

The New Village Hall at the Nurseries

Survey Results June 2019

Five years ago an extensive survey was conducted to establish support for a new village hall and also to determine its location. Nearly 3 out of 4 of the households in the village responded, with 98% supporting the project, 70% of whom wanted the new hall as part of the Nurseries development.

In June this year a further survey was conducted, this time targeted at, but not exclusive to, a smaller group of people who might wish to express their views on the specifics of the draft plans. A consultation was held in June with a display and a discussion with interested residents prior to the Parish Council, posters were displayed on notice boards, information was provided on the Council's website and survey forms were made available at various publicised sites around the village.

Of the replies-

83% supported the proposal whilst 10% were against with 7% undecided.

A number of those who responded also made suggestions for improvements to the scheme and the Parish Council's Working Group has considered all of these and is responding to each person who made suggestions for improvement to the design. The following are the main suggestions together with the changes being made as a result-

- A serving hatch between the kitchen and the hall will be included
- A proposal to provide for the library as part of the scheme. This is already included in the Council's plans for the scheme
- A proposal to provide for the Post Office in the hall. This could be accommodated within the existing design should the Post Office wish for that.
- A question about whether the car parking is adequate. As the hall will be in the centre of the village we would like to encourage as many as can to walk to the hall where possible. The Working Group has never-the-less looked again at this question, but given the constraints of the size of the plot, it has not been possible to increase the number of car parking spaces.
- A request that the hall be moved deeper into its plot further from Rose Farm Drive. The Working Group has looked into this and by some re-configuring of the way the hall will sit on the site has found a way to move the building 6 metres further away from Rose Farm Drive without compromising the design of the hall which produced such support during the consultation.

The next step will be to apply for planning permission which will occur shortly.