish council + in particular Councillor Potter + Councillor Kay to develop the new pavilion project. Their patience + gracious conduct in the face of provocation, disruption, threats and continual agitation continue to prevail and I for one have enormous respect and appreciation for their strength of character and resolve. I feel that a scaled down design which would include a modest hall and good storage space, in addition to the facilities the pavilion already has would be a very welcome path forward. I would strongly support any investment into a ecologically sound, visionary Design + Build.

I would like to see a bespoke area/building for the Scouts.

I would like to see a written account of the needs of the community the parish council has identified, not in the form of a survey like this but an objective investigation, the options it has identified for meeting those needs and the limitations if any that must exist in any new project. I would like to see a written explanation of why it cannot meet the needs it has identified, and any options for alternatives that it is prepared to consider. £2.1m, and the future provision for the community for future

generations, are matters that are much too important to waste or ignore. This looks like a project looking for a justification. It obviously doesn't work for the intended users (the 4th Oxford). A written, rational explanation must be provided of why there can't be a scout hut that meets the needs of the community and also put up a building such as this where it is planned. If the pavilion trustees want a new pavilion, build it, but don't knock down the building that houses by far the biggest youth group in the area, leave it standing where it is, it is perfectly possible.

In the Parish Poll conducted in June last year, parishioners voted 3:1 to offer the 4th Oxford Scouts a new lease of the Scout Hut. This was genuine community consultation showing that NHPC is out of touch with parishioners, and the proposed pavilion plans do not meet the needs or aspirations of parishioners. The proposed redevelopment poses a potential threat to alkaline fen on the Lower Louie Memorial Field. The risk needs to be assessed with a relevant hydrological survey. The proposed new development is estimated to cost £2.1 million and there is no credible business plan to justify project. NHPC has not performed a financial risk assessment as required by NHPC Financial Regulations and a fundraising strategy has not been agreed. It is entirely possible that the project will fail and the most significant outcome will be the unnecessary demolition of the Scout Hut which is an important community facility. Any planning permission granted should include a condition that the Scout Hut cannot be demolished until any new pavilion development is completed and in use, and North Hinksey Neighbourhood Plan policy SI1 has been satisfied.

It is time that the residents who don't want this start to think of the younger generations (all children, not just scouts) and open their minds to what it could also offer them.

It would be great to see this come to fruition. Is there any scope for slightly lower spec/cheaper which might mean we can find the money.

It's better than the current one

looking forward to it :) :) :)

Not sure how much showers would get used. Low cost space to rent e.g. for kids parties or exercise classes would be good.

Outside water tap. More outdoor seating - benches etc.

Possible disruption of the underlying water courses which may damage the Louie Memorial Fen. This rare habitat is so precious that we should not take the smallest risk. If it is allowed to dry out, that tons of CO2 into the atmosphere. We have to set an example to younger generations. Buildings can be replaced. Fens cannot.

Possibly too grand in scale? But not sure. Perhaps a different design would be more affordable? Don't know how to do this but need to engage with as many sections of the local population as possible about this. Some people don't feel they have a voice and/or don't know consultations are taking place (e.g. older people who are less connected).

Refurbished hall, kitchen, changing rooms and storage should be all that is necessary for this area.

Revamp is long overdue and will be very welcome

Supportive of the development

Thank you for your hard work and relentless efforts to develop this space. Please don't give up because of a loud minority - most of the community is very supportive!

Thank you for your hard work!!

The area should not be developed and should remain a quiet place for local residents

The bullying behaviour of some members of the PC towards the Scouts is appalling. Shame on them. The building is a political vanity project and there is no demand for it. The business plan is a sham. Would prefer to see resources going to support existing facilities like Brookes.

The plans look really positive. If it is easier to afford in stages, please make sure it can be built in sections. Please maximise planting and biodiversity around the building.

The proposed development is an expensive project in the wrong location, which can not be justified by any realistic expectation of its usage and benefit to the community. Money, time, and effort would be much more usefully invested in renovation of the existing pavilion and Scout Hall.

The requirement to re-apply for planning was an opportunity to resolve issues & change designs to accommodate the large local scout group. The building should not go ahead until this is resolved.

The use of the word 'Develop' says it all. There is no need for a new building - there are already many Halls in the local area. This development would encourage a huge increase in traffic.

There are conflicting arguments that have gone on for some time about this area. The current plans in the Library are typically architectural red lines with little in the way of strategy for the area and how it could/should work. There is a need for wildlife / young people who need a place to do their own thing, but how that works with a community centre needs further thought. This has a sense of being a

committee building without thinking through the implications - i.e. kids playing loud music v. old people in a dementia group. Providing a building is one thing, managing the different organisations / responsibilities is another. Not mentioned.

They look great. If ground [work?] on the Muga and field were also completed the space will only encourage more use. I hate to think of such an amazing public space being wasted.

Think building should be turned so entrance faces field.

This has been talked about for a long time now. There needs to be visible action on the ground. If there isn't it will be seen as just yet more talk with nothing concrete to back it up.

This whole project was based on an untruth from the outset: that the largest user the 4th Oxford Scouts would use the building. It is clear they will not and they have been evicted from their Scout Hut against the wishes of the majority of parishioners. The whole process has been lacking in transparency and democracy with pseudo consultations like this which most parishioners know nothing about. We don't need a £2million white elephant on our precious green space just a refurbishment or replacement for the existing pavilion on the same footprint, We have a brand new community hall at the centre of the parish. There is no proven need for another on top of a steep hill on our precious open space , Green Belt adjacent to a LWS and rare fen. Hands off Parish Council.

Very little development is needed. The value to the community lies in the wild space.

We have many local halls/meeting places. The impact of this plan on green space would be dreadful We realise that the changing rooms are required for funding, but the reality is that they are not used by youth teams and will likely end up as storage / wasted space.

Would be good to get input from MA School who use the playing field if they would ever have any needs for the building and space around it.