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Background

Windlesham Parish Council is now progressing plans to construct a community hub in Lightwater to service the whole parish. This has been one of the Council's approved projects since 2013 and circumstances are now favourable for taking this forward.

The proposed location for this hub is on the Lightwater recreation ground behind All Saints Church and the initial proposals are to replace the old pavilion and storage buildings which are now derelict and require demolition, refurbish the children's play area, and to enhance the security to prevent vandalism and unauthorised access to the recreation field.

Before proceeding WPC canvassed the views of residents from all three villages within the Parish to ensure that any future design will meet the needs of the community they serve.

The Consultation Process

The consultation was open to the public for 6 weeks and was promoted through various mediums including social media, QR codes, the Council website, local magazines, telephone and face to face consultation. Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 pandemic conducting public consultation using pen and paper was not possible. However, some Councillors conducted socially distanced face to face consultation whereby residents gave verbal responses that were then recorded on their behalf.

Summary of Results

A total of 454 responses were received across all three villages with the following breakdown by village:

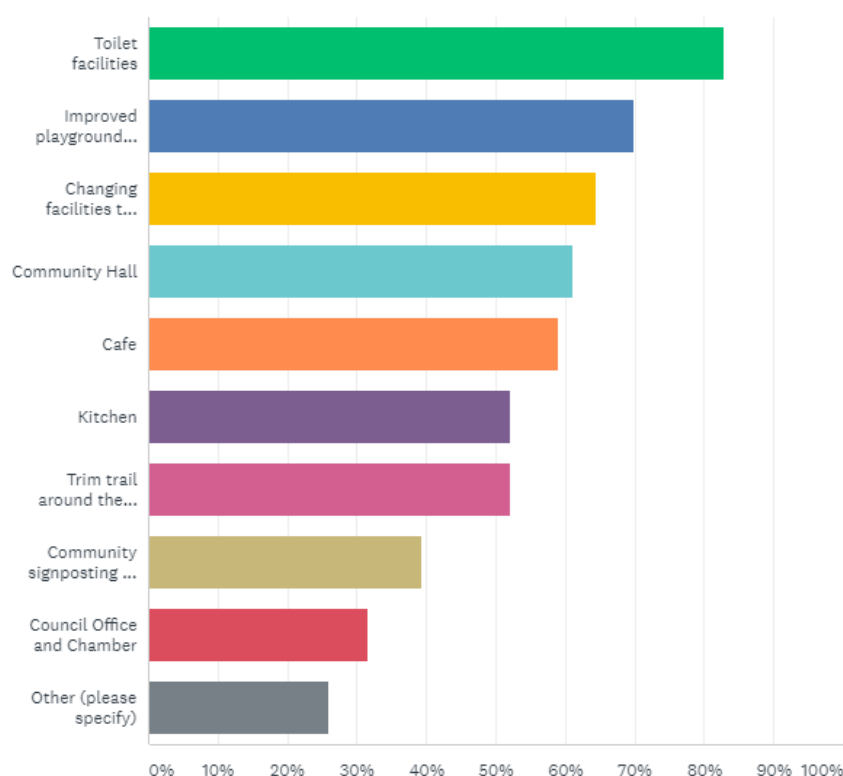
	Number of respondents	Percentage of responses received
Lightwater	304	67%
Bagshot	80	18%
Windlesham	68	15%

The age demographics of the households that responded is detailed below:

under 5	10%
5-11	22%
12-16	18%
17-24	14%
25-40	20%
41-55	45%
56-70	33%
over 70	17%

Of the residents that responded to the consultation, 73% felt that there was a need for additional facilities in the Parish area (see Appendix B for residents comments), and of those 73%, 81% indicated that if a new facility was located in Lightwater, it would still be of benefit to the whole Parish. It should be noted that although this survey attracted responses predominantly from Lightwater residents, 58% of Bagshot respondents and 73% of Windlesham respondents who felt that there was a need for additional facilities in the Parish, also believed that a Lightwater location would benefit the whole Parish. See Appendix C for resident's comments).

Residents were asked which amenities they would like to see included as part of this community facility. The top 5 amenities indicated were toilet facilities, changing facilities, a community hall, a café and kitchen facilities (see breakdown below and Appendix D for resident's comments and further suggestions).



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ Toilet facilities	82.89%	247
▼ Improved playground facilities	69.80%	208
▼ Changing facilities to compliment the use of the field	64.43%	192
▼ Community Hall	61.07%	182
▼ Cafe	59.06%	176
▼ Kitchen	52.01%	155
▼ Trim trail around the field	52.01%	155
▼ Community signposting to other groups and services	39.26%	117
▼ Council Office and Chamber	31.54%	94
▼ Other (please specify)	25.84%	77
Total Respondents: 298		

Although later in the survey 66% of respondents indicated that they would be more likely to visit and engage with the Parish Council if the Office and Chamber were more accessible and welcoming (see Appendix E for residents comments), the relocation of the Council offices and Chamber was the least supported option.

It is worth noting that due to the current pandemic Council have recently moved all meetings online, and when asked about engagement with the Council, 26% of the comments received indicated support for an online presence using social media, including virtual meetings and broadcasting of these meetings online.

Additionally, 68% of respondents indicated that they did not believe there was a need for other community groups or services, other than the Council or Police to be based at a new community hub. However, of those respondents that made comment, suggestions included voluntary and statutory sector groups, including health and library services, as well as youth provision and community groups (see Appendix F for resident's comments).

Comments submitted throughout the survey alluded to the importance of community and this was reflected in the fact that 73% of respondents (Parish wide) believed that a new community hub servicing the whole Parish would enhance their quality of life. The breakdown of responses by village was as follows: (see Appendix G for resident's comments)

44% of Bagshot respondents
48% of Windlesham respondents
86% of Lightwater respondents

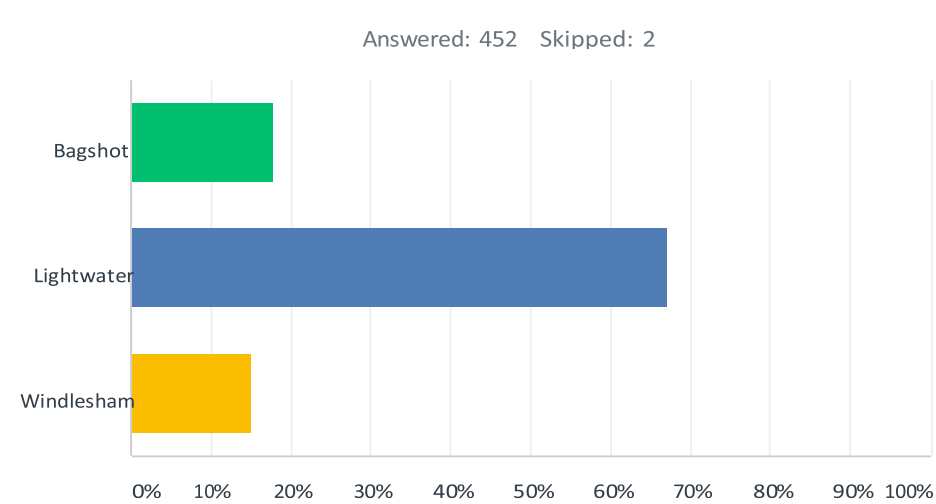
Finally residents were asked to indicate their preferred option for the work Council should undertake to make best use of the recreation ground, the response with 74% of respondents, was overwhelmingly in favour of building a larger, improved facility (pavilion/community hub) including upgrading the play area. The breakdown of responses by village was as follows:

52% of Bagshot respondents
57% of Windlesham respondents
83% of Lightwater respondents

In addition to responses submitted via the consultation process, Council received 5 emails from residents of the Parish and 1 letter from Bagshot Society highlighting concerns about this project. This correspondence is available to read in Annex 1 of this document.

APPENDIX A – Survey Data

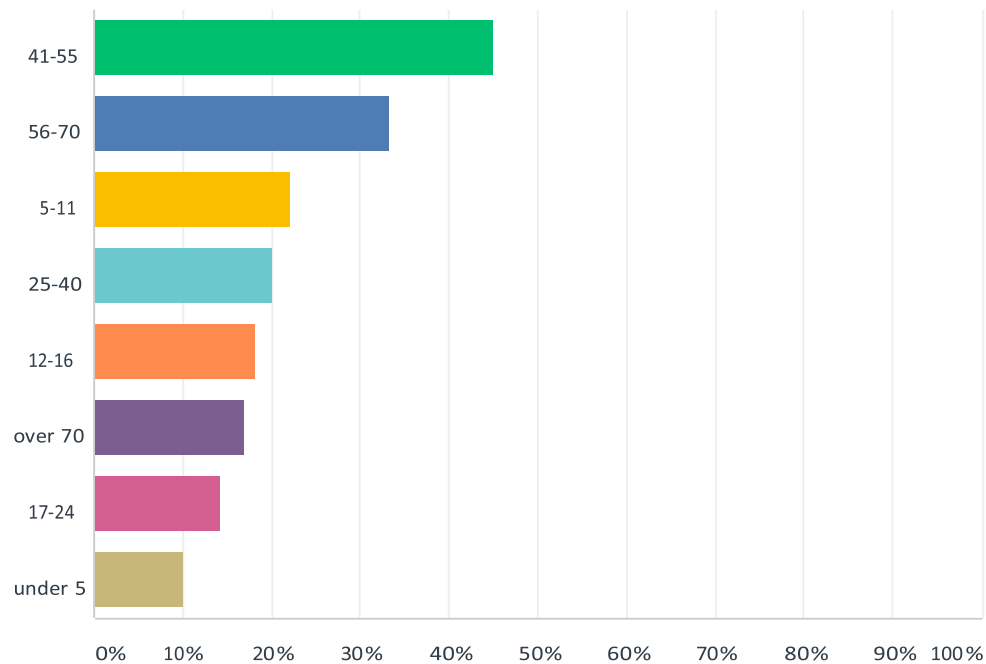
Q1 Please indicate in which village you currently live



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Bagshot	17.70%	80
Lightwater	67.26%	304
Windlesham	15.04%	68
TOTAL		452

Q2 To best inform the design of any new facility please select the age ranges within your household (please select all that apply).

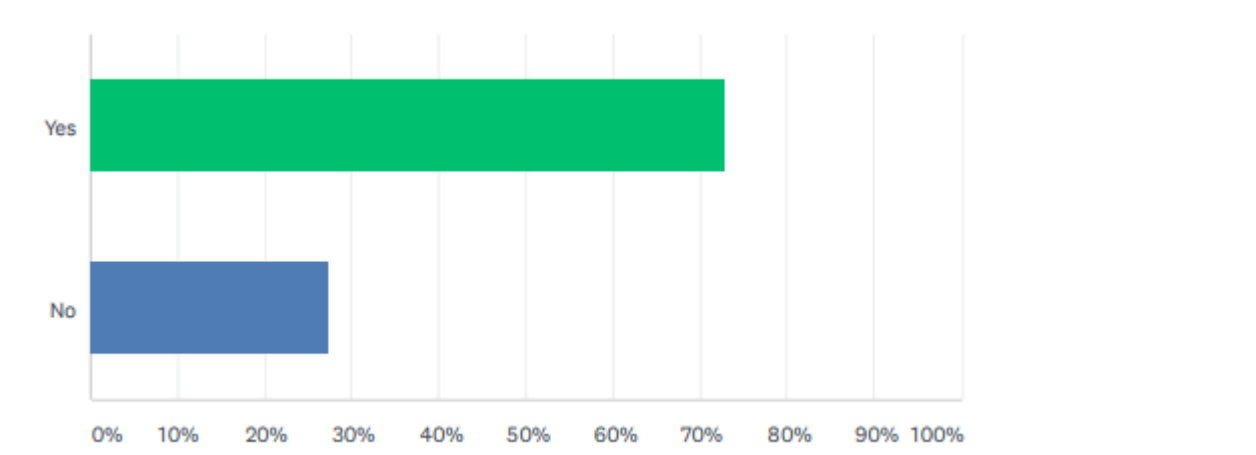
Answered: 452 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
41-55	44.91%	203
56-70	33.19%	150
5-11	22.12%	100
25-40	20.13%	91
12-16	18.14%	82
over 70	17.04%	77
17-24	14.16%	64
under 5	9.96%	45
Total Respondents: 452		

Q3 In your opinion is there a need for additional community facilities in the Windlesham Parish area? (Bagshot, Lightwater, Windlesham).

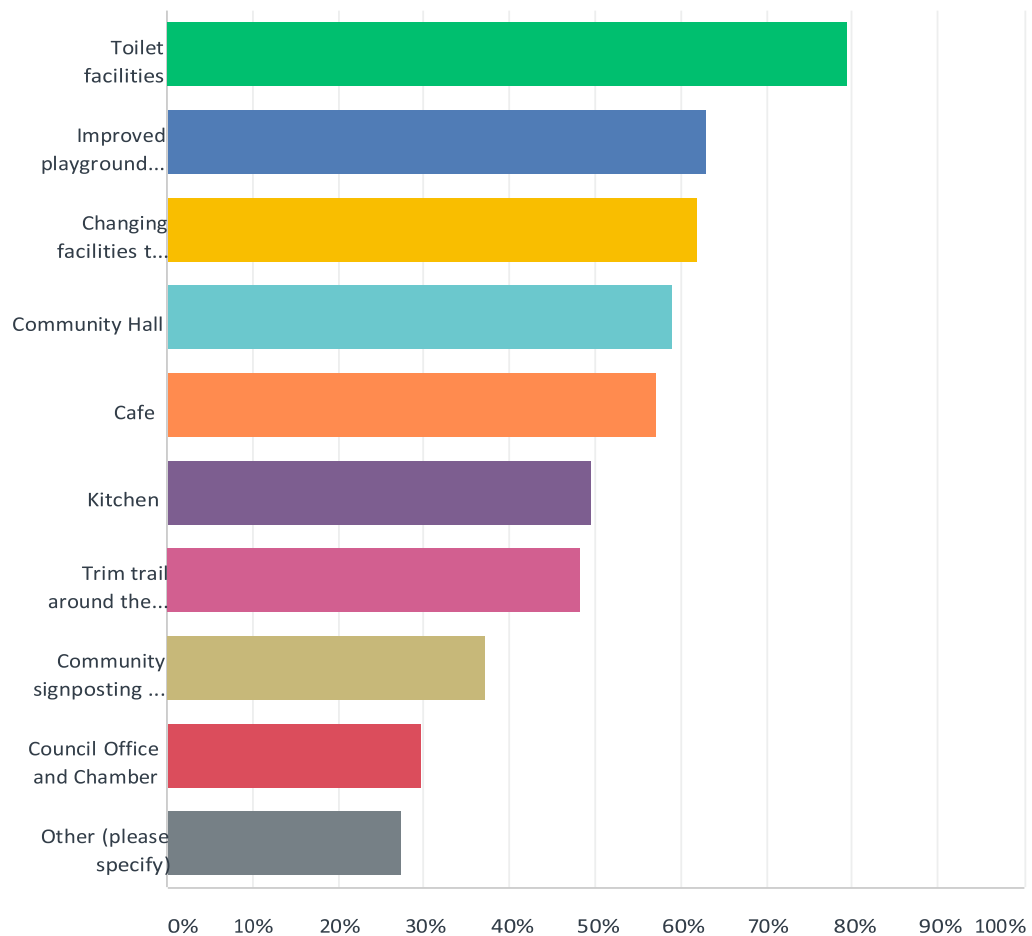
Answered: 445 Skipped: 9



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	72.81%	324
No	27.19%	121
TOTAL		445

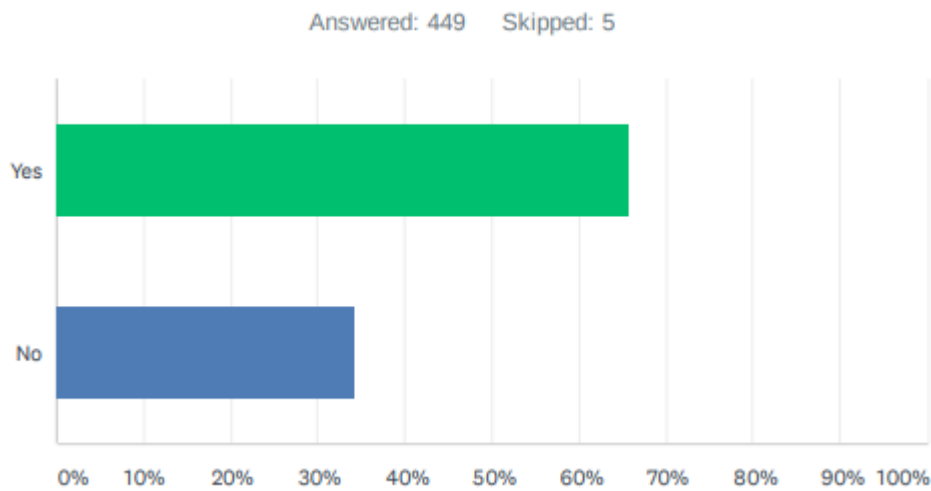
Q4 Please indicate which kind of amenities you would like to see at this centre. (Please select all that apply)

Answered: 430 Skipped: 24



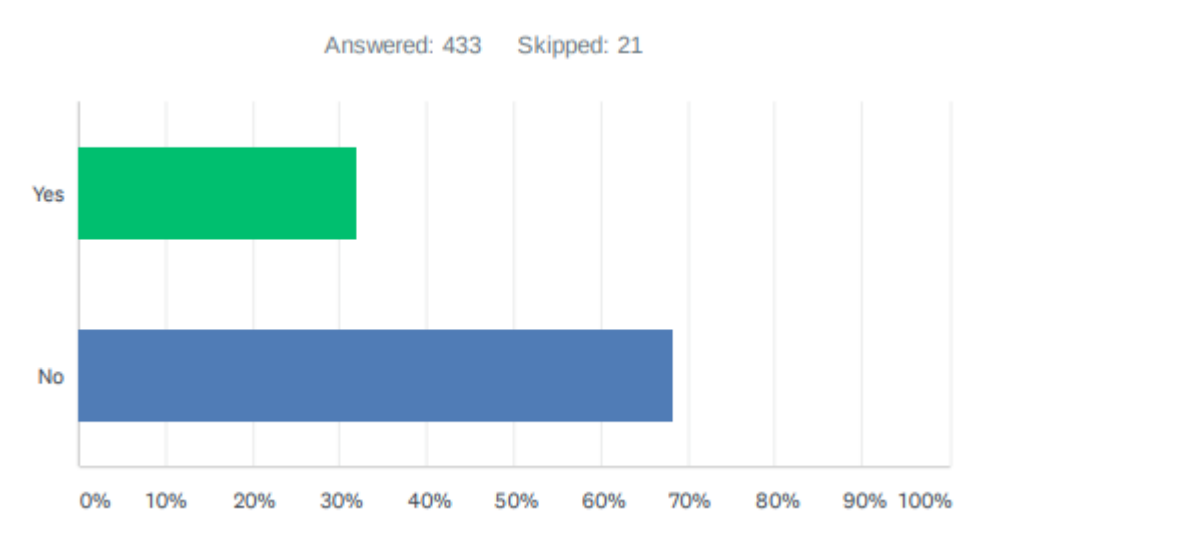
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Toilet facilities	79.53%	342
Improved playground facilities	63.02%	271
Changing facilities to compliment the use of the field	61.86%	266
Community Hall	59.07%	254
Cafe	57.21%	246
Kitchen	49.53%	213
Trim trail around the field	48.37%	208
Community signposting to other groups and services	37.21%	160
Council Office and Chamber	29.77%	128
Other (please specify)	27.44%	118
Total Respondents: 430		

Q5 Would you be more likely to visit and engage with the Parish Council if the Office and Chamber were more accessible and welcoming and allowed for you to comfortably attend and participate in meetings?



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES
Yes	65.70%	295
No	34.30%	154
TOTAL		449

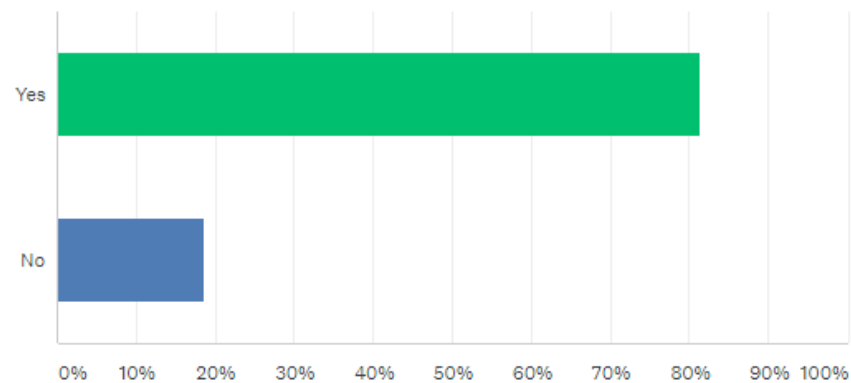
Q6 Are there any other services or community groups other than the Council and Police that you would like to see located at the community hub?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	31.87%	138
No	68.13%	295
TOTAL		433

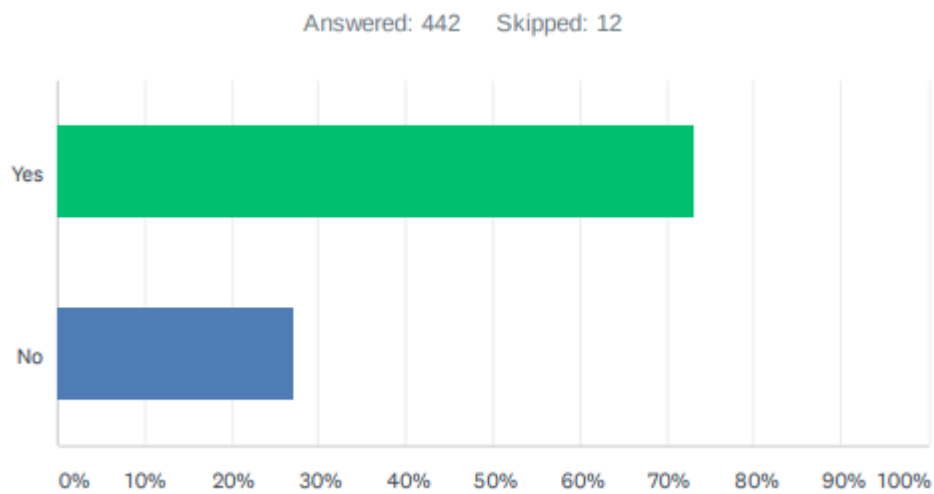
Q7 Do you believe it would be beneficial for a community hub servicing the whole of the Parish (Bagshot, Lightwater and Windlesham) to be built in Lightwater?

Answered: 322 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	81.37%	262
No	18.63%	60
TOTAL		322

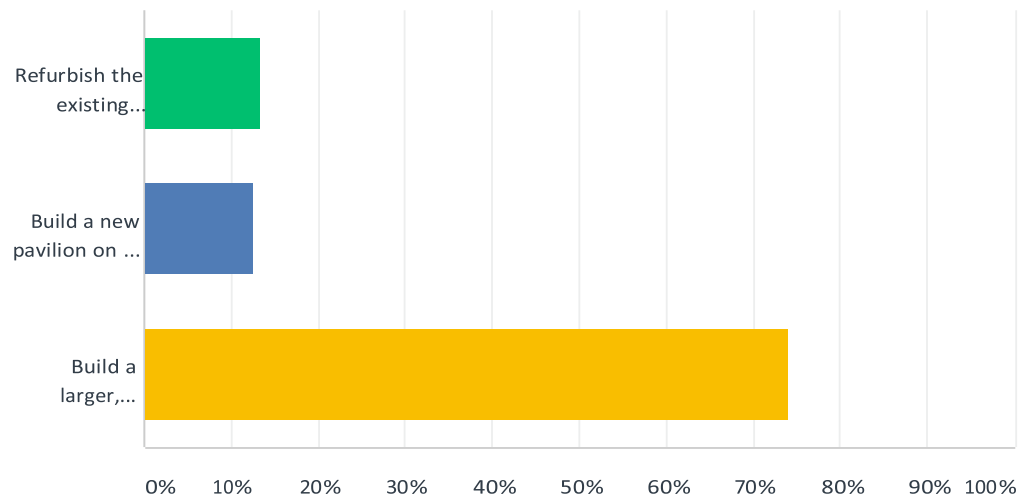
Q8 In your opinion would this centre enhance the quality of life of the residents within the parish?
Please state why.



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES
Yes	73.08%	323
No	26.92%	119
TOTAL		442

Q9 Please indicate your preferred option for the work Council should undertake to make best use of the recreation ground.

Answered: 441 Skipped: 13



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Refurbish the existing building (this is likely to limit use of the building solely to sports groups)	13.38%	59
Build a new pavilion on the existing footprint (due to the size of the existing footprint this is also likely to limit the use of the building)	12.47%	55
Build a larger, improved facility (pavilion/community hub) including upgrading the play area	74.15%	327
TOTAL		441

APPENDIX B - Comments in response to Q3

In your opinion is there a need for additional community facilities in the Windlesham Parish area (Bagshot, Lightwater, Windlesham)?

Of the 218 comments received suggestions were grouped as follows:

Playground/play provision	22	10%
Activities	10	5%
Teens	35	16%
Sports	22	10%
Halls/Meeting Point	29	13%
Café / Coffee shop	11	5%
Parking	4	2%
Location	30	14%
Support / Voluntary Groups	4	2%
Police	11	5%
Community	14	6%
General comments	64	29%

Playground / Play Provision
A better playground than at Lightwater Country Park - more like the old one that was removed.
A park that is suitable for older children ... all of Lightwater parks are for young children ..
An additional centralised community hub as suggested with a cafe would aid all generations to come together socially (and professionally) it would provide more opportunities for events/courses. Teenagers would benefit as there are limited facilities for them in the area. A cafe next to the playground and hall would provide a good meeting and waiting area. It might deter unauthorised decampment by travellers. Centralisation with council office would be beneficial to users. Also improved parking is required to avoid issues with surrounding residents. (I.e. insufficient parking for Terri Jayne Dance Studio around the corner already causes constant problems for residents due to inconsiderate parking; opening up facilities at the recreational grounds without additional parking would make that situation worse for local residents)
Be good to have the play park updated and to be able to buy a coffee would be great. Toilet facilities would be good too.
Centre of village toilet need in village better playground for old children and outside gym
Coffee shop and play area on the Lightwater Field
For the young children
Improved play area Lightwater
Lightwater desperately needs something for over 7's and teenagers
More community space for socialising and enjoying our green spaces. Park needs updating and a coffee hub would be fantastic
Outdoor gym equipment in Bagshot and bigger playground with more facilities more seeing and play equipment and few picnic benches near infant school Bagshot. More attention for existing play areas
Play equipment for older children

Playground in Lightwater definitely needs attention and brought up from a toddler playpark to one also serving older children and teens. I do not think hall space is needed there with church hall and leisure centre available nearby. A restaurant in Lightwater would do very well as it would be somewhere people could walk to. There are currently no public toilets in Lightwater or parkland gym equipment.
Playground is very dated
Publicly accessible assembly space, decent playground, drop-in police surgery,
Refurbishing the playground there would be good, as would facilities for the sports teams. If you're building a new building you may as well have multi-functional space within it, although two public halls sounds large and the space there is not large. It would be great to have more visible policing.
The playground needs refurbishment to cater for larger age range; changing facilities would encourage the field to be used for sports.....not sure of need of community halls-are present halls booked out?
The recreation ground seems wasted at present. It would be good to update the park and use the area more often.
The sports teams that play on the field do not currently have anywhere to change and having a cafe there would help parents who take the children to the playground to enjoy it more.
There aren't really any facilities and the park is small it would be nice to have something similar to the field of remembrance in Windlesham
There is a big need for a playground for children 7+ as there is currently none.
Yes definitely. Cafe and new park would be great.
Activities
Cafe and local education/hobby/adult learning courses.
Community meeting places and facilities to enhance/encourage community activities, engagement and community well-being.
could benefit from better Art and children's activities
Provision for youth activities and probably a "shed" group for men
self-employed practitioners (everything from yoga, Pilates, crafts making etc) would be brought into our village. A repair cafe would be fab too! Covid crisis showed just what a community we can be a new space would make it even better.
To host meeting place for focused activities for all protected characteristics to encourage and foster our diverse community to be continually more inclusive
To provide more facilities for locally organised clubs and events
Venues for activities for all ages, and especially support for teens is always a good use idea
Yes, there is a need for new and fun things to do as there is not a lot to do for children or adults within Lightwater
A workshop for use by the U3A. Used for metalwork and woodwork and may be other artistic forms.
Teens
A place for teenagers to meet up and activities for them

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Area with activities for older children and teenagers to use, all 3 villages have play areas for younger children but nothing in place for teenagers such as a skate park. Lightwater is already well served with cafes/coffee shops so this addition would detract from those businesses already established Likewise the church have a hall already available for hire along with the one located at the briars centre, so a community hall would be doubling up especially when you look back to the original set up in the country park where the LVA had 2 halls available for hire
Cafe and youth services
Facilities designed for older children / teens are lacking
For older/teen children
For older/teen children
For young people, for those involved in sports on the field and to encourage more use of the field
Lightwater desperately needs something for over 7's and teenagers
Lightwater has many facilities for younger children play parks/halls that are dedicated at times to bouncy bugs etc. The country park is generally taken up with dance and badminton clubs leaving nothing for older children or teenagers. A park that would include a skate ramp or zip wires or even a drop-in room with pool tables or ping pong would help.
Lightwater lacks a space for teenagers to go
Not much for young teenagers to do
Nowhere for teen-agers to go. Constant use will prevent another incursion by the travelling community
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Skate park, cafe, somewhere for the +8's to hang out safely
Something aimed at the older children of the village as the new country park is tailored for the little ones now, bike tracks maybe
Something for 11-16 year olds
Something for older children.
Something for older children. Bike park/skate ramp
Something for older children. Maybe a sports bar, pool tables etc. Skate park or alike. Something to keep them off the streets.
Something for teenagers eg skate board ramp
Something for the over 10's would be particularly beneficial
Something such as a pump track/skate park would be hugely beneficial. Pump tracks have proved to be really successful and would be great for all ages
Somewhere for older children to go

Somewhere for tweens and teenagers to meet with their friends. They are given such a hard time for hanging around in the vial age and yet there is nowhere safe and appropriate for them to meet
Somewhere for youth. Space for community projects.
Space for older children
Swimming pool, baseball set ups with ball machines, bar for younger adults with good music, pool tables, mini golf, there's a lot more than cafes.
Teenage meeting places
There are no places for young people to go, there is nothing for us to do.
Venues for activities for all ages, and especially support for teens is always a good use idea
very little for teenagers to do in the village. parents watching sports on the field could socialise.
We desperately need something for pre-teen and teenagers to do and somewhere to go. A skatepark would be amazing
Yes, there is a very important need for community facilities especially for junior age/teenagers etc... It will help deal with bored children/teens just hanging around etc.. a central hub would be beneficial for all u l f the community.
I believe there is much a need for this addition. Especially now the new park is aimed at young children. (I would say 8 and under) Whereas the older children haven't got anywhere for their age range to play and have fun.
Sports
Adult learning, sports equipment for hire, storage for pre-existing activities.
Adult outside gym is needed. Apart from walking there is nothing encouraging exercise.
Curley Park Football club training - community facilities would be very useful here.
For young people, for those involved in sports on the field and to encourage more use of the field
I think the proposed facilities are exactly what is needed. Perhaps there could be pop up nets and racquets or similar for badminton / tennis and other outdoor activity equipment available to use for a small fee?
More community space for socialising and enjoying our green spaces. Park needs updating and a coffee hub would be fantastic
More sporting facilities
Refurbishing the playground there would be good, as would facilities for the sports teams. If you're building a new building you may as well have multi-functional space within it, although two public halls sounds large and the space there is not large. It would be great to have more visible policing.
sporting events would benefit from a better pavilion. The church hall is available, is that at capacity booking? There are other halls that can be rented e.g. briars, so is there a need for another hall? playground with outside gym equipment for adults, wider access to the car park? Parking may be an issue if there is an event at the church hall at the same time as an event in the pavilion.
Sports - changing area in particular
The more the better! Some adult exercise equipment suitable for older folk would be good.
The playground needs refurbishment to cater for larger age range; changing facilities would encourage the field to be used for sports.....not sure of need of community halls-are present halls booked out?
The sports teams that play on the field do not currently have anywhere to change and having a cafe there would help parents who take the children to the playground to enjoy it more.

A swimming pool would be desirable.
Adult outside gym is needed. Apart from walking there is nothing encouraging exercise.
Centre of village toilet need in village better play ground for old children and outside gym
In Year 2000 we lost in Bagshot the best asset we could dream of our Youth & Community Centre --all we gained out of our community was the use of a gym with sunken trampolines used by commercial gymnastics club --nothing actually in our village--still a tragedy to this day 20 yers later-----a life time!
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Swimming pool would be great!
Swimming pool, baseball set ups with ball machines, bar for younger adults with good music, pool tables, mini golf, there's a lot more than cafes.
Halls/Meeting point
A small meeting hall not to challenge the church halls. Public toilets available during daylight hours. No cafe needed as there already exists one in the square plus two take-aways coffees
As above - halls for community use, and for hire; Office space for community use/hire.
Casual meeting / drop in facilities for community groups
Community meeting places and facilities to enhance/encourage community activities, engagement and community well-being.
Function room for public rental
I agree the council chambers are no longer fit for purpose. Improvements need to be made for this. In my view there is a gap in facilities in a couple of areas. We have enough church halls/club halls. If we wanted to book a bar and a nice venue (even a wedding reception venue) it's expensive to use Windlesham golf club, pennyhill park or Frimley halls. You might want to consider a bar, a space, a decent kitchen, that lends itself to somewhere to go that's a bit more contemporary for our younger generation. Somewhere a youth club could run where teenagers would be happy to be. Where you could offer reception facilities. Perhaps a dance floor area and carpeted seating in pockets, that can be opened up for dining events, rather than an open halls that we don't necessarily need. An office for police could still be accommodated as could changing facilities for the weekend clubs. They key will be the facilities you can charge for. Empty halls for sporadic party bookings come with financial uncertainty. You need groups - clubs taking out annual contracts so you can forecast robustly, and I'd be writing to stakeholders to ask them to feed in to your business plan too!

I am a local Brownie leader in Lightwater and although we hire the church halls for our meetings we struggle with having access to dedicated space and storage, an enhanced community facility would enable us to offer a wider range of opportunities for local children and ensure our activities are embedded and beneficial to local people.
It would be a valuable meeting place for many people in Lightwater. As an example The Windlesham recreation/coffee shop has proved to be very popular.
It's hard to book a room for an event.
Lack of meeting place that three villages could meet.
Local village halls
More rooms for voluntary groups to be able to hire. Also access to the Playing fields from a building.
Not enough availability at Briars or church halls for events
places to meet - rooms to hire, of differing sizes
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Publicly accessible assembly space, decent playground, drop-in police surgery,
Question is too broad, needs to be more specific. The space is limited. Another hall is not required, as it is immediately behind the church halls.
The playground needs refurbishment to cater for larger age range; changing facilities would encourage the field to be used for sports.....not sure of need of community halls-are present halls booked out?
The public halls are needed also the drop in/meeting point for local police
There are always clubs and organisations looking for halls to rent, the teams using the football field need changing facilities, meeting places are always needed, our parish councillors deserve a nice place with facilities to meet and of course having seen the success of the Hub in Windlesham we need that kind of facility in the heart of the village. A new playground that caters for all ages would be very welcome by mums who could sit and have a coffee while the children play.
There are lots of community group and activities looking to hire/use this type of facility.
There is a desperate need for a meeting room for voluntary organisations and businesses (To seat about 20 comfortably)
There is a shortage of halls to hire so this would be a huge asset to the community
We use the church halls regularly, but it is often booked up. In my view there is a demand for more community hall facilities in this parish.
Would be good to have a hall with a garden available for use, with a kitchen, toilets and cafe
Meeting rooms for support groups
Meeting rooms/hall.
Meeting space
Meetings and social events
Café / coffee shop
A small meeting hall not to challenge the church halls. Public toilets available during daylight hours. No cafe needed as there already exists one in the square plus two take-aways coffees

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Be good to have the play park updated and to be able to buy a coffee would be great. Toilet facilities would be good too.
Cafe and local education/hobby/adult learning courses.
Cafe and youth services
Coffee shop and play area on the Lightwater Field
More community space for socialising and enjoying our green spaces. Park needs updating and a coffee hub would be fantastic
More parking, small church cafe
Would be good to have a halls with a garden available for use, with a kitchen, toilets and cafe
Yes definitely. Cafe and new park would be great.
Parking
A proper High Street / Market Street with sufficient parking spaces
A single point for local support groups, ease of access with parking, regular use would probably mean lower levels of vandalism
BUT NOT HERE, although the land may be suitable for what you have in mind, entering to and departing from the site would be a nightmare for those people that use the space. Entrance to the area would be from three directions, it only needs one vehicle coming out and wishing to turn right to cause a major log jam at the junction, even worse if that driver is either a learner or not confident. Exit from the area is further problematic owing to the almost blind approach for the traffic coming from the Windlesham direction, the layout there almost guarantees many accidents. The Broadway road is now a rat run, I like many others use this road getting from the Gordon School to Bagshot, it is not ideal but it does avoid the never ending queue at peak periods at the motorway junction. Lightwater itself is in as big a mess as Bagshot is for traffic flow, whichever way you go one will often find a traffic jam. Thought also should be given to those residents in the immediate area around the Church, the Roads are all used as car parking, it is almost impossible to drive down them without meeting oncoming traffic causing at least one vehicle to pull in to allow free flow ion the opposite direction. This is a crazy idea.
More parking, small church cafe

Location
Bagshot could do with better space like this too. Windlesham has excellent facilities at the Field of Remembrance. Bagshot's play facilities are lacking creating a need to go elsewhere by car rather than having something within walkable distance.
But I do wonder about the provision of two extra community public halls. Although All Saints' Church Hall has in the past been fairly fully booked, at the present time bookings are considerably down, and even if things improve over the next year or two, the loss of income for the Hall from the possible competition from two other community halls would be difficult. I'm not sure how much the Library room is occupied at present, or the Briars Hall. Certainly a drop-in for the local police, and the possibility of a small cafe might be useful.
But Lightwater is too far from Windlesham or Bagshot to be relevant
BUT NOT HERE, although the land may be suitable for what you have in mind, entering to and departing from the site would be a nightmare for those people that use the space. Entrance to the area would be from three directions, it only needs one vehicle coming out and wishing to turn right to cause a major log jam at the junction, even worse if that driver is either a learner or not confident. Exit from the area is further problematic owing to the almost blind approach for the traffic coming from the Windlesham direction, the layout there almost guarantees many accidents. The Broadway road is now a rat run, I like many others use this road getting from the Gordon School to Bagshot, it is not ideal but it does avoid the never ending queue at peak periods at the motorway junction. Lightwater itself is in as big a mess as Bagshot is for traffic flow, whichever way you go one will often find a traffic jam. Thought also should be given to those residents in the immediate area around the Church, the Roads are all used as car parking, it is almost impossible to drive down them without meeting oncoming traffic causing at least one vehicle to pull in to allow free flow in the opposite direction. This is a crazy idea.
But not to be located solely in Lightwater, Bagshot is in need of a such a facility located in Bagshot.
But this needs to be divided between the three villages and not concentrated in one village
But this proposal is not the one. For public halls, this is the wrong location being next to the All Saints Church Hall. People of Bagshot and Windlesham are unlikely to travel to Lightwater for meetings and events. The council offices could be located anywhere in the 3 villages area as most visits will use people's own transport to access. Is there not a viable council chamber at Laird house in Bagshot? The cost of refurbishing the sports pavilion would be much less without the other planned uses. Parking is limited next to that site. There is something like a trim trail just opened in Lightwater Country Park. There are cafes more centrally located.
Children's play area Bagshot, all pretty poor, small and metal and covered in dog poo
Each village should have their own
Each village should have their own Community Hub rather than put everything into Lightwater which is ridiculous. However, to be more prudent with council funds we should be focusing on supporting and enhancing the facilities each village already has. Consider also the effect 'competition' may have on the two Community 'clubs' already in Lightwater and also the future arrival/ housing of more travellers in the area.
More local to Bagshot - our ever expanding village !
Need something similar in Bagshot
Not additional to the proposed hub behind All Saints, but yes it's important that Lightwater has something similar to the new pavilion at Windlesham FoR
The new Windlesham "hub" at the Field of Remembrance only provides facilities for Windlesham and not the whole parish
The three Villages are so far apart that this seems like it will only benefit Lightwater. Maybe Lightwater needs this but I will see no value from it
There is no cover for Bagshot as it the other side of the motorway

There is nothing at this end of the village at all.
There is nothing in the heart of the village
There is nowhere in Lightwater
There is only the country park and that is too far from this end of the village
There is only Windlesham.
There needs to be a Community Hub in each of the three villages. Windlesham now has a new centre but Bagshot and Lightwater need one. The one proposed at Lightwater would not serve the needs of Bagshot residents
Very limited in Lightwater so very much needed
We don't have a fixed one in Bagshot, and Lightwater being on our doorstep, it will be accessible for those who have transport. The Council needs a large and 'fit for purpose' meeting hall, and LW will be ideal for all three villages.
We don't really have anywhere else in Lightwater
We have no village hall for functions/dancing. No community centre in Bagshot
We may have facilities in Bagshot, but the additional facilities proposed would serve a larger proportion of the local population in the parish.
Windlesham has one already, this proposal for Lightwater. What about one for Bagshot?
Yes, Bagshot has such a need. Proposals to utilise Laird House are repeatedly thwarted by SHBC. The proposed development will serve Lightwater very well but will be of not value whatsoever to Bagshot.
Yes, but is there a more accessible location as not everyone has the facility of getting to Lightwater.
Support/Voluntary Groups
A Citizens Advice drop in run once a month would be useful as a lot of the elderly cannot get to Bracknell, Woking, Camberley
A single point for local support groups, ease of access with parking, regular use would probably mean lower levels of vandalism
More rooms for voluntary groups to be able to hire. Also access to the Playing fields from a building.
We need a permanent home for the Village volunteer network and this would be an ideal hub for this
Police
Community space and police desk
Definitely a policing room
Hub to support building of community spirit and meeting point for Police communication
Lightwater does not have a community area where other villages too, offering provisions for the elderly, and the children of Lightwater / clubs etc need to be improved modernised and made safe. It's such an important part of life in a village.
More of a police presence
More policing in Lightwater
Publicly accessible assembly space, decent playground, drop in police surgery,

Since police station closed there doesn't seem to be a central information point for Lightwater
The police station was closed, so it would be good to have a place we know we can contact them. A local produce market 1x a week would be a wonderful addition to the village.
The public halls are needed also the drop in/meeting point for local police
Would be great to have a police hub, with the amount of vandalism this summer of the buildings in the park
Community
Community space
Community space and police desk
Helps with making a community spirit.
Hub to support building of community spirit and meeting point for Police communication
I think there is merit to have an additional community areas to cope with the demand.
It is required for people of all ages to promote community spirit and welfare.
Lightwater does not have a community area where other villages too, offering provisions for the elderly, and the children of Lightwater / clubs etc need to be improved modernised and made safe. It's such an important part of life in a village.
Lightwater doesn't have much in the way of communal facilities. I live behind the recreation ground in question with the derelict pavilion. I have a toddler and the facilities are dangerous and outdated.
Lightwater needs a new community hub.
Limited indoor kid friendly community space
The police station was closed, so it would be good to have a place we know we can contact them. A local produce market 1x a week would be a wonderful addition to the village.
There is a lack of community facilities in Lightwater
There is not enough community space at the moment
There's no obvious facility at the moment that meets the communal need.
General
All of the above would be of great benefit
All that is planned will be a great benefit to the community
All villages should have a community hub to bring people together, and the hub have multiple uses, making it self-sufficient too.
Although we have the church hall, it would be good to have alternative facilities and somewhere open to all
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always need for opportunities to bring members of the community together

An additional centralised community hub as suggested with a cafe would aid all generations to come together socially (and professionally) it would provide more opportunities for events/courses. Teenagers would benefit as there are limited facilities for them in the area. A cafe next to the playground and hall would provide a good meeting and waiting area. It might deter unauthorised decampment by travellers. Centralisation with council office would be beneficial to users. Also improved parking is required to avoid issues with surrounding residents. (I.e. insufficient parking for Terri Jayne Dance Studio around the corner already causes constant problems for residents due to inconsiderate parking; opening up facilities at the recreational grounds without additional parking would make that situation worse for local residents)
Any community areas would benefit the village esp for those not wishing to drive elsewhere
Anything extra to benefit the community would be welcome.
As long as it's community space for all
Because we are currently very poorly served given the size of the village
Bringing community together
Bringing community together in communal sites is important especially after we come out of these COVID-19 times, otherwise we are in danger of being a self isolated society.
But this proposal is not the one. For public halls, this is the wrong location being next to the All Saints Church Hall. People of Bagshot and Windlesham are unlikely to travel to Lightwater for meetings and events. The council offices could be located anywhere in the 3 villages area as most visits will use people's own transport to access. Is there not a viable council chamber at Laird house in Bagshot? The cost of refurbishing the sports pavilion would be much less without the other planned uses. Parking is limited next to that site. There is something like a trim trail just opened in Lightwater Country Park. There are cafes more centrally located.
Current facilities aren't fit for purpose
Defibrillator availability
Don't know about Lightwater
especially if all the venue offer a different service/use
Following closure of parish hall in Windlesham
Great idea to utilize the recreation field which is very much underused because of lack of facilities and security.
I agree that Lightwater need a better facility at Lightwater Rec and indeed the Village, but I do not agree it be from the Funds/Tax payers of all 3 villages? Also disagree that current Council offices have to be moved and included in this Project.
I think that the proposed facilities would be of value to Lightwater & of great use to the local community.
I was always impressed by the facilities at Sandhurst Community Hall and it sounds as if the ethos for this development is very similar.
Ideas sound great
In light of current living conditions having somewhere to hire and for teenagers and children to go is absolutely necessary. We don't usually use the field owing to encampment and illegal activity so making the space have some viability would be wonderful.
In Lightwater
In Year 2000 we lost in Bagshot the best asset we could dream of our Youth & Community Centre --all we gained out of our community was the use of a gym with sunken trampolines used by commercial gymnastics club --nothing actually in our village--still a tragedy to this day 20 years later-----a life time!

It would be great to have an area in central Lightwater that works for adults as well as children - the space behind the library work well and is used by some (mainly older) residents but isn't really used by younger residents. The church hall is not always accessible (it's a nightmare to try and get hold of anyone to book to use the space)
It would be nice to have this sort of varied space for the community.
Large family population and not many places to go. We foster children for Surrey County Council so would be greatly in favour of new playground etc.
Lightwater has grown considerably since 86 when I moved to the area, the only major change has been the redevelopment of the Leisure Centre in LCP. I know the scout group has a waiting list, this new facility could enable a new group be established (if leaders could be found)
Lightwater has limited space currently
Lightwater Leisure Center has ample space no need to spend more money on additional space
Lightwater needs to replace the old pavilion AND the terrible council offices so combining two projects would seem to make sense
Lightwater Rec is a well used and appreciated open space, additional facilities would be welcomed by users and a constant presence may stop the abuse of the area.
Lightwater. Windlesham is much smaller and has been better funded.
Limited at present
Lots of people use the field would be great to give it additional purpose
Maybe needed, but church hall, Crowley club and schools also have some lettable facilities.
More community centres are needed generally.
More multi use facilities needed
Most other villages have a nice green area that families can enjoy, but this green space in Lightwater is not used because there are no facilities.
Not for me specifically but perfect for the younger families to enhance the community spirit.
Not sure
Perhaps it would deter the youngsters from causing grief on the fields near to the properties
Quality food green grocer deli
Replacing what was already there is great
Restricted current provision
That little building has been awful and useless for at least 40 years. We do not need to be so scruffy and neglectful for the attendees
That type of space does not exist in Lightwater.
The council should have a nice hub
The existing facilities are fully booked
The facilities stated in the last question sounds perfect
The field is a focal point for the village at various times of the year and better facilities will allow further use.
The more the better
The more the better! Some adult exercise equipment suitable for older folk would be good.
The rec ground is near the village centre and is used for lots of local events, but the facilities are very limited unlike Windlesham
The recreation ground seems wasted at present. It would be good to update the park and use the area more often.
The villages especially Lightwater don't have enough facilities

This question is ambiguous, are you asking do we need more facilities - yes, or more than the proposed - no

What about combining the facilities with the Briars centre, instead of building a new facility?

Would benefit Lightwater to have a central point and office.

Yes, Bagshot has such a need. Proposals to utilise Laird House are repeatedly thwarted by SHBC. The proposed development will serve Lightwater very well but will be of not value whatsoever to Bagshot.

APPENDIX C- Comments in response to Q7

Do you believe it would be beneficial for a community hub servicing the whole of the Parish (Bagshot, Lightwater and Windlesham) to be built in Lightwater?

Of the 114 comments received, comments were grouped according to whether the respondent believed it would be beneficial or not, for a community hub to be built in Lightwater. Of those respondents not in favour of this location, the predominant theme indicated that Lightwater is not easily accessed by some residents and that each village should have their own facilities.

Comments from residents who felt that a location in Lightwater would benefit the whole parish	11	10%
Comments from residents who felt that a location in Lightwater would not benefit the whole parish	103	90%

Table 1 – Comments from residents who felt that a facility in Lightwater could benefit the whole Parish.

As explained before the current pavilion needs updating
As long as there is plenty of parking which seems at a premium in Lightwater.
But ideally Bagshot needs some attention. Light water has a beautiful park, leisure centre hub and cafe.
Don't see why not....assume 3 would be expensive to run.
I think it is vital to convey that these premises would be for the whole of parish, and links with transport plans should be made to facilitate ease of use by all 3 villages
It's central
Only if centralisation saves money on amalgamating offices
There is suitable space for this hub to be positioned in Lightwater.
Windlesham is now a separate entity as its own parish, after the last consultation? This question needs updating?
YES and NO. Most of the community of Bagshot cannot get through to Lightwater. On these grounds, I feel that Bagshot should have a Hub of its own. Perhaps Laird House should be renovated and used.
Yes, a 'one-stop shop' means everyone knows where to go for information, assistance, socialising, education etc.

Table 2 – Comments from residents who felt that a facility in Lightwater would not benefit the whole Parish.

A hub in Lightwater is unlikely to be used by many people from Bagshot. Windlesham has a new community building and is due to have another as part of the unpopular Heathpark Woods development. It is likely that enhanced community space in Bagshot would be of more use to that village, although some residents already benefit from the new facility in Windlesham. Is there a proven need / demand for new space in Lightwater over and above replacement of the derelict pavilion on a like for like basis?

Absolutely no need. Be more business-like and creative with what you already have. Use technology. All villages already have benefit/luxury of community spaces. Lightwater is not easily accessible from other villages. This is an indulgent waste of money. Where is the outline business case?
Access to a community hub in Lightwater is difficult for anyone who lives in Bagshot and doesn't drive a car
Access to Lightwater is always difficult with traffic. Bagshot or Windlesham are a better fit. Windlesham has just had the investment in the new area by the park and Lightwater has upgraded the park and cafe. Bagshot has had no community investment, like the mentioned above. The Pavilion is in shocking state and could be improved.
All the villages have different needs and issues also Lightwater has the least parking facilities of all the villages so encouraging more traffic from the other villages would put further pressure on the parking facilities in Lightwater which are already completely inadequate
Apart from walking across to Lightwater country park don't go to Lightwater
As previously stated, this location may well serve as a "hub" for Lightwater, but nobody else. Windlesham has its new building on the memorial field. Bagshot gets nothing. No Bagshot group is going to succeed if based in Lightwater.
Bagshot and Lightwater should have their own centres.
Bagshot & Windlesham need their own & there is no parking
Bagshot is trying to get its own PC - the 3 villages aren't a single community & the accessibility of a hub in Lightwater to residents of Bagshot or Windlesham would be doubtful. Let's face it, there's a motorway to cross from Bagshot, and a poor narrow pavement from Windlesham. And parking in Lightwater is already pretty limited.....
Because the 3 villages are too far apart for one hub to be beneficial to the other 2 villages.
Because the whole point of this survey is the creation of new parish council offices. If all the amenities previously mentioned are constructed, then more parking will be needed, the building will decrease the football pitch area. There is also the question of safety on exiting the access lane, which is bad enough now.
Better just for Lightwater.
Can you not use the one in Windlesham? This spend would not benefit all across the parish. Just Lightwater. If Lightwater want it let the crowd fun it. Or match fund it with local fundraising
Does not seem to benefit Bagshot as a whole.
Doing the survey, it looks like the parish is seeking to provide itself with new offices and using the hub idea to achieve this
Don't think people would travel, they would want a hub in each village.
Each village already has a 'hub' which can be used by various people. The need for additional hub seems wasteful unless it was to enhance pre-existing locations. A cafe is not necessary when Lightwater itself already has a few, and I believe public meetings are usually held in the church hall anyway. If this space is to be used effectively it should be to offer something which doesn't already exist - i.e adult learning classes, sports (like bikes) equipment to hire.

Each village has enough public spaces for Parish meetings. This is a huge waste of money belonging to all 3 villages being spent on only 1. It will not be of benefit to Windlesham and especially not to Bagshot.
Each village has its own centre and playgrounds. Nobody outside of Lightwater will travel to use what they already have in their own village.
Each village has their own currently, just Lightwater needs rebuilding
Each village needs to maintain its own identity and character and as such needs its own 'hub'. Bagshot has the College Ride Pavilion and playing field into which, a great deal of effort and local money has been invested and this would not benefit from residents being drawn away from Bagshot to Lightwater. We did have a community centre which was given to Bagshot by Charles Church as a condition of building Connaught Park, but half of this was sold off by the Council even though it was well used by the community. Why should residents have had this facility withdrawn and then be expected to use a so-called community hub in Lightwater?
Each village should have its own
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Each village should have their own community hub as not all parishioners' drive.
Each village should have their own hub
Engagement would in my opinion not increase.
Enough hubs already exist
Few buses, out of area, we should concentrate on Windlesham
I am not really sure. All the villages are getting rather large and the needs for each are all very different. Costs have to be considered, and transport link too.
I believe I have made my thoughts quite clear. This is a statement piece for the Parish Council not what is best for each of the villages. If we knew there was that much money to be spent, then each village would undoubtedly want a say and put forward ideas.
I believe it would be better to have a Community Hub in each Village that can serve that part of the Parish. It has been shown that people prefer to stay within their own village for events, they even show reluctance to travel to the outer boundaries of the village for an event. In such cases travel to another village would be even less considered.
I disagree that one village can be the central focus of three communities. I believe that all three villages should stand alone with their own communities, as all three are big enough now and should not live in the past where all three were put together when numbers were different in the villages.
I do not understand why you need to spend money on this project, either invest in existing building or look to rent space in new Windlesham hub. This is not a good use of parish funds
I don't think anything needs to be done to improve the situation.
I expect that too many people would want to use it
I live in Bagshot, so this is of no use to me. This seems to be in the interests of Lightwater and not my village. If you are going to spend my tax money I expect it to benefit me in my village.
I think it will be good for Lightwater but not for Bagshot or Windlesham

I very strongly believe that there will be greater public engagement within each village if brought to each village as I have suggested in the previous answer
If space allows
I'm sure there is already existing buildings that you could use for it
Increased traffic in and out of Lightwater which is far too busy already.
Individual villages. The council is too large and unfocused
It could be in any of the villages not specifically Lightwater
It will only be used by people from Lightwater. Each parish should have their own hub
It will only be used by the people in Lightwater its too far away
It would be good to have one, but it doesn't seem particularly central for the three villages
It would compromise the ability of individual villages to have their own hub for their own village. Therefore, I totally oppose the move to build a three-village solution. Bagshot would not get a fare share in this. Keep things local.
Just for Lightwater
L/w is big enough to require its own services. Bagshot & W'sham should also have their own
Lightwater is big enough to justify its own.
Location has limited parking and is on the periphery of the village.
Lots of community hubs in the three villages already. Unless it is realistically prices, it could become a white elephant.
Need individual ones for each village
Not a good use of funds
Not accessible from Bagshot/Windlesham without a car
Not central to Bagshot. 3 villages a strange structure designed to suit who?
Not central, it will not be beneficial to all three villages on the current plans.
Not enough room really not possibly parking spaces
Not in this location, where parking is already challenged and would need to be significantly improved
Not relevant for the other villages
Not sure if Windlesham will be part of that parish a little confused
On what basis given the proposal to restructure the council
Recreation field not big enough to accommodate this
See above
Should be in Windlesham or Bagshot
Specify what you mean by a hub. Most people will meet up through clubs etc or use local businesses to meet up. There are services and meetings in place for the elderly and this location is out of the way and a hub would be better located in the Country park where parking is more available and is visited for other reasons
the limited number of people who would value a physical hub probably do not have their own transport. So, if physical hubs are needed by the public, then they should be in each of the 3 villages.
The location is not centrally placed to each village.
The parish council is administrative and decision making-therefore better to move round all the parish rather than pre-deciding Lightwater is the best place.

The recreation. Ground is not big enough for all that you propose. I am 68 and it has always been a sports ground or playground. Not enough car parking for anything else.
The residents of Bagshot need community venues in Bagshot NOT IN LIGHTWATER
The three communities have varying requirements. Windlesham have already expressed an interest in becoming more independent
The three villages, and especially Lightwater is too spread out from the other villages to promote a unified approach. Bagshot as the largest and most central village is where a unified unit should be -
There are other properties that get used for village consultations
There are plenty of community events and facilities. This is an extravagance when we have 2 Trillion in debt and trying to fire the economy up again after Covid.
There are plenty of privately run facilities already.
There are sufficient facilities in the parish already
There is a community hub in the Windlesham recreation ground FoR. It has not long opened. Is there a need for another? If so, perhaps they could work together and be connected?
there is a perfectly useable facility in the church hall for functions and our council tax is hardly justifiable at these levels. Councils need to be business minded and not squander funds because they can. We need a proper return on investment
There is work going on to separate the parish so that Windlesham has its own parish council. Whether or not this will happen I'm not sure, but it seems silly to decide on a hub covering the three villages when there is a separate consultation going on. If the parish remains united, Lightwater seems a good place to host a joint hub. However, you would need to sort out the parking and access to the site - the car entrance is on a blind bend and you cannot expect Bagshot residents, nor residents from the far side of Lightwater or Windlesham, to walk/cycle to the facility, particularly if they have small children. Parking near the doctors is already awful (although probably less so at the moment due to covid).
There would never be enough parking - wrong site.
These facilities are already available in each village.
This will cost a vast amount of money that i feel poorer communities would benefit from more.
those from Bagshot/W'sham are not likely to drive to a community hub in L'w. each village needs its own.
To support Lightwater only
Too far away from the other villages. You have no hope of ever being fair in spending across the villages. Windlesham seems to get the lions share so perhaps it's nice for Lightwater to get something now. Two of the conservative councillors for Bagshot can't be bothered to attend council meetings so I guess you get what you vote for.
Too far from the other villages this will always be decisive. The current Paris council is not fit for purpose and shouldn't be allowed to make these decisions
Unsure why Bagshot can't have it as Lightwater already have the field of remembrance, it would need to be promoted properly
waste of money
We are separate villages - there isn't much crossover

Who is going to travel to Lightwater from Bagshot?
why spend money on something that so far hasn't been needed.
Windlesham already have a community hub. A combined hub could be in any of the villages, just depends on who would use it, transport etc
Windlesham has a hub
Windlesham has its brand-new Hub and Bagshot has a huge facility at Bagshot Pavilion. Lightwater has NO such facility
Windlesham has its own newly built hall, so doesn't need another. Bagshot is too far and should have its own. The field wouldn't be able to come with all 3 villages.
Windlesham now has their hub at the recreational grounds. Maybe a hub in each village would be beneficial
Windlesham Parish Council through the years has always maintained a tripartite relationship equal and fair to the 3 villages it encompasses and serves!
Would prefer Windlesham
Yes, to the idea of a hub, but in a village centre rather than replacing valuable green space. The new build on the recreation ground should be focussed on activity specific to recreation; the community hub should be in an existing business/retail zone in one of the villages
You can run a hub virtually no need to employ a contractor of your choice to build something

APPENDIX D - Comments in response to Q4

Please indicate which kind of amenities you would like to see at this centre.

Of the 114 comments received, suggestions for additional facilities were grouped into the following categories:

Sports & Outside Space	44	37%
Teens	12	10%
Meeting / Office Space	8	7%
Police Drop in Point	4	3%
Other	50	42%

Sports & Outside space
A skate park for children
A skate park or somewhere predominantly for teenagers is a must. The new park in the country park is not suitable for 10+
Skate or bike park for older kids
Skate park
Skate park
Skate park
Skate park (something for over 7's and teenagers)
Skate park or other sports for children to enjoy
Skate park or something similar for teens to use
Skate park, older kids play area, bike tracks. Something more than we already have
Skate/ bike park and some kind of youth club for older kids
Skate/scooter ramps
Skatepark
Skatepark
Skatepark
Small skate ramp
Sports bar, skate park,
The older kids are desperate for a skate park - at the moment we have to take them to Guildford or Ascot - there is nothing in the village suitable for the older kids - just the normal kiddy play parks. Football goals would also allow them to play football - at the moment we have to hire a court at the leisure Center.
Adult outside gym equipment
Basketball or wall to play tennis against
Better sports facilities I e. AstroTurf, flood lights, hockey or football or basketball pitches.
bike tracks
Football pitch
I think the proposed facilities are exactly what is needed. Perhaps there could be pop up nets and racquets or similar for badminton / tennis and other outdoor activity equipment available to use for a small fee?
Indoor 25m rifle range

Outdoor equipment for older people to use.
Outdoor gym equipment. Instead of a cafe, a licensed restaurant.
Outdoor gym, restaurant
Outside gym equipment, not sure if that is what is meant by trim trail. Tennis court?
Pump track
Swimming centre/ swimming pool
Swimming pool
Swimming pool, baseball set ups with ball machines, bar for younger adults with good music, pool tables, mini golf, there's a lot more than cafes.
Tennis courts
The plans cover all the important aspects needed. The trim trail would be amazing for us! Playground for the kids and a place for the elderly to meet or have a place to play board games and have a coffee!!
There is already a cafe on the Lightwater Country Park ...it isn't a metropolis. Let's have decent facilities in all the villages ...park exercise equipment in Bagshot. Share the investment it's 3 villages not one.
We like to walk the dog there sometimes too.
Would an outdoor gym be considered? What about an indoor squash court? Thinking of those rainy days, indoor sports facilities.
Would be fantastic for a new park aimed at all Children's age range.
Zip wire
Swimming pool for locals and schools Skate park Splash area Better playground Zip wires Community orchard/ vegetable garden (provide schools with fresh produce from the community)
I would like to see the field as dog free as all the parks and fields in Lightwater are used by dog walkers leaving the field facilities unusable for other people due to the amount of dogs mess. A skate ramp/zip wire/pool tables/ping pong rather than another community all which would undoubtedly end up being hired by other clubs leaving older children and teenagers with no facilities for them in Lightwater
A nice area to look at such as a pond
One hall should be big enough to take 3 short mat bowls mats with suitable storage.
Teens
A hub area for teenagers
Activities that older children & teens would like. Perhaps their views could be sort through Hammond & senior schools or surveying them in Country Park or in centre of village.
As above, area for older children. Lightwater only has play areas for kids under 10
Even possibly a youth club option as well as better playground facilities for older children.
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Play area equipment has to be designed for use across ALL age groups from infants to adults. At present in Bagshot for example re-generated play areas focus on under 10 when we need teens and adults included in play and exercise.
playground for 8 - 12-year olds

Something for people my age to do. A youth shelter with WiFi or somewhere we can go to hang out
Something for the older children, a bmx track, gym equipment or community use hard standing basketball/netball / tennis court.
Teen social club
Youth group
Youth group
Meeting Space / Office space
Office space to rent is a good idea-with more people working from home a place for meeting others in an office environment would be helpful
Office space to rent to small local business.
Private meeting space such as for businesses, etc.
Rooms that could be used by local voluntary groups either regularly or occasionally. Also sufficient facilities so that there could be an elderly people's lunch club or social centre.
Storage for groups who hire the hall. The possibility for Guiding groups to sleep over in the hall. More secure location so that groups can feel safe while they are there. - Lockable gates, security cameras etc.
There is a desperate need for a meeting room for voluntary organisations and businesses (To seat about 20 comfortably)
Community hall with access to a garden/ outdoors when the weather is good
Meeting rooms for hire. Space for a community hub for voluntary groups to operate from. Facilities for hire by craftspeople. Use by Educational groups e.g. U3A. Book exchange. Book groups. Craft groups. Community use - e.g. coffee mornings, toddler group.
Police Drop in Point
Meeting room for Police
Permanent Police office/station. Further parking to avoid negative impact on local residents; perhaps space for a "book exchange" and specific recycling bins such as clothes.
Police
Police drop in too
Other
A sensible sharing of the great cost with all of the three areas governed by the parish council. Bagshot had to raise its own finances for its pavilion at the BPFA
All these facilities need to be Equally spread out Between the 3 villages, not just an asset for 1 village.
Are we referring to the Lightwater centre? Or a possible centre in Bagshot? I no longer drive; how would I get there?
As above, a weekly LOCAL produce market.

As above. Make chambers include state of the art conferencing facilities. With more people working from home and offices closing- there could be a market for hiring meeting space. Community Halls are plentiful. If you can - aim for a facility you'd want your company Agm / your fund raising auction/ your 50th birthday party. There is nothing affordable around here if you don't want hotel prices and you want more than a church hall.
Can't afford this at this time. Reconsider when the country isn't 2 Trillion in debt.
I am unlikely to use a facility in Lightwater due to limited public transport options
I don't feel at all that spending money under the current situation is wise and also I don't like the idea of building on the proposed site
I don't think a central community hub would serve anywhere except Windlesham. I can't see Bagshot or Windlesham getting much/any benefit from it
In current climate (covid) do we need more community halls or will they be left empty. If a cafe designed and run well and area well landscaped could be a good place for people to meet up.
More funding for the local fire service provision please.
More security - a lot of drug deals go on in this recreation park, whenever I take my toddler to the park, there are always drug dealers and teenagers doing drugs here. It's highly illegal and antisocial and isn't a safe or nice place to take my toddler.
Movement of the seats near to the properties
My answer to question 3 was a negative unless there is a proven demand for the facilities other than the need to replace the existing facility
New and secure fencing on the Bypass side of the field.
No cafe needed; we have one in the village a short walk away.
none
None
None
NONE
None - stop wasting money on facilities unless you can prove it will generate profit
None. I think it is totally unnecessary
None. Poor use of funds
None...in a post lockdown world this is totally not needed, we have most of the above already.
Not a big enough space for a cafe. The playground needs to be challenging and suitable for a wider range of children and not just toddlers (who are catered for by new facilities in other nearby locations)
Not council offices
Not for Council use whatsoever
Not specifically a Council chamber but combining the two makes sense
Not too sure as Windlesham field up and running
Obviously, the existing Council Office and Chamber are outdated and could do with replacing rather than renovating, but is the best place for them?
Parking
Perhaps just one community room/hall?
Perhaps showers?
Pointless to comment, it is not the right place.
Pub/Restaurant

repair cafe
Short term free parking facilities
small theatre with a stage for a local drama group or to provide film shows, lectures etc
Sufficient in the parish already
The cafe should only be open when events are being held in the recreation ground
The facility is unnecessary, so this is a non-question.
There isn't a need in the village
These questions are not relevant to residents of Bagshot
This is low priority given the amenities nearby in Lightwater, Windlesham and Bagshot. No more offices. Offices are being converted! Community Halls are empty of being sold! Council offices not required. You should be using technology. Lightwater is not best located for a community space as public transport not great. Any community amenity should be served by regular multi moded transport and sufficient parking on site
Until the debate is finished re Windlesham parish council I am not in favour. Why should Windlesham pay towards it?
Walking distance from Bagshot
WiFi to support activities/services
Workshop
Would a cafe be viable? The one in the village centre is well used, do we need two? Offices are not a good idea- lots of empty ones already in the village. You need to think how many halls we already have here: crossly club hall, church hall, scout hut room can be hired, room at library for hire, leisure centre halls at country park etc.
Would be great if you could have gates to all entrances to keep children and pets safe

APPENDIX E - Comments in response to Q5

Would you be more likely to visit and engage with the Parish Council if the Office and Chamber were more accessible and welcoming and allowed for you to comfortably attend and participate in meetings?

Of the 96 comments received, feedback was grouped as follows:

Online / Zoom	25	26%
Facilities and Location	25	26%
Other	46	48%

Online/Zoom
All meetings should be run online.
Allow people to have a say via an open meetings policy where residents may speak and give their views in a respectful and polite way, whether in person or via Zoom.
Broadcast meetings online. More drop-in surgeries
Instead of physical space or area you should be more concerned how you can reach in a virtual world. So invest in ways you can stream online and get the public to attend online.
Online for me.
Online is the best way to engage people who have busy lives trying to earn a living to pay for all the taxes heaped upon us.
Online meetings
The current streaming of zoom meetings is reaching far more people than have ever attended a 'live' council meeting. When there is a return to face to face meetings, they should be streamed to encourage engagement. The meetings should allow a greater public participation so that the Cllrs engage with the community, the current restricted time for public questions is not conducive to public participation /engagement and indeed has been a disincentive for many to attend physical meetings in the past.
Unfortunately, these meetings tend to be at times when I'm usually travelling home from work. Perhaps a mix of online & in-house meetings
Use social media more, record meetings and make them (or relevant parts) available online, online meetings for those unable to attend (e.g elderly, those with children to care for or caring responsibilities), youth representation, children representatives (e.g. from y6 at Hammond)
Using / encouraging more digital and online facilities
Who designed the building no longer fit for purpose? You do not need to build offices. The borough is awash with vacant office space. All businesses are now adopting technology. Continue to use zoom or teams
Would like this to be online more. Hard to physically attend
Zoom works better a council chamber is not needed
Better done online. Why do you need a council chamber save the money
Communication through social media to know what they do and how we can participate

Enhanced digital engagement, childcare and working commitments generally prevent physical attendance
Facebook page detailing what you do and when.
It's the modern world by engaging on Facebook/Instagram etc.
Publicise meetings on local Facebook pages
Social media engagement. If you want to encourage the youth of today having a social media presence is more important than a physical one.
Technology in own home is the current and future to speak to council unless really require an appointment on a serious matter.
The current on-line arrangement is very suitable and convenient but could be expanded to allow public participation. As it is proposed that full council meetings will be much less frequent there is a strong argument that they should rotate through the 3 villages - the arguments put up against this proposal in the past do not stand up to scrutiny - if it can be done elsewhere, why not in WPC ?
Through Social media
Understand the agenda in advance, can you record, also depends on time, childcare etc
Facilities & Location
Better facilities in a more convenient area.
But couldn't this be achieved at an existing building in the village or on a pop-up basis in the village centre?
Can't they use the village hall?
Current facilities are adequate
I am not sure why I would need to engage outside of the electronic means already supplied. As Windlesham has a new hub why would you not move there?
I do not believe the current Council Offices are not fit for purpose. They may need upgrading, which is far cheaper than a complete move a new build. This refurb and update can be out of the Borough / 3 villages funds, but not a completely new build of Community Hub and Offices from the central funds.
I have major concerns as to what will be done with the existing council office and chambers. These are not manned full time and cannot see how this would change with a new office. The existing office was extended in the last 10 years and making the building larger on this site would impact on the available space for other uses such as the football pitch. A proper costed business plan needs to be published including the costs for "bring the existing office/chambers" up to date and smacks of the councillors looking after themselves during a period of austerity whilst other services are being cut
I would not travel to Lightwater
Interested by the content of meetings and opportunity of participation, not the location
Isn't Lightwater Library owned by the council? Room there for a private office & a community space for those that use it. Wouldn't the offices moving to that building also help protect the future of the library?
Prefer in Bagshot
Provide transport for Bagshot residents who do not drive/own a car. Accessing Lightwater from Bagshot is difficult.

Rather than waste resources - make use of existing facilities such as sharing with Surrey Heath saving taxpayers money and investing in services. Alternatively use All Saints hall or the library meeting space
Rotate meetings around each one of the villages.
The chamber up The Avenue is perfectly accessible physically, but i've never felt inclined to attend a meeting. I think the PC needs to engage more with residents in general, perhaps with a surgery at say Randalls. Prob not a good idea to take custom away from existing businesses ie don't think cafe needed behind All Saints.
The location is irrelevant to me personally, but it is important they have a safe working environment that is accessible
They could rely to my emails, for a start. There is a diminishing requirement for face to face engagement - improve the website, and accountability for reaching out to and replying to citizens. If the current building is becoming unusable, i would have thought that other public buildings could accommodate the people who need to work from an office.
Through still going to your present office, and contacting our local councillors
Too far from Windlesham
Why does it have to be in Lightwater? Why not rotate the office between the 3 villages
Why not use existing facilities like the Briars, or the Church hall...
With Windlesham proposing to go it alone politically, there will be less need for Lightwater Councillors for a larger set of offices as the admin pressure will drastically reduce once Windlesham loose their status to be one of the three villages. What they currently have in office space should suffice for their new needs.
Bagshot has the largest influx of elderly they are hardly going to get on the bus to go to Lightwater. Lightwater has had its turn let Windlesham or Bagshot have some investment.
I live in Windlesham and we have our own area to think of
I live in Windlesham so will go to one in Windlesham
Other
A building doesn't encourage engagement, parish councillors need to improve their visibility and engagement with local people
Advertise when there will be specific items to be discussed & allow sufficient time for questions & answers.
Asking for opinions in advance through surveys. I would be unlikely to attend.
Be more open, honest and transparent
But the Parish Council needs to be more approachable and welcoming, whatever building it is based in.
By being more transparent in their dealings
Council meetings usually take place at times I cannot make due to work commitments.
Finally start listening to feedback when they do these consultations rather than going ahead with what they intended anyway
For me personally I'd prefer news to read and respond to. Will attend if an issue directly effected me
Happy with current engagement - there if needed

Have never had the need.
I don't feel I need to be involved in matters
I don't feel that the extra cost of the Parish justify the amount I pay as council tax
I have attended once for a planning application, I did not appreciate participation was desired from people not on the council
I take umbrage with the sentiment expressed about bringing the council to the heart of the village. The parish consists of 3 villages and that statement is phrased in a way that suggests a desire to align with the identity of only one. I appreciate that there will be no location that will fix this issue, but language is important and as phrased it suggests bias.
I would engage more once Covid is under control or a vaccine available
I would visit and or engage regardless if the issues warranted it
I'm prepared to leave it to elected members.
If they were active in the community and not just sitting within the walls of an office
Involved with other activities
It depends on the subject for discussion
just carry on as normal
More engagement with the community
More publicity
My husband & I have lived in Lightwater for 16 years & didn't even know the Parish Council Office & Chamber even existed or that it was in The Avenue (which isn't far from where we live). I have no idea what the Parish Council does or who they are
needed a 'don't know' option here as I really don't know!
Needs to far better communicate with people making them aware when meetings happening and what is covered, this is still not done in the various community pages, individual Councillors should post and encourage participation!
Never know what is going on. There should be social media groups for the whole parish if this is to benefit people outside of Lightwater
No desire
No longer a driver!
No need nobody cares
No time
No time
Not sure
Not sure what that do
nothing. The parish council is outdated and should be abolished
Perhaps they could have a regular column in Roundabout with a report on what they are doing.
Public consultation on key issues
Save the money
See previous comment. This is not a priority
Split the PC into each village
Stop being so pompous and listen
The description of this new building as being in 'the heart of the village' clearly demonstrates that it is seen as a Lightwater facility.
Turgid and pointless. A club which bears no realism to my life or my family's

Understand the agenda in advance, can you record, also depends on time, childcare etc

What is proposed for the existing building?

APPENDIX F - Comments in response to Q6

Are there any other services or community groups other than the Council and Police that you would like to see located at the community hub?

Of the 159 comments received, feedback was grouped as follows:

Voluntary Sector Groups	49	31%
Statutory Sector, Police, Health services and Library services	22	14%
Youth Provision	24	15%
Community Groups	44	28%
Other	18	11%

Voluntary Sector Groups
A charitable group to support Lightwater residents
A collective / community forum made up from volunteers / representatives within Lightwater (use the area designations / boundaries that the LRP uses) to discuss local issues and concerns
Age concern
Age UK, Arthritis care & any other help for the elderly
CAB Mental health support.
CAB maybe? Parent and baby groups.
charitable organizations for struggling family's
Children centre type services
Citizen's advice
Citizens advice
Citizens Advice Bureau
Citizens Advice Bureau.
Citizens Advice Bureau Plus Volunteer hub to support local residents
Community Support eg Sure start type help, elderly help, etc
Drop-in clinics for advice/ help with benefits / finding work etc
Drug prevention organisations ... there appears to be more and more people walking about and over the woods openly smoking drugs in Lightwater
I am sure there are but cannot think at the moment. Maybe Lightwater Connect would like to re-locate.
Information on services, voluntary organisations, help etc as a one stop would be good.
Lightwater care
Lightwater Care, Lightwater Live, LRP
Lightwater community hub (live, Lightwater care, resilience). Youth worker
Lightwater live
Live
LIVE

Live, LBA
Live, Lightwater care. Library
Live. Any voluntary groups that are of benefit to the whole community
Live. Possible Lunch club/social club for the elderly. Provision of meals in the holidays for at risk children.
Local charitable groups and recycle/reuse/repair type community groups
Local help/advice group such as LIVE or Lightwater Care.
Local volunteer groups/COVID response/emergency food bank
LRP
More family support activities since the Surestart Centre was closed.
Mother and baby groups
Mother and baby groups, groups for elderly residents, coffee shop
neighbourhood watch/crime prevention
Perhaps awareness courses for youth and parents
provision for youth work
Since the children's centres largely closed there is a need for early years services and support, and local low-cost community play groups/meetings.
Something like Sure Start , Dementia Cafe,
Something to replace the sure start offering for new parents and the with young children. There is nowhere for these parents to go to meet.
Support group for parents; teenage focused groups
Sure start support
Volunteer groups
Volunteer groups.
Volunteer organisations
Youth councillors, wildlife/environment groups to encourage a better attitude to our wildlife and environment and protection of the village for future generations.
Youth services
Youth services over use by police and council. The Police had a station that was sold off so don't see them now manning it now with resources cut since they moved out
Statutory Sector, Police, Health services and Library services
Access for ad hoc or regular community health services would be good, e. g., health promotion classes, peer support groups etc.
Counselling/safeguarding/Links to support for teenagers caught up in county lines that are not police related (if they are scared) and a community fridge! Like the amazing knaphill fridge.
dementia services carer support independent living support. all services in day when kids at school
Health visitors weekly drop in.....support for young families! Signposting resource for families of all ages now the Children's Centres have been closed
Lightwater and Windlesham Girlguiding Local Health Visiting service
Lightwater library can also be co-located. In fact, this is a good opportunity to co-locate all disparate places of council where communities come together

Local pcso and parking attendants
Parent support groups, health support - links to local surgeries
Relocate library to here. Provide contactless hub drop-boxes from companies such as amazon. Tennis court instead of community hall.
Social support
Social/community support eg to follow on from the work the volunteers did during lockdown, and the work of Lightwater Care
Surgery for local councillors and MP
Youth councillors, wildlife/environment groups to encourage a better attitude to our wildlife and environment and protection of the village for future generations.
Youth services
Youth services over use by police and council. The Police had a station that was sold off so don't see them now manning it now with resources cut since they moved out
Police
Police access/meeting point.
Police presence is critical
Where have the police come into the equation? This has not been mentioned previously and Surrey police policy is centralize service.
Definitely need the police in Lightwater
Where have the police come into the equation? This has not been mentioned previously and Surrey police policy is centralize service.
Library
Youth Provision
A service that provides local jobs for local kids (paid)
A youth group
A youth worker - in a positive way. Giving teenagers and older children somewhere safe to meet
Lightwater community hub (live, Lightwater care, resilience). Youth worker
Occasional use by Scouts, Youth Club desperately needed. Something for the over 8s not catered for in village anywhere.
Perhaps a teenage/youth centre
Perhaps awareness courses for youth and parents
Provision for affordable children and youth activities
provision for youth work
Slimming clubs, night school youth club
something for the older kids some sort of youth group or something similar
Youth club
Youth club
Youth club
Youth club
Youth club?
Youth councillors, wildlife/environment groups to encourage a better attitude to our wildlife and environment and protection of the village for future generations.

Youth facilities should take preference to unused sports field. For example, skate park for teens etc
Youth groups
Youth groups or guide/scout groups - more storage for these groups so they are not limited to the activities they can provide. Adult classes. Sports equipment to hire.
Youth services
Youth services over use by police and council. The Police had a station that was sold off so don't see them now manning it now with resources cut since they moved out
Youth. Group
Youth. Group
Community Groups
Access for ALL community groups. Once the Council gets access of the facility the rules and regulation and bureaucracy will close some of the facility for the enjoyment of the community which is why it should not be used for any Council purposes.
Area for artistic groups could work from.
Baby and pre-school activities (maybe something like the surestart drop in stay n play, sessions) how about also getting the PPg at the surgery involved to run patient led self-management of health sessions (group based consultations) or preventative themes.
Baby groups (NCT), exercise classes
Baby/children groups
Children's groups, 1st aid training, fitness
Clubs for the elderly.
Different meetings of various groups, football, charities,
Drop-in centre /cafe for elderly residents
Events held for the older members of the community like a Darby and Jones club
Groups for the elderly to socialise and meet people. Groups for young teenagers to meet up.
Hopefully we will be able to get more clubs interested to give more local groups space.
How about an event for people who live in the village but are single/ live alone, just to be clear, I don't mean a dating event. most events/activities are all around families, what about professional people who live here but don't have families. Just a thought
Local clubs
Local conservation groups e.g. Surrey Wildlife Trust
local drama groups, film society, Neighbourhood Watch meetings, Neighbourhood Plan review meetings, playgroups, venue for meetings of local societies and activity groups, NHS briefings for those who have had a heart attack or suffering from diabetes etc, fitness groups eg yoga, dance etc
Local exercise clubs
Man with a pan, men in a shed.
Maybe there could be some clubs
Meeting place for residents
Mother and baby groups
Mum and baby/toddler groups

Occasional use by Scouts, Youth Club desperately needed. Something for the over 8s not catered for in village anywhere.
Opportunities for groups for all ages to access these facilities.
Opportunity for a community cooking class/ classes for children
Other fitness classes like yoga or Pilates
Outdoor gym.
Relocate library to here. Provide contactless hub drop-boxes from companies such as amazon. Tennis court instead of community hall.
Safe meeting point for Elderly residents and their carers
Scouts
Slimming clubs night school youth club
something based for older children
Something for teens
Sports groups
Swimming pool
there are a number of informal groups, who have been meeting outdoors during the pandemic, but it would be good to have an inexpensive meeting place available for small group meetings socially distanced when necessary
There is a village information group that could hold public access sessions there.
U3A groups, Scout and Guide groups
Use of the facility for general use by members of the public on a pay fee basis
Various classes like yoga, children's clubs etc.
Water play area for kids
WI, sewing clubs, knitting, yoga
Yes, something for teenagers my age to do
Youth groups or guide/scout groups - more storage for these groups so they are not limited to the activities they can provide. Adult classes. Sports equipment to hire.
Other
A better playground
Additional security - cameras, fences/gates.
Anything that the current church hall doesn't accommodate....
ATM,
Facility for teenagers - skate park (see Waterloooville skatepark and open area)
Fire service
Hall space to rent for local groups / exercise classes
I don't think the council needs a chamber. Current online arrangements work well and council could use existing facilities across the parish area for meetings/engagement events-ensuring a more even attendance/accessibility across the whole parish area. People could walk to a meeting if they took place around the parish-making use of community hubs, school or church halls etc etc rather than having it always in Lightwater. Shouldn't a consultation consider alternative sights?
Hall with access to a garden/ outdoor space when the weather is good. Cafe. Toilets.

Each village should have its own "hub" which council and police and others can visit and engage with residents in all three villages.
I disagree that one village can be the central focus of three communities. I believe that all three villages should stand alone with their own communities , as all three are big enough now and should not live in the past where all three were put together when numbers were different in the villages .
Careful thought is needed here- we don't really need another hall which would take all the groups from the church Hall and so leave that empty. Why not upgrade the changing rooms/ toilets / kitchen and keep the field for sports and look at putting the council offices at the library which is underused and empty for a lot of the week. This could be extended and is nearer the centre of the village and could be an information hub.
No. In Bagshot alone there are empty offices, under-utilised community spaces and plenty of recreational facilities. Demolish old building. Secure the space to prevent unlawful incursions. End of.
Perhaps there are some for Lightwater
There's no need for a hub and I oppose it. Who are you rewarding this project to and why.!? this is not the time to spend money and is looking very strange this project
This development is unnecessary.
what research has there been that demonstrates the public want a hub
Why does the council think they should provide something when private enterprise could probably do it far better. Invariably council projects which set out to raise money fail. There needs to a proper business plan before embarking on this expensive white elephant

APPENDIX G - Comments in response to Q8

In your opinion would this centre enhance the quality of life of the residents within the parish?

Of the 256 comments received comments were grouped according to whether the respondent believed that a new centre would or would not enhance their quality of life.

Comments from residents who felt that a new centre would enhance their quality of life.	185	72%
Comments from residents who felt that a new centre would not enhance their quality of life.	62	24%
Number of comments submitted with no indication as to whether the respondent was in favour or not	6	2%
No meaningful data was entered	3	1%

Table 1: Comments from respondents who believe the centre could enhance the quality of life for residents within the parish.

A central location to the area to provide na variety of uses for different groups in the area
A central place where people know to go/contact rather than via social media
A central space and somewhere for older children to be accommodated - where they can be safe and free to grow
A more accessible site
A place for all residents to use various facilities.
A safe place for older kids to have fun - spend money in the cafe / job opportunity.
A single point of community focus to enhance the activities of the church
A united hub brings everything and everyone together.
Additional facilities nearer the centre of the village
Although social media helps the "community" feel. A centre would create a place for people who don't use those platforms. Also, it would hopefully let people communicate face to face instead of a screen.
Any improvement positive
Any new facility would benefit the community.
Any opportunity to engage local residents and encourage the community spirit and activities has to be the right move.
Any upgrade to facilities the public use is always good for people who live locally!
Anything for. The community is good, how much is this costing, what about reinstating some children's services? Also, physical meeting with covid may be a push
Anything that brings people together, different ages and interests, can only be a positive.
Anything that can enhance community spirit and support local people would be beneficial. A place for old residents to meet? A place for local societies to meet? Or even a youth club not related to the church.
As a family with children, we would enjoy using this space. It would make better use of the area that doesn't get used much except for summer fair. We would use the facilities while dropping children at activities in the church hall.

As its name suggests, it would create a hub, bringing together many facilities and making them more visible and easily accessible in the centre of the village. From my children's point of view, installing a new playground, similar to the that which was recently removed from Lightwater Country Park, would be warmly welcomed. The new playground by the cafe at LCP seems to have been designed for children of seven years and under, and my children (and many friends were have spoken to) don't want to use it as it is not fun or challenging to play on, as the old playground next to the LCP entrance was.
As previously mentioned, require a central modern point for community to be able to come together and see the Police and volunteer groups as an asset to the community.
At the moment the building is not being used for anything. Please note - I don't think having office space there is a good idea. There is so much surplus office space now due to companies allowing remote working and it won't be changing in the foreseeable future. I would leave that part out of the plans.
Atm the field is not really used. Would be good to have somewhere to go.
Because the field and buildings are unkempt and doesn't encourage you down there.
being altogether
Better community interaction
Better contacts and youth services
Better facilities for Changing for football but would hate to have the trim trail as it would interfere with peace and quiet of properties adjacent to field and be full of noisy teenagers. Already some problems with youngsters in the field dealing drugs and so on at times.
Better facilities will always bring the community together
Bring age groups together, enable teenagers and other youth groups to mix in community that they don't feel a part of an area for older members of the community to mix
Bring community together. Enhance lives in Lightwater
Bring the community together as better facilities
Bring the villages in tha parish togethercentralised advice/resource centre
Brings a central location for meetings
But at great expense
But I think it would have limited use for a lot of village residents in Windlesham and Bagshot who don't have access to cars
Central community contact point
Centralisation and improvement of facilities does improve the life of residents PROVIDING sufficient parking is available! Increased traffic and lack of parking is currently diminishing the quality of life of local residents as per earlier comment
Centralised meeting place.
Centre point of contact/meeting space
Co-location provides a single point of access for all matters related to the community. It becomes a real "hub"
community identity. ownership. purpose for teenagers
Community spirit thrived during the Covid months and showed how developing strong, robust community links could make a truly positive difference to local resident's lives. Enabling the furthering of these links through the provision of a community hub can strengthen those benefits.
Completely underused area, I grew up in the village and the playground was much bigger and we used it all the time. There was also a great youth club that is missed.

Connection communication unification visibility
COVID 19 has brought out the community spirit that has always been at the heart of Lightwater. What has been lacking is a community space where we can come together safely for discussion, advice, leisure and recreation. The recent traveller encampments highlight the need for a police presence. Our young people need to have a place where they can play sports and interact safely rather than wandering aimlessly. The Leisure Centre is not affordable for many young people. COVID has intensified the need for us to look after our mental health.
Create a sense of community which is sorely lacking
Creating community hubs can only be a positive move
Decent changing facilities to encourage sport, police desk to improve local police presence to deter crime
Depending on how it's done ... without seeing the design it's hard to tell. I have just seen the next question. There was no option for my idea. Can the existing building be refurbished then add on an extension (wings) that wouldn't be restricted and link together?
E meeting others
Easier to get to/ park than the avenue. Cafe facilities would be great for the playground, dog walkers and footballers. Enhanced police presence would be great for local residents and the extra security it provides for the park
Easily accessible. Central to all villages.
Easy access to council members
Enhance community spirit
Enhance community spirit and quality of life
For Lightwater residents
For some that will be supported
Gives a focal point
Good to have playing field and better changing room/ toilet/ kitchen/ trim track. Also good to have council office there and more accessible. No need for offices- several empty ones in village for the last year.
Having a office for parish council and a local PCO will be beneficial to all residents and would deter the traveller community setting up home there.
Helps to bring the community together
Hopefully the residents surrounding the field would feel safer and less vulnerable
Hopefully with attendance there it will make the nearby residences feel safer
I believe having the council office/chamber here would mean more easily accessible & approachable. In a purpose-built environment. Also, cafe to provide a good atmosphere for the play area & parkland.
I believe it would be beneficial to have a more open access and visibility to the local council offices
I feel it would be helpful for people to meet and engage with each other. Many older people in the village would benefit from something local. Since COVID/shutdown I think many people are more friendly with each other and a place to meet locally would be ideal

I feel this will be a strong focal point in an area that currently needs rejuvenation and purpose.
I have spent some possibly 15 years at Scouts bonfire night. Made a lot of money for the village children No toilets decent, nowhere to sit people feeling poorly, nowhere for anyone to Leave belongings, change into dry stuff after many hours in rain.
I think everyone young or old will benefit from a swimming pool 😊
I think having it more accessible and available would make the community find it more approachable and able to access
I think it would be a case of feeling more connected.
I think this would be a massive plus to the whole community.
I would go to the playground more if I have somewhere to get a coffee to enjoy whilst the children play. It would be a more sociable place to meet friends.
If people are aware that it is there
If they use it
If you can provide something for us to do it will be a good thing
If you get the balance of services/social right, across all age groups.
Improve social cohesion
Improved ability to influence policy and spending decisions. Eg access to Red Road and M3 Junction.
Improved awareness of local matters. Increased cohesion in the community
Improved public access to WPC.
inclusive and accessible for all locals - could be a great asset for the village
It could be a welcome focal point for services as well as clubs and sports.
It is important for places where people live to have an identifiable centre and this would be part of that.
It needs to be available for all ages.
It provides amenities facilities for people to use that are well maintained, accessible to the people of the parish and gives a good community spirit.
it should encourage more engagement of members of the community with each other and thus increase community spirit
it will be a centralised point for the whole community, enabling signposting to other help etc. It could also help with more use of the field; sports, community activities etc
It will be an addition to the community which is always positive.
it will bring the community together
It will bring the community together and be an invaluable access point for all.
It will make it more pleasant for users of the field knowing there are better facilities
It would be a hub for people to go with any concerns and speak to police or councillors. A community centre for a would be very welcome.
It would be another great place to be part of the community and would enhance the recreation ground. It would also be great to have police presence again within the village.

It would be good to know that there is one place in the Parish to be able to meet, find out information and help.
It would be helpful for the community to have a centre to come together in
It would be open to all, not specific groups.
It would be well utilised and act as a hub and meeting place for the community
It would create a centre at this end of the village and complement the church facilities
It would enable all residents to have a focal meeting point & get to know each other better.
It would encourage community spirit and another place to meet friends
It would enhance the current area and would be a central facility
It would give the field more focus and be used more by all the gypsies put me off going there and it seems underused currently. We used the little playground a lot when my youngest was small
It would help if they have a cafe where villagers could meet up, especially if they live on their own. Be able to communicate with other people, to reduce their isolation.
It would if not to the detriment of 1) the existing football pitch, 2) the access for emergency vehicles to the field and 3) to the detriment of those in the vicinity of the existing Council offices where parking is at a premium
It would marginally enhance the lives of the Lightwater residents but not those from Windlesham and Bagshot
It would provide a central hub for all official activities and would make the Council more accessible
It would solidify the current community spirit into one 'place' giving it a central focus
It's better placed in the village for the community to access
It's good to have additional meeting spaces for all groups and as mentioned a provision for older children is massively lacking across all 3 villages
It is so important to have community hubs to bring people together. Looking at the Pavilion in Windlesham, it's had a wonderfully positive effect.
Lightwater doesn't have a community space / hub and would be a vital part of connecting our community and Volunteers. A central point in the community would be incredibly beneficial resource.
Lightwater has no central community focal point or facilities. The FOR hub in Windlesham is too small and unwelcoming
Lightwater is a fabulous community already and this hub will create a focal point for the village
Lightwater is a small tight knit village however we do not have the facilities or areas to meet apart from in the square. This makes it difficult for new mums, young families and people who just want a coffee or catch up. It is dangerous to go to the recreation area as it is right now especially for young children and elderly.
Local meetings generate friendship and shared problems lead to amicable solutions. People are more generous in groups.
Local support network

Make for a central place for parishes to come together
Making community and parish services more accessible with more local engagement
More accessibility and good place for community to come together and share ideas
More choice of space to meet
More for residents
more locations, better facilities = more scope for community projects
More of a local focus currently not available
Near the village and parking
Need more events activity in the village
Non-religious meeting place
Not sure need another cafe as such, but a kitchen and ability to serve drinks during football matches etc. would be good.
Of course, it would have improved and new amenities will not only keep residents happy but also bring people in from close areas.
Of its attainable in its pricing, offers summer and school holiday activity. The park is aimed at the older age groups, there is nothing in the village for them to do at the moment, it would be good to have it policed for safety and see the area used for good rather than a hang out with no purpose.
Older people could have somewhere to meet. The football team usage of the field would be re-enabled with toilets, and potential changing rooms
One central office as a focal point, office could be above other facilities
One point of contact for people to go to
Only if it was used to improve the health and mental wellbeing of residents and not used as a political base to campaign.
Only if publicised and communicated well and embraces the needs and requirements of the parishioners
Possibly, though the cafe in the village, in the park are already serving the community, with events like curry nights, or dog walking get togethers. The social clubs & the Red Lion also provide services, darts, pool, live music etc.
Potentially, depending on the execution. Lightwater is already well served by two halls for hire - adding further may not necessarily be needed - could funds be spent in other ways to enhance village wellbeing (lack of facilities for young children especially)
Potentially, depends what you put there.
Presently this area is derelict and there is much anti-social behaviour on this site including drug use. A community facility would bring a positivity and direction
Prevent gypsy encampments, improve life for the footballers, better for the May Fair and Fireworks
Probably those in Lightwater
Provide a focal point
Provide a venue to support the various groups and societies within the community and for organisations such as the NHS to provide courses and briefings on community health without having to travel to Camberley

Providing a central point for activities, providing for all age groups - from babies to the elderly - in one place would facilitate cohesion between different disparate groups of residents, rather than keeping them separate with their own locations for activities.
Reduce loneliness, help improve resident's mental health and support people of all ages accessing activities and learning to help them stay healthy and happy
Seems as though there are people whose lives could be positively affected by this. It's not far from a couple of the residential care homes, so that might be nice for them. And may be good for young parents too
Since lockdown the community has really come together, and we need something like this to continue the spirit
Some facilities are available at the All Saints' Church Hall next door, so they need to be supported so they don't struggle to keep going.
Somewhere to meet and engage with others. Somewhere for people to get help.
Specifically, Lightwater
The current facilities are condemned and dangerous. I wasn't even aware previously that council chambers existed on The Avenue so it would bring the council more into the heart of the village so they can be more aware of community matters.
The current play area is unloved and in desperate need of replacement. Not replacing the old pavilion would be a missed opportunity.
The field desperately needs changing rooms and a new building to replace the existing which has been out of action for years!
The field is underutilised. The next question does not offer...new building, same footprint plus improved playground.
The green area is often unused and ignored. Looking after it better would deter travellers and encourage local residents to use the space. Many of which are yet even aware it exists!
The play field is really missing a decent clubhouse type building
The proposed centre would bring local government to the very heart of our Parish Community.
The Three Villages need a centre where the youth can find entertainment. I feel too that an outdoor gym would be good for youngsters and elders to keep their weight down.
The villages need a focal centre to try and bring them together.
the youngsters, especially, need a place of activity, and exercise. Bored youngsters look for something entertaining to do, especially over weekends and holidays. How about a skate park or BMX cycle trail?
There are not many family-friendly cafes or modern halls (would like access to a garden/outside from it) in the area
There is a lack of really good playgrounds and toilets in the immediate Area
There is no obvious focal point for the parish.
There isn't much for the young teenagers and the park there at the moment isn't good
There needs to be a safe place for older children to go where they are welcomed

This would provide more local facilities close to the centre for convenience
Tiny playground
To create more of a supportive community for all ages. Creating a inviting place to meet and socialise.
To enable local groups to meet at a fit for purpose location and build a wider sense of community, encouraging local people to meet and get involved with a variety of activities.
To have a centre at the heart of Lightwater
To have contact with Police & council, gives the residents more say in the village. Better usage of the field with changing facilities etc for the clubs.
Ultimately this creates a central focus & could improve involvement. It will be for the council to continually connect & reach out to residents via newsletters/Facebook as do other clubs and businesses
Very much needed, especially toilet facility. Council offices during the day would help security. Teenagers currently using this area illicitly. Very much underused area. If the police could use it for 'rest', it would help security further. I can't see a cafe working as there already is a good one in the village. Good maintained vending machines would be the answer.
We currently have no community hub even though we have the space for it. It's something that feels missing today
Well it depends on what you build - if you build a new parish council facility simply for hosting the meetings then no, but if its something that's of benefit to many - with better sporting facilities, a space for community meets such as mum/baby groups, scouts etc, and a better playground - then that would be great.
We're people of like minds can congregate
Would be good to build on the more cohesive community relations we've formed during lockdown.
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Would enhance the feeling of community and belonging, and could become the 'go to' place for information, help and support
Would help to centralise the community with more modern up to date premises
Would hopefully bring the village together more
Would look much nicer than the eyesore which is there at present.
Yes, because it would be in the heart of Lightwater village.
Yes, for Lightwater, but I believe all three villages should have their own facility.

Table 2: Comments from respondents who do not believe the centre could enhance the quality of life for residents within the parish.

A fraction of people will use it and the money wasted could have helped relieve the burden on the taxpayer as we fight our way out of a global depression.
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a very subjective question
A waste of resources when there are other places to go to,
absolutely not this is in my eyes money for the boys... I strongly feel is a waste of money
But only if self-funded like Windlesham hub. If Windlesham funded their hub. Why can Lightwater not do the same?
Cannot answer without seeing a business case - this is all too hypothetical
don't know
Ensuring the safety of our local residents through redirecting funds to the fire service is vital
Facilities are already available at Lightwater Country Park.
For Lightwater maybe, but not the other villages.
For the little extra usage residents would get (there are plenty of community spaces and cafes nearby) I think the money could be spent on other things which would give greater benefit to residents
For the reasons stated above.
How will it enhance life for people geographically spread? Council offices? Very expensive indulgent project. Completely lacking relevancy in today's climate.
I cannot answer this without greater detail of the final plans
I think it will be good for Lightwater but not for Bagshot or Windlesham.
I'm not sure how it would without really understanding its purpose
In my opinion it would only benefit Lightwater.
It is highly unlikely to make money. In fact, it will be a drain on finances
It is too far for most of the elderly. It is a statement piece nothing more. The council is there to serve all three parishes this is a blow to the other two villages who have other priorities to enhance their resident's lives.
It may help Lightwater but Windlesham already has such provision and Bagshot would then be lacking an equivalent.
It might enhance Lightwater but not the other villages
It will make Lightwater more congested
It will only get vandalised
It would benefit residents of Lightwater and that is fine with me
It would depend on what facilities it would offer if it would end up providing facilities for groups who are already well catered for then it would make very little difference.
It would enhance Lightwater village, but not the rest of the 3 villages
It would enhance the quality of life for Lightwater residents and perhaps for the more mobile residents of the other villages but it would, in my opinion, do little for the less mobile of the other village residents
It wouldn't enhance it, but instead would give basic needed links.
It's not about quality of life - it's about basic amenities of a suitable standard being available for all
its just a waste of money. I cannot see me ever going to use it it holds no value.
Maybe for the councillors

No this isn't a quality of life project. It's a community project though, offering more choice to what's already available and hopefully local facilities that residents would appreciate. It's certainly reducing travel and you might do well to include a sustainability statement into your plans.
Nowhere in this survey do you ask for feedback on the survey itself. The information in this survey about the status of this proposal costs etc is poor. This has led to councillors moaning and complaining on social media when the public ask for more information. Its time that you all stopped behaving like children and started behaving like responsible adults. I have a choice whether to vote or not and who vote for but frankly none of the councillors are worth the time. Nor are the people of Bagshot represented when two of the conservative councillors don't even attend meetings, and the other councillors do nothing about it.
No, as per above. Each village has their own centre and playground and coffee shop. It will only be used by Lightwater.
Not if it takes away some of the recreation space
Not sure
Not the correct place.
Only for Lightwater. Wrong end of village to help Bagshot.
Only those in Lightwater
Probably little used on that site
See answer above. Is there a proven need for additional community space in Lightwater? This centre is unlikely to enhance qol for residents of Windlesham or Bagshot due to its distance from the respective villages.
Sufficient facilities already exist
That fact there is no option on Question 9 demonstrate the pointlessness of this survey. Where is the "let's use existing facilities in the 3 villages, rather than waste more money on premises we don't need". On top of that you are suggesting a new meeting place in the middle of a pandemic that could last for years. Complete arrogance from the council.
The area is not big enough.
The existing hall is fine for the community -what else do we need?
The site is unsuitable due to space constrictions and parking issues. To increase parking would be at the loss of the playing field. The area is well served with meeting areas such as the local cafe in the square or the 2 in the country park. Play areas for younger children are already available in all 3 villages yet none are available for teens. The closest place for teenagers is located on the Old Dean estate
There are so many other things needed to make LW better. The M3 junction, repaving the roads etc. A new block with offices is about as unnecessary as they come
There is already sufficient space for this services intended, as I live in Windlesham maybe not best placed to answer

This money would be better spent addressing some of the concerns of the residents. This is a vanity project and is unnecessary. It is not lost on residents that the Chair of the Parish Council is a Lightwater resident. Lightwater being the only village to benefit should this go ahead. The Mike Goodman Centre - really?????
Too far away for me
Too much building on green space - use the unoccupied shop space in the high street instead.
Too small an area
Unless you have a car difficult to get there
Unlikely as a limited number of people would use the facility. Better to invest the funds improving play facilities across the council area
W May benefit Lightwater residents but would not be a draw to Windlesham or Bagshot residents.
Waste of money
We already have a church hall. It's the wrong site, why not develop The Briars.
We have a great community with the Church Library etc. No need to spend unnecessarily funds especially in today's climate.
We have lots of community space, but just not managed well or advertised.
Why would it? It might benefit Lightwater residents, but that is for them to say. It would not benefit Bagshot because it is not 'sustainable'; Bagshot residents would not be able to access the amenity without using the car, trying to negotiate the route via A322/M3/right turn into Lightwater safely and probably having trouble parking anywhere near the recreation ground. It certainly would not enhance the quality of life for those living near the church, where parking is clearly a nightmare already - the available parking would not be great as the recreation ground is very small and would not accommodate a reasonable size carpark on top of the extra buildings.
Would only benefit Lightwater
Would prefer something in Bagshot to walk to.

Table 3: Comments submitted with no indication as to whether the respondent was in favour or not.

Access in isn't great for that road. But it would be beneficial, however Lightwater would also be fine
Don't know
Don't know
I don't know, but it would perhaps get more people using the recreation ground.
i have no way of knowing if it would until it happens
In fact, Lightwater would still have this advantage over Bagshot & Windlesham. Perhaps when the link was built on to Windlesham Parish Church as a Community asset this should have been considered?

ANNEX 1

In addition to responses submitted via the consultation process, Council received a number of emails highlighting concerns about this project. Please see below:

From: Neil Bartlett
Sent: 04 October 2020 22:37
To: WPC Admin <admin@windleshampc.gov.uk>
Subject: Proposed "Community Hub" in Lightwater

Good day

This proposal is flawed in so many ways.

It falsely claims to be a 3-villages community facility when it is not. It must be seen as a Lightwater facility.

It claims to be a "hub" when it is not. Hubs are at the centre, this is on the edge.

It is too far from Bagshot to be a viable venue for Bagshot events, or to attract Bagshot residents to want to visit.

It is improper to justify a Lightwater facility as being of value to all 3 villages and thereby justify WPC not supporting the desire for a Bagshot hub.

It is rubbish to say that "this relocation would bring the Council to the heart of the village". The rec is as much on the edge of Lightwater village as the present Chambers; it is even further away for Bagshot residents; and by referring to "the village" it is obvious that the proposers only have Lightwater village in mind.

The location hidden behind Lightwater church and at the end of a narrow lane with poor access onto a rat-run road is unsuitable for a public facility that needs to have a high level of public use to justify the extensive provisions that are proposed.

There can be no justification for building TWO new public halls within yards Lightwater's well-appointed Church Hall (which is available for public hire).

There would be insufficient parking available (on site and on-road) for three halls.

A location with no passing pedestrians is the wrong place to build a cafe.

Building what has been described, including sufficient car parking, would seriously reduce the green space available for recreational use.

It is hardly the role of WPC to build commercial offices for rent, especially at a time when offices elsewhere within the parish are being converted into housing.

There may be justification to renovate, possibly rebuild, changing rooms and storage facilities appropriate to the use made of the recreation ground. However since Lightwater already has extensive sports, recreational, and fitness facilities in Lightwater Country Park there is no justification for doing more in the rec than is absolutely necessary.

If WPC believes they have a case for building a new Council Chamber with enhanced facilities then this needs to be justified in its own right.

In short, this is an unsound proposal.

Kind regards

Neil Bartlett

From: Campbell Bartholomew
Sent: 02 October 2020 15:36
To: WPC Admin <admin@windleshampc.gov.uk>
Subject: Lightwater Development Plans

I have read the information on the idea of creating a centre in Lightwater to build a new Parish office and new halls.

My observations are that the email from Neil Bartlett is very sound. I cannot see villagers from Bagshot and Windlesham travelling to Lightwater for functions/meetings.

I would question what happens to the old parish office after a new one is built. Will it be used or left to crumble?

Will there still be the funds to support the existing halls in Bagshot and Windlesham?

Where has all the money come from to undertake this development?

I am sure that it could be used for many other items across the three villages.

I assume that all the current services provided by the Parish Council will remain supported!

Given the scope of this possible development I trust that, if it proceeds, there will be sufficient car parking for the large number of visitors that will be expected in order to make it cost effective.

This will not help emissions.

From: Lynne Cowley

Sent: 29 September 2020 13:40

To: WPC Admin <admin@windleshampc.gov.uk>

Cc:

Subject: Hub proposal

I think it an unnecessary waste of money to drive forward with a three-village hub. We need to keep things within each village. Keep it local.

Each village has different characteristics and needs and I feel Bagshot will not get a fair share. We already feel that this is a thinly-veiled ploy to transfer Bagshot events to Lightwater, when we should be thinking more 'local' to decrease the environmental footprint. By that I mean that we want to be able to walk to events and not use fossil fuels which increase the carbon footprint. We have ample halls and centres for hire within Bagshot.

Also in the current financial climate we object to vast sums being expended when money should be diverted to supporting services which directly help people. I notice that in the SurveyMonkey survey the statements are rather loaded. By that see the part about refurbishment depriving sports clubs from using the facility during building. So will building anew, with the noise, and inconvenience of contractors parking etc. This is a spurious argument for demolition and rebuilding!

In short, we can't afford it and we don't need it.

Sincerely

Lynne & David Cowley

From: Ray Ricketts
Sent: 29 September 2020 22:58
To: WPC Admin <admin@windleshampc.gov.uk>
Cc: Bagshot Society
Subject: Community Hub

Hi

I had mail from Bagshot Society concerning the proposed New Community Hub. I have completed the survey, Survey Monkey, giving my personal opinions on the matter.

Briefly I am not impressed by the idea at all, I can appreciate that maybe buildings and facilities should be due for some serious updates and refurbishment but the plans suggested are wrong on so many counts.

Initially the thought of even centralising so many things at the recreation is basically wrong, almost a non starter. For instance entry and exit from the rec. is hazardous at best, it lies at the junction of two roads, if several vehicles from any direction attempt to enter the lane, it may well become a free for all, this would be the cause of a traffic disruption on Broadway Road at least.

Something that doesn't help here is the lack of a decent sight line when trying to get out from the lane, this will be made worse if the outgoing driver is trying to turn right is not a confident driver or even worse if it is a learner, this whole set up is multiple accidents waiting to happen. This will eventually knock on to the traffic along Broadway Road, it is now a rat run, I personally and many others use the road as an alternative to the bypass when travelling from the Gordon School roundabout to get to Bagshot, it is longer but the queue are a lot shorter at the Bagshot end of New Road.

The other problem of Broadway Road and also to All Saints Road is the amount of parked vehicles scattered along the length of most roads, OK it slows the traffic down, (a bonus), but I have on several times seen the Broadway especially, virtually gridlocked.

Lightwater has now mirrored Bagshot, both getting harder to drive into, get out of, or just pass through, does no one now appreciate the appalling traffic management through both of the villages.

Other problems that apply, does the Council Office need to be there, does the site need offices even if they do generate some income, do we need two extra meeting halls, a cafe that will have no passing trade, and only known of by the locals.

Another down side is the fact that it is not really central to the three villages. There is nothing there that would attract me to visiting unless there was no other alternative.

All in all, I think time for a major rethink on the whole idea.

Regards

Ray Ricketts

From: mike barrett
Sent: 29 September 2020 14:18
To: WPC Admin <admin@windleshampc.gov.uk>
Subject: Propopsed Pavilion facilities in Lightwater

We feel that the proposed facility is far too large and not necessary.

If the current Council offices are inadequate, then we support the refurbishment or development of the Lightwater Pavilion to accommodate the Council Offices.

Lightwater already has sports facilities at the Country Park, and All Saints church has a hall available for hire.

Bagshot and Windlesham have sports facilities and halls for hire, so there is no substance in the claim that your proposal will benefit all 3 villages.

In summary, we support the proposal for a redevelopment to include changing rooms, toilets, and Council Offices. Nothing more.

Gaye and Mike Barrett

**The proposed development of a Community Centre on land behind
All Saints Church on the Broadway, Lightwater .**

Response from the Bagshot Society Committee

We do not support this proposal in its present form.

While there may well be justification for renovating and upgrading the present pavilion to support sports fixtures on the field, there is good reason to think that the proposals are really about providing a facility for Lightwater Village with the cost disguised as a 3-villages project.

The proposal suggests that “this relocation would bring the Council to the heart of the village”. The proposed site is as much on the edge of Lightwater village as the present Chambers in The Avenue and even further away from Bagshot. It is most certainly not a central location for the other 2 villages that the WPC serve.

To make use of the proposed centre Bagshot residents would need independent means of transport in order to cross the M3. Relocating the Council Chamber is unlikely to encourage Bagshot residents to attend Parish Council meetings for that reason.

Bagshot Society find that less people attend a meeting in St Anne’s Church Centre than in Brook Church in The Square. Few will be prepared to travel to the far side of Lightwater. Other non-Lightwater groups are unlikely to consider the venue suitable for their meetings or events either.

There is already one hall at the site (All Saints Church Hall). An additional two cannot be justified.

A cafe in a building hidden behind the church on the edge of the village is not a viable proposition. A few coffees and biscuits sold to sports event participants and spectators is the best trade that can be hoped for. Cafes need to be in a central, populous, location.

The provision of additional facilities and amenities would not enhance the quality of life for Bagshot residents to the same extent that it might be a benefit for the residents of Lightwater.

Though no indication of the size of the proposed building has been given, it will have to be quite large to provide all that is suggested and with adequate car parking would result in the loss of green space for recreation.

In view of the restriction to Bagshot residents accessing this facility, it would be extravagant to build a larger, improved building.

Using the current footprint and refurbishing the building for use by Lightwater residents would be the most economical way forward. Windlesham has its new facility on the Remembrance Field playing area. Consideration should be given to funding a community hub in Bagshot.

This current proposal must be seen as a Lightwater Village project and if it is to be justified then that must be on the basis of what it does for that village without any pretence that it will provide any meaningful benefit to the other villages.

We reiterate that do not support this proposal in its present form.

September 2020

