

**FEEDBACK FROM COMMUNITY CENTRE RESIDENT'S CONSULTATION EVENT – JULY 5<sup>TH</sup> 2025: -**

Here's a ranked list of the top 10 themes, scored on a 0–100 scale (100 = most frequently mentioned):

Rank	Theme	Score
1	Café & social hub	100
2	Parking & access	95
3	Strong support for Option 3 (future-proof)	90
4	Support for Option 2 (compromise rebuild)	85
5	Sports hall / multi-sports facilities	80
6	Impact on village hall & local businesses	75
7	Toilets & wider accessibility (incl. dropped curbs)	70
8	Dedicated storage for Hornets equipment	65
9	Community space & events (therapy, food bank, pop-ups)	60
10	Support for Option 1 (renovation & minimal)	55



### Key Insights

Below are the ten most prominent themes from the survey, capturing preferences, concerns, and creative ideas for the village development.

- **Café & Social Hub:** Virtually every option evaluation mentions a café as a focal point for community interaction.
- **Parking & Access:** Widespread anxiety over parking capacity, traffic flow, and disabled access.
- **Aspirational Support for Option 3:** Strong calls to “go bold” with a future-proof, multi-use facility.
- **Practical Support for Option 2:** Seen as a balanced rebuild, offering modern amenities with fewer village-impact worries.
- **Sports Hall & Multi-Sports Facilities:** Desire for winter training, basketball, badminton, and indoor gym space.

- Village Hall & Local Business Impact: Concerns about competition, collaboration, and revenue displacement.
- Toilets & Universal Accessibility: Calls for all-gender cubicles, baby-change, dropped kerbs, and redway links.
- Hornets Equipment Storage: Specific demand for secure, dedicated storage for the local rugby club.
- Community Spaces & Events: Ideas for therapy rooms, food banks, pop-ups, BBQ areas and lit pathways.
- Option 1 Renovation Advocates: A smaller group preferring low-cost tweaks and minimal disruption.

### 1. Café & Social Hub

The café idea topped every discussion. Respondents envision:

- Separate café and bar counters to serve hot drinks, snacks and light meals.
- Warm-space concept in winter, with extended opening hours and sheltered seating.
- Soft-play corner or children's reading nook to cater to families.
- Viewing deck adjacent to the café, turning sport spectating into a social event.

This feature is seen as the keystone for driving year-round footfall and creating a genuine community hub.

### 2. Parking & Access

Parking shortages and vehicular flow dominated concerns:

- Calls for 60–80 dedicated parking spaces, including disabled bays and EV chargers.
- Permit-managed overflow parking on grass for busy match days.
- One-way traffic routing onto High Street to reduce congestion.
- Improved pedestrian access: redway extension, lit pathways, dropped kerbs and tactile paving.

Adequate parking and seamless access are viewed as critical to preventing spill-over onto village lanes and ensuring inclusivity.

### 3. Aspirational Support for Option 3

Option 3 attracted the boldest visionaries:

- A double-storey, future-proof building housing sports halls, café, gym, and therapy rooms.
- Income generation from events on the upper floor to offset maintenance.
- Full indoor sports court for basketball, badminton, indoor football and climbing wall.
- Emphasis on a centrepiece facility that matches the village's growth trajectory.

Detractors cite scale and cost, but champions argue it's essential to meet long-term community needs.

### 4. Practical Support for Option 2

Option 2 finds its champions among pragmatists:

- Modern rebuild with high-roof sports hall, first-floor café and viewing deck.
- Balanced footprint that mitigates impact on village hall and local businesses.
- Opportunities for a small indoor gym and flexible community room.
- Lower capital outlay and phased enhancements as funding allows.

This compromise is valued for delivering significant upgrades without the full scale and risk of Option 3.

#### 5. Sports Hall & Multi-Sports Facilities

A dedicated indoor sports space generates enthusiasm:

- Winter training facility for local teams (rugby, football and netball).
- Space for emerging sports: badminton, basketball, volleyball.
- Addition of a climbing wall and proposals for a sports therapy/rehab room.
- Alignment with Sport England height requirements to secure grants.

Respondents view this as an investment in health, youth engagement and year-round activity.

#### 6. Village Hall & Local Business Impact

Many worry about cannibalisation of existing venues:

- Potential revenue loss at the village hall and nearby pubs or cafés.
- Suggestions for a shared booking system and joint events to drive cross-traffic.
- Pop-up stalls in café foyer featuring local bakers and craft makers.
- Calls to partner on holiday clubs, quizzes and health workshops to foster collaboration.

This theme underscores the need for strategic coordination to maximise collective benefit.

#### 7. Toilets & Universal Accessibility

Comfort and inclusivity are non-negotiable:

- Ground-floor public toilets with baby-change and accessible cubicles.
- Relocating restrooms away from seating areas to preserve ambience.
- Dropped kerbs at every entrance, tactile paving for visually impaired visitors.
- Clear signage and step-free routes connecting to redways.

These enhancements ensure the facility serves everyone, from wheelchair users to families with buggies.

#### 8. Hornets Equipment Storage

The local rugby club's equipment demands secure space:

- A ventilated, lockable storage room sized for posts, balls, training gear.
- Easy access from pitch side to streamline match-day logistics.
- Potential for multi-club booking to share storage costs.

Acknowledging this need builds goodwill with a major community stakeholder and frees up other areas for new uses.

#### 9. Community Spaces & Events

Beyond sports and café uses, respondents suggested:

- Therapy room or sports-rehab clinic adjacent to the gym.
- Community fridge/food-bank corner in the foyer to support vulnerable neighbours.
- BBQ shelters, picnic spots on the south lawn and lit walking loops.
- Pop-up markets, craft fairs and holiday activity hubs to diversify programming.

These multipurpose spaces are seen as vital to fostering social cohesion and tackling local needs.

#### 10. Option 1 Renovation Advocates

A smaller faction favours low-cost tweaks:

- Refurbish the existing pavilion to save capital expenditure.
- Retain trees, minimise disruption and preserve current parking footprint.
- Convert the café area in the present layout and add outdoor seating.

While less transformative, Option 1 appeals to those prioritising fiscal restraint and continuity.