

- 20 Meet other Mums
- 21 Meet up with other people. I might take up a new activity
- 22 Meeting people
- 23 More likely to use parks and recreation ground both with children and without
- 24 More likely to use recreation ground
- 25 Part of the reason we don't use the area that much is the lack of facilities like toilets and refreshments!
- 26 Won't improve my health & wellbeing, but good for the community
- 27 Would encourage me to walk & get out, have a coffee & speak to other people in café
- 28 Yes with the possibility of aerobics and yoga. Maybe just an outside cafe would be enough (like Egerton Park)

### **Location**

- 1 A different destination which is not a cafe on the high street is going to encourage me to use it and the surrounding will be a much calmer environment
- 2 A good place to see people and enjoy the space.
- 3 A good sized area for clubs to meet with easy access and car parking
- 4 A new destination post lock down can only be a good thing
- 5 An accessible hub with parking
- 6 By providing a meeting place for different activities in a lovely setting
- 7 Convenience
- 8 Good for Battle to have such a facility
- 9 Good meeting point & good reason to visit Rec
- 10 It will be somewhere to meet friends away from the traffic & noise in the High Street
- 11 Recreation ground is already much improved and can now be used all year round
- 12 Somewhere safe & comfortable away from the traffic

## Annex B

### **Comments for Question 6**

#### **How will you personally use the new facilities?**

##### **Café**

- 1 A hot drink with my sister for a catch up whilst all the cousins play at one of the various play areas
- 2 A meeting point for a coffee and a chat after a walk
- 3 After school play park dates with a drink and snack, meeting friends and family
- 4 Already use more due to new pathway and cafe would be a big attraction
- 5 As above. Include a turn round the park as part of regular walking exercise. Refreshment availability very important. (When in Europe, visited several venues where regular mobile refreshment facilities were available - always welcome)
- 6 Buy drinks
- 7 Buy a drink
- 8 Café
- 9 Café - ice-cream & drinks for children (currently have to go home or use the High Street)
- 10 Café & possibly clubroom
- 11 Cafe & walks
- 12 Café for meeting people or possibly join groups in meeting facility
- 13 Cafe, maybe hire for parties (2 comments said this)
- 14 Certainly the proposed cafe as a meeting point and use the Health pathway more
- 15 Coffee & meet friends
- 16 Every Town should have this facility. I would love to buy refreshments while my kids are playing with their friends
- 17 For refreshments
- 18 Have already enjoyed improvements & would enjoy refreshment point
- 19 Having a cafe on site so I don't have to bring my own -If toilets are in fab condition then the whole family can come into the fresh air. enjoy the day
- 20 I probably won't but in principle they are a good thing for sport and for children and young people. How far have you researched into demand for refreshments on sale given the number of cafes in the town? Do you have in mind asking for bids from private organisations to run it?
- 21 I walk my dogs at the Rec. A coffee would be good while with the grandchildren at the fort
- 22 I will use the cafe, hopefully will be dog friendly
- 23 I would use the cafe and consider attending any community groups
- 24 I would mostly use the cafe for refreshments and for meeting friends

- 25 I would use a cafe to meet up with people
- 26 I would use the cafe, toilets, might even try an exercise class!
- 27 It depends what groups/opportunities are on offer. In terms of the cafe, I am unlikely to eat there unless the food is healthy, homemade, options (not processed/packaged goods). Need vegan/ gluten free/ organic options
- 28 Meeting for coffee
- 29 Morning coffee in the sunshine watching our children play
- 30 My children and I use the park often- going to the park, riding bikes and for jogging. Would be lovely to have a cafe to be able to purchase drinks when there
- 31 My children use the pump track and we supervise them and it gets cold it would be great to get warm refreshments
- 32 My whole family will use the cafe as long as it is fully disabled friendly - it is very important to have the correct disabled facilities
- 33 Not sure. Possibly a coffee with friends combined with a walk
- 34 Play park Coffee and snacks Access to clubs for children/adults
- 35 Playground for grandchildren and cafe for coffee
- 36 Probably have a coffee after using the courts or an exercise class and may be stop in on the way back from a walk
- 37 Refreshments
- 38 Refreshments and group meetings
- 39 The cafe probably the most.... but I would hope the children would use the facilities in pursuit of their sports interests
- 40 The cafe will be super as well as improved toilets. It will allow us to stay longer more easily and therefore play/train more
- 41 The cafe, perhaps a meeting room
- 42 To meet with friends & have refreshments
- 43 To walk & socialise with friends at café
- 44 Unfortunately too old to play football, but would use café
- 45 Use café after a walk for an ice-cream or tea
- 46 Use cafe and attend meetings
- 47 Use the café (in 2 comments)
- 48 Walk my dog to the cafe and have a coffee
- 49 Walking around the grounds & enjoying refreshments afterwards. Also meeting friends
- 50 We would use the café and any other facilities that will be on offer
- 51 When I play football I can access drinks and food easier from the café
- 52 Will use café (in 3 comments)
- 53 Will use it for social reasons, cafe when I watch football on a Saturday afternoon

- 54 Will use the cafe when out for a walk and maybe use as part of a club that hires it as like to do sports
- 55 With grandchildren. for a coffee/tea during a walk. Meeting friends. Joining a club on the site
- 56 With my children, the café
- 57 Would love to meet friends for tea & cake
- 58 Would meet up with friends for refreshments with grandchildren
- 59 Yoga, cafe, meetings. Am hoping the timing will be right and my daughter may get a job in the cafe!!

### **Changing Area /Clubroom**

- 1 As a member of a local fitness group, who has used the grounds for training in all sorts of weather, I think having the extra facilities will enable me to get changed safely and privately. The addition of the café will allow for hot /cold drinks and snacks etc...fingers crossed the prices are kept low/reasonable and it's a non-for-profit venture, so that all families can afford to use it...and it'll encourage children to spend their pocket money locally
- 2 As a member of the local football club that has used the existing pavilion for the last 15 years, this new facility would create a space that we could be proud of and would make weekly use of. The club has ambitions to progress through the leagues and this pavilion would enable that. More than that, the use of the Club room would create a social space that we have always desired to have and we see with so many other local clubs. This would help to draw more people in
- 3 Attend an event run by an organisation & meet after for coffee
- 4 Changes to the pavilion will have absolutely no relevance to me
- 5 Changing rooms for games, visits to the tennis courts and play area with family and friends
- 6 Changing before & after playing football, running, & possibly using gym equipment. Social contact
- 7 Children in sports teams using facilities, I would use the facilities when playing for Battle Town FC Veterans team and myself and my wife would use the proposed cafe for food and drink
- 8 Classes and café
- 9 Hire for parties, use for clubs. Would definitely use the cafe!!!
- 10 Holding yoga and stretch sessions post cycle club ride. Place to meet before and after a club cycle ride. Pre ride toilet stop
- 11 I am hoping to join the veterans team and to also support the team that believed in me during my playing days
- 12 I lead the walking football group and I'm also involved with leading Battle Town Football Club. Personally, I would use the new facility many times throughout the week and it would encourage me to introduce more activities if the facilities were improved
- 13 I would like to use the facilities to change pre and post workout as well as meet friends to work out with and then enjoy food and drinks after to cool down
- 14 I would look to hire the hall for my exercise classes for older adults

- 15 I would use them as a player for Battle Town and a frequent visitor to the Rec for family activities such as the fort and new bike park
- 16 Join the activities based at the Club
- 17 Meets for clubs
- 18 Social meetings
- 19 Sports club, meeting friends and family
- 20 Storage of equipment for short tennis
- 21 Take family there to use facilities especially toilets
- 22 A loo will be useful
- 23 Use the changing rooms when playing and the cafe if spectating
- 24 Using the new changing rooms & refreshments area for adult club, & walking, football. Also as a place to hold football & other sports/health related meetings & training events
- 25 Very unlikely to make any use of the Pavilion
- 26 When playing matches for Battle Town, will be able to use the changing facilities to get changed and having the cafe can help with spectator getting refreshments while watching the matches and a place that the teams can go to after the match has finished
- 27 Will probably use facilities for meetings and groups
- 28 Would be good to have changing facilities if fitness classes were added. Also having different classes/workshops/talks etc would definitely get more people using this space and I feel everyone would be happy to pay as you go on the different classes/workshops/fitness etc

### **Personal**

- 1 Exercise
- 2 For exercise and continued walking football
- 3 Get out of the house and maybe make new contacts
- 4 I already use the Rec & I shall still go there to sit down & watch whatever is happening
- 5 I will not use
- 6 I will not, but readily accept others might
- 7 I won't use
- 8 I won't use them
- 9 I wouldn't use the cafe as I live near there and take my own refreshments for the children. I would rather see the money spent on new play equipment including a sandpit area, slide for younger children, climbing equipment and more stimulating imaginative play equipment
- 10 I'd use it with my son throughout the week and on a Saturday with my friend and his kids to watch Battle football team
- 11 If I have visitors, particularly with children, I would use this as close to where I live
- 12 If suitable as a 4 table Tennis table venue

- 13 Is there a walking netball club? Game then chat would be good
- 14 It will depend on what activities are on offer
- 15 It's walking distance for us so it will be a regular visit
- 16 Meet new people
- 17 Meet people
- 18 Meeting friends after a walk. My children can meet friends there too. Clubs and classes may be of interest too.
- 19 Most of the time
- 20 Not sure yet
- 21 Pathway and seating areas
- 22 Probably not but good for community
- 23 As it will incur parking cost, will use sparingly
- 24 Regularly use health pathway. Many facilities for grandchildren. A shop would be a definite bonus
- 25 Taking the grandchildren to the Rec with parking on site
- 26 Tennis would be one thing I would look at - but could any court have a PickleBall layout as well please?
- 27 The cycle ramps, football pitches & MUGA, & tennis courts & for walking. I would love to see a café & community centre
- 28 To meet friends after work
- 29 To meet friends and family, when permitted
- 30 To meet with family (especially grandchildren) & friends
- 31 Very occasionally
- 32 Will not use them as too far away
- 33 Yes

## Annex C

### **Comments for Question 7:**

**Any ideas or suggestions from you? I.e. What are the benefits for you personally of using the facilities/Do you foresee any barriers to you using the facilities?**

#### **BENEFITS**

##### **Café**

- 1 Could open bids for small businesses/community groups to take on particular slots for the cafe, to provide local people with opportunity for participating in the use and business opportunities and to provide a range of provision for different tastes and preferences. Prioritise packaging-free and ecological business models to avoid old school crisps/cans/chocolate ending up littering the rec, plus avoiding disposable and single use cups, cutlery etc
- 2 Be great to see a cafe with a toilet available. I think with these facilities people would use the Rec more and stay longer
- 3 Coffee bar etc is a good idea
- 4 I walk in the Rec every day. There are always parents sat watching their children. I've often thought a café would make a fortune
- 5 I would like to see a bar - that would be good for sitting with opposition players or teams. Would be great atmosphere for the clubs
- 6 So many people bring take-away drinks from a national chain of coffee shops. There is a need for hot drinks at the Rec
- 7 Take away food, drinks day and evening in the summer will be hugely beneficial to the town!

##### **Location**

- 1 An area to meet and socialise without going into the town
- 2 Near to where I live
- 3 We live close to the Rec & don't have far to walk as we are over 80
- 4 As a family we can spend more time outdoors enjoying our local Rec
- 5 No barriers, as long as it was open enough
- 6 We can stay local and enjoy the facilities as a family
- 7 What has been done so far is brilliant. Great to see so many people using the Rec. Please keep up the good work
- 8 Would definitely use a community based facility. The playground area is a top notch place for kids

### **Pavilion as a whole**

- 1 As a director of a local charity that runs a Coffee Lounge as part of the community hub at The Pelham in Bexhill, this could have the same draw that we see in bringing people together at a central space. Having this space available for hire, or open for the public to use at key times, this would further complement all the other facilities at the rec
- 2 Customer toilets available on site
- 3 Hire for children's parties
- 4 Hire for parties
- 5 I see the proposed facilities as being vital for Battle and to allow children and adults to have access to better facilities. It will provide somewhere for older children to go who have very little provision in Battle
- 6 It would be a good idea to encourage people to run fitness classes for locals to attend and meet new people in the summer outside and maybe inside during the winter months
- 7 Personal use for sport. Pride in Battle having a great facility. Income for tourism as footfall in Battle Rec increases
- 8 Senior Citizens meeting place
- 9 Socialising would be the main benefit and possibly any potential clubs that might set up
- 10 The proposed improvements will be good for Battle even if we will not use them
- 11 Works in other Towns

### **Personal/Individual**

- 1 It would get me up & out among people. Barrier - don't take too long building it or I might miss out
- 2 None
- 3 Walking, meeting people & physical wellbeing. BTC are doing a good job
- 4 Crafting /wellbeing workshops would be nice
- 5 I am a walker & bird watcher but pleased that there are sports facilities for the young
- 6 Increase fitness & wellbeing
- 7 Benefits - fitter, happier, more integrated into the community
- 8 No suggestions. Personally it will benefit me as a better environment to bring children to play in and invite other friends to join
- 9 None

### **BARRIERS & RESIDENTS' SUGGESTIONS TO OVERCOME THEM**

#### **Café**

- 1 Café must be dog friendly for me to use it
- 2 Café needs to be open at times that make it available to all age groups



- 3 There are already enough cafes in Town
- 4 I feel a cafe encourages lazy parents to watch their children less and sit and chat instead of engaging and playing with their children. I would suggest a toilet is a good use of funds for the rec more so than anything else
- 5 I feel that by opening a cafe would be good thing however it would take away the business from the high street who are already suffering because of covid
- 6 I think the extra building and usage for the community is great and a kitchen would be useful for the clubs to use however I would not want to see a cafe set up for general users of the recreation ground. There is an obsession with having the ability to get a drink or a snack within meters of stepping out of your front door or car door. I think a cafe creates extra litter, extra pressure on parents to resist the pleas from children to have a drink. It discourages people to bring their own refreshments and picnics from home. It takes business away from the cafes in the high street and would potentially stop people from impulse buying in the other shops on the high street if they did want to go for a drink in one of the cafes. We have a wonderful health pathway and encourage people to lead a healthy lifestyle by exercising at the rec so why then are would we encourage them to spend money and buy potentially unhealthy snacks and drinks in an unnecessary cafe?
- 7 If Café idea is pursued, how will it be staffed? There will be a requirement for RDC food site certification and personnel will be required to hold a current hygiene certificate
- 8 Look at other successful parks & facilities. Why would you not do it? Youth club, café/snack kiosk etc would bring people to the Rec. Saturday mornings for football, coffee & bacon sandwiches would be a gold mine. Please do this for the children
- 9 Looking forward very much to picnic tables and the construction of the far western end pathway to make a longer footpath for walking an outer circuit
- 7 Lots of outside seating would be great
- 8 Need a picnic area with tables & benches
- 9 Perhaps some more seats will be a good idea for people to sit & watch what is going on
- 10 Making it dog friendly
- 11 Seats needed outside to use if weather is fine
- 12 So long as facilities are disabled access so that all can use, I can foresee no barriers. Hours of operation for the cafe could be restrictive and are subject to viability of demand and usage. Perhaps the cafe could be open after school and in school holidays at least
- 13 If the cafe wasn't dog friendly it might be a barrier

### **Car parking**

- 1 As always, I think car parking (not for me, as I am local) will become a problem. In fact it already is, as vehicles are parked on North Trade Road slowing/blocking traffic, causing frustration, irritability and delay
- 2 Parking costs
- 3 Car park not adequate for even more usage
- 4 I won't have an issue with parking as I'm local but out of town people may if the car park is full