

Town Clerk | Swaffham Town Council

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 30 November 2019 20:20
To: Town Clerk | Swaffham Town Council
Subject: Public Toilets Consultation

Dear Mr. Bishop,

I am not a resident of Swaffham but visit frequently to shop and have subsequently used the public toilets on various occasions.

At the moment there are four cubicles in the Ladies' toilets. Very often one or two of these are occupied and I only visit the town at quiet times.

To reduce the number of available toilets from 4 in the ladies, a separate disabled toilet plus whatever facilities are in the Men's down to just 2 is ridiculous.

In a town that has an influx of summer visitors along with an elderly population to not provide adequate facilities is very short sighted and will certainly result in fewer visitors to the town.

With no separate disabled toilet and the baby changing facilities incorporated into one of the toilets, the "traffic" in and out of these facilities will inevitably slow down.

With the cubicles opening directly onto the pavement are people expected to queue in the rain or snow until a cubicle is free?

What are you planning to do for people with medical conditions that make it difficult for them to wait for a free cubicle? Will they be allowed to use the toilets in the town hall?

I have not seen any drugs paraphernalia when I have visited and if the toilets are used for drug taking how will this stop it? Won't people just use one of the two toilets for this?

Maybe the council is planning to invest the money saved from removing adequate facilities in addiction counselling services to help afflicted people?

I am hoping the number of toilets can be increased to a more reasonable number.

Kind regards

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Jane Curton



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From: [Graham Lewis <Graham.Lewis@swaffhamtowncouncil.gov.uk>](mailto:Graham.Lewis@swaffhamtowncouncil.gov.uk)
Sent: 02 November 2019 14:21
To: Town Clerk | Swaffham Town Council
Subject: Public Toilets Consultation

I realise in these "inclusive" times the Council will do all it can to avoid any suggestion of sexism but as a result a cheap and simple part solution is being ignored...a basic male urinal. It is simple plumbing, does not need doors or a lobby and can be hosed down. Given the aging population where many males suffer from a restricted bladder due to prostate problems a large tranche of the population can be helped without the need for expensive and vandal prone cubicles. The simple arrangement in Dereham seems to work well so why not Swaffham?



From: Stan Sole <stan.sole.oxford239@gmail.com>
Sent: 02 November 2019 12:39
To: Town Clerk | Swaffham Town Council
Subject: Toilets

Hi Richard,

I see that there is a public consultation notice on the website re the Market Place toilets. My first reaction is re the disabled aspect and I would like to ask whether a RADAR key will still be required for either of the new toilets? I ask because in the notice there is an upper case **A** on Accessible re the first toilet and a lower case **a** re the second toilet. It is my understanding that **A** for Accessible is what is used where RADAR keys should be used.

Thanks,

Stan



From: Helen Turner <HELEN@turner67@gmail.com>
Sent: 01 November 2019 17:11
To: Town Clerk | Swaffham Town Council
Subject: Public Toilets Consultation

Dear Richard,

Sorry if you are reading this first thing Monday morning - not the ideal topic to start the week! I would like to respond to the consultation on the public toilets in Swaffham town centre please. I am very strongly against gender neutral facilities. Firstly I used to work in a large modern office (the BBC) with unisex toilets. They were always dirty, compared to the single sex facilities in other buildings belonging to the same company.

Secondly I use the toilets in Swaffham fairly regularly (as a middle aged woman, needs must!) and have never seen any misuse of the ladies. I would definitely feel put off and intimidated to use a single sex facility if there was the possibility of coming across men taking or dealing drugs in there.

'Gender neutral' is a fashionable term to use nowadays, but it really boils down to the council saving money. In which case a couple of self-cleaning automatic cubicles like this should do the trick and you can rent the entire building out for something else. Everyone would feel much safer.



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From: Carol Free <carolfrees@sky.com>
Sent: 07 November 2019 14:50
To: Town Clerk | Swaffham Town Council
Subject: Public Toilets

I think this is an excellent idea for re-vamping these facilities. I live on the edge of Swaffham and often use them, but I never see more than one other person at the same time, so moving four to two seems to make sense.

It is vital to keep them open because of the many older people, visitors and ach parties who need them. To close them would be economic suicide for the business of the town.

Many thanks, Carol Free
