

**Yes from Disabled People:** 7 of 8 disabled respondents are in favour of the cafe, with the other disabled person leaving ‘yes/no’ blank for this question . (100%)

**Yes from local residents:** 145 local residents are in favour of the cafe, (90.6% of 160 local residents who responded)

**3. Question 3 (yes/no): Are you in favour of the proposed pavilion clubroom for regular meetings by local organisations & for activities such as Chess club/other?**

**Yes**

**159** respondents (93.5%). Breakdown by gender:

- 100 Female representing 95.2% of all of the 105 Female respondents
- 52 Male representing 89.7% of all of the 58 Male respondents
- 3 Other
- 4 Blank entries for gender (all aged 65 & over)

**No**

**11** respondents (6.5%). Breakdown by gender:

- 5 Female : 1 aged 25 to 34; 1 aged 45 to 54; 1 aged 55 to 64; 2 aged 65 & over
- 6 Male: 1 aged 18 to 24; 5 aged 65 & over

(Note that there were 3 respondents to this question who added comments but did not say yes or no to the specific question. They are counted in terms of responding to the questionnaire, and their comments are included in the appendices, but they are not counted on this individual question).

**Breakdown of “Yes” by age & gender:  
(does not include blank entries for gender or age)**

	Under 18	18 to 24	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 & over	TOTAL
<b>Female</b>	1 (1%)	2 (2%)	6 (6%)	22 (22%)	21 (21%)	21 (21%)	27 (27%)	100
<b>Male</b>	4 (7.7%)	3 (5.8%)	11 (21.1%)	10 (19.2%)	3 (5.8%)	8 (15.4%)	13 (25%)	52
<b>Other</b>	0 (%)	1 (33.3%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (66.7%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	5 (3.2%)	6 (3.9%)	17 (11%)	34 (21.9%)	24 (15.5%)	29 (18.7%)	40 (25.9%)	155

**Yes from Disabled People:** 7 of 8 disabled respondents are in favour of the Clubroom/meeting room, with the other disabled person leaving ‘yes/no’ blank for this question. (100%)

**Yes from local residents:** 149 local residents are in favour of the Clubroom/meeting room (93.1% of 160 local residents who responded)

**4. Question 4 (yes/no): Do you feel the range of proposed facilities at the pavilion would increase your usage of the Battle Recreation site?**

**Yes**

136 respondents (81%). Breakdown by gender:

- 84 Female representing 81.6% of all of the 103 Female respondents
- 46 Male representing 79.3% of all of the 58 Male respondents
- 3 Other: 1 aged 18 to 24; 2 aged 35 to 44
- 3 Blank entries for gender (all aged 65 & over)

**No**

32 respondents (19%). Breakdown by gender:

- 19 Female: 1 aged 18 to 24; 2 aged 25 to 34; 2 aged 35 to 44, 2 aged 45 to 54; 5 aged 55 to 64; 7 aged 65 & over.
- 12 Male: 2 aged 18 to 24; 1 aged 25 to 34; 1 aged 35 to 44; 1 aged 55 to 64; 7 aged 65 & over
- 1 Blank entry for gender (& age)

(Note that there were 5 respondents to this question who added comments but did not say yes or no to the specific question. They are counted in terms of responding to the questionnaire, and their comments are included in the appendices, but they are not counted on this individual question).

**Breakdown of “Yes” by age & gender:  
(does not include blank entries for gender or age)**

	Under 18	18 to 24	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 & over	TOTAL
<b>Female</b>	0 (0.0%)	1 (1.2%)	3 (3.6%)	22 (26.2%)	19 (22.6%)	17 (20.2%)	22 (26.2%)	84
<b>Male</b>	4 (8.7%)	2 (4.3%)	10 (21.7%)	9 (19.6%)	3 (6.5%)	7 (15.2%)	11 (23.9%)	46
<b>Other</b>	0 (0.0%)	1 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	4 (3.0%)	4 (3.0%)	13 (9.8%)	33 (24.8%)	22 (16.5%)	24 (18.0%)	33 (24.8%)	133

**Yes from Disabled People:** 7 of 8 disabled respondents feel the new facilities would increase their usage of the site, with the other disabled person leaving ‘yes/no’ blank for this question. (100%)

**Yes from local residents:** 128 local residents feel the new facilities would increase their usage of the site, (80.5%) of 159 local residents who responded.

**Question 5 (yes/no): Do you feel the proposed facilities will improve your physical & mental wellbeing, skills, or promote better community cohesion?**

**Yes**

143 respondents (84.6%). Breakdown by gender:

- 92 Female representing 87.6% of all of the 105 Female respondents
- 46 Male representing 79.3% of all of the 58 Male respondents
- 3 Other: 1 aged 18 to 24; 2 aged 35 to 44
- 2 Blank entries for gender (1 aged 65 & over; 1 blank for age)

**No**

26 respondents (15.4%). Breakdown by gender:

- 13 Female : 1 aged 18 to 24; 2 aged 25 to 34; 1 aged 35 to 44; 2 aged 45 to 54; 3 aged 55 to 64; 4 aged 65 & over.
- 12 Male: 1 aged 18 to 24; 1 aged 35 to 44; 2 aged 55 to 64; 8 aged 65 & over.
- 1 Blank entry (aged 65 & over)

(Note that there were 4 respondents to this question who added comments but did not say yes or no to the specific question. They are counted in terms of responding to the questionnaire, and their comments are included in the appendices, but they are not counted on this individual question).

**Breakdown of “Yes” by age & gender:  
(does not include blank entries for gender or age)**

	Under 18	18 to 24	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 & over	TOTAL
<b>Female</b>	1 (1.1%)	1 (1.1%)	5 (5.4%)	21 (22.8%)	20 (21.7%)	19 (20.7%)	25 (27.2%)	92
<b>Male</b>	4 (8.7%)	3 (6.5%)	11 (23.9%)	9 (19.6%)	3 (6.5%)	6 (13%)	10 (21.7%)	46
<b>Other</b>	0 (0.0%)	1 (33.3%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (66.7%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	5 (3.5%)	5 (3.5%)	16 (11.3%)	32 (22.7%)	23 (16.3%)	25 (17.7%)	35 (24.8%)	141

**Yes from Disabled People:** 7 of 8 disabled respondents feel the proposed facilities will improve their physical & mental wellbeing, skills, or promote better community cohesion, with the other disabled person leaving 'yes/no' blank for this question. (100%)

**Yes from local residents:** 136 local residents feel the proposed facilities will improve their physical & mental wellbeing, skills, or promote better community cohesion, (85% of 160 local residents who responded)

## 6 Conclusions

6.1 Local people were overwhelmingly in support of provision of a new Pavillion , Cafe and Clubroom/Meeting Room, and felt that the new facilities would increase their usage, improve their physical and mental wellbeing and promote better community cohesion.

6.2 A number of key issues were highlighted in the consultation which are relevant and should be addressed by the project steering group. A minority of respondents gave robust views on some of the following areas:

**\* Key issues raised in the consultation included:**

A perceived need locally, for the Pavilion, cafe and meeting room

Cleaning

Individuals' ad-hoc use of the changing facilities

Costs to local residents (hire charges, cafe prices)

Car Parking issues, including the increasing use of the existing provision

Staffing and Management of the cafe/ competing with the High Street ( franchise with local existing cafe?)

Lack of detail on the funding for the pavilion for local residents

Continuing development of the Rec. facilities and impacts of this

## 7 Comments on questions:

Comments to questions are listed as follows:

**Annex A:** covers comments made for question 5; 108 respondents, including commented in the text box for Question 5.

**Annex B:** covers comments made for question 6;  
127 of respondents commented in the text box for Question 6.

**Annex C:** covers comments made for question 7;  
91 respondents commented in the text box for Question 7. Comments are split into two main headings: Benefits/Barriers & Suggestions to overcome them;

Without any weighting being given to the comments, a breakdown of the those under Barriers & Suggestions to overcome them – by category – is as follows.

- Café: 13 comments (22.4%)

- Car Parking: 10 (17.2%)
- Ecology/Environment: 3 (5.2%)
- Funding/Cost: 3 (5.2%)
- Inclusion: 2 (3.4%)
- Pavilion as a whole: 14 (24.1%)
- Personal/Individual: 11 (19.0%)
- Vandalism: 2 (3.4%)

**Annex D:** covers added comments made for questions 1,2,3 ( which was a yes/no question).

**Annex E:** Paper/Online questionnaire including online drawing

**Annex F:** links to previous consultations related to the pavilion/cafe/clubroom project:  
3 hyperlinks to be added

## Annex A

### Comments for Question 5:

**Do you feel the proposed facilities would improve your physical and mental wellbeing, skills, or promote better social cohesion? If yes, how?**

#### Café

- 1 An occasional cup of coffee. Toilet facilities
- 2 Anywhere with a cafe brings families together as a hub, combining a catch up with exercise. Perfect combination like Egerton Park in Bexhill
- 3 Enjoying outside refreshments with less pollution
- 4 Good to have more facilities for activities, meetings and exercise classes. Cafe will be a good meeting place for friends and families
- 5 I think people will be more likely to use the facilities. That's already the case after the bike track and walking path. Having a cafe will make it a good place to meet for a longer period of time
- 6 I use the rec for running, meeting friends and with my children. We would use the café
- 7 I would possibly use the Rec more if there was a cafe available (with toilets). Would definitely visit on warm days after school for an ice cream or a cold drink. Lovely!
- 8 Meeting friends for coffee
- 9 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
- 10 Probably only to get a hot/cold drink and occasionally need to use a toilet
- 11 Somewhere to meet friends and stroll, have a coffee, sit and chat. Leave the sport facilities to the youngsters, but watch the activity. The cafe, or refreshment bar, is a most important feature
- 12 The ability to have a walk meet friends and let children play and have a coffee snacks and drinks nearby
- 13 The café would be a place to meet friends even on a wet day
- 14 The Rec needs a place for refreshments

#### Community cohesion

- 1 A place to bring people together
- 2 Additional meeting place with friends and neighbours
- 3 Already use Rec every day. Community cohesion.
- 4 As a mother of an enthusiastic bike skills rider, who has spent many hours at the park, the forever anticipated facilities coming to fruition would be fantastic. As someone who runs, walks and is frequently here, it has been interesting to see how the building of the track has got people out and active...so thank you for that
- 5 Better facilities would attract more people to play sport, walk more etc which would benefit all

- 6 By providing a social meeting place
- 7 Community groups can use
- 8 Encourage more mixing with different people
- 9 Gets people out and makes a local sense of community
- 10 Great for all those areas. I think the Rec. would become a much more inviting place to spend more time..... and for it not just be a place for the kids to play, but for everyone to socialise more
- 11 I think it will enhance the community spirit, Bring people together
- 12 I think this would be a space for the members of the community rather than visitors. As lots of families gather there already I would think these would be the primary users. Older people can easily access this area so would be a good place to meet and mix with all ages
- 13 It will be a hub for locals to gather
- 14 It will make it easier for a wider range of people to interact
- 15 It would provide a meeting place for people. Talking to others helps so much with mental health
- 16 It would provide a new vibrant social hub which would allow me to meet with friends and develop connections in community
- 17 More facilities for community groups, meeting places generally, great idea having outdoor activities and also a cafe/meeting room
- 18 Opportunity for more diverse clubs/activities for residents to meet up. Opportunity for community groups to take responsibility for the cafe to run events
- 19 Possibly better community cohesion but I doubt if my physical and mental wellbeing or skills will be affected one way or the other
- 20 Presents an opportunity to join fitness group. Meeting place for younger and older people to mix  
Community hub
- 21 Promote better community cohesion by providing a local meeting place for different groups of residents. A chance for people to gather, participate in social events etc
- 22 Somewhere people can meet and socialise is always a benefit
- 23 The proposed facilities would be a definite benefit to the community as users to this area have significantly increased
- 24 The provision of a meeting place such as a cafe/clubhouse would provide an opportunity for all ages to meet in a relaxed environment with refreshments from where they could use the other facilities on offer as well as providing a place for teams to socialise post matches
- 25 Young people have more to do in Battle to get them outside.

## **Families**

- 1 A wonderful idea to encourage families to meet and enjoy the wonderful Rec.
- 2 As great as everything is being done and has been done I personally feel that toddlers are missing out The young children are the future however the children's play park is run down and needs

seriously updating. There isn't a climbing frame and slide suitable for young children who don't have the ability to climb the castle

- 3 Being able to meet friends and their children and to get a drink and snack whilst the children play would be so beneficial to mental well being
- 4 Good place to meet up with friends and family
- 5 Good to have facilities/seating/food and toilets when taking children to the park
- 6 I would be more inclined to visit with my children with a better facilities on site
- 7 Meeting place for parents and grandparents with children using the recreation ground facilities. Encouraging families to stay longer and use the facilities more. Better opportunities for developing groups for the community
- 8 More activities, the more freedom, the more available for the whole family to be entertained
- 9 My son will use the site more once we have come out of lockdown, it is the wrong side of battle for us to get regular use out of the rec it would be nice to have access to more green space during winter especially the other side of battle as woods and paths are difficult to walk due to mud
- 10 We will be able to keep the family outside at the Rec for longer periods if there are better food/drink facilities this will be very good for all our activity levels
- 11 Would encourage me to come out of the house more and engage with friends in a great setting that is good for me and my kids

### **Football/Sports**

- 1 Allow Battle Town FC better facilities to contribute more to the local community
- 2 As a past player for Battle Town (Baptist) the community, players and coaches were always so welcoming. To enable a centre for this to thrive would be amazing for the Town
- 3 As part of the football club better facilities is always a plus. Also my wife and 2 girls who rarely watch me said she would be more likely to attend if there was somewhere for a cuppa and toilets. The club has always been child friendly but is missing this final bit. Alongside this there has been an increase in supporters to the games and talking to them afterwards has been lovely. The community spirit is incredible and being able to enjoy a safe space and a beverage would only enhance this experience.
- 4 Good facilities have been put in place & will encourage team sports
- 5 Gives the town a focus for sporting activity
- 6 I play for Battle Town, so having better facilities will hopefully promote the club better in the town, helping to attract not only local players, but players from around the area to come and join the club
- 7 If suitable for a table tennis club then yes we would use
- 8 The current building (pavilion) is very old and unsuitable for community use. A new pavilion, with clean and tidy changing areas and sanitary toilet facilities will encourage more people and organisations to use it and encourage people to meet in a community hub
- 9 Using the new changing rooms & refreshments area for walking football will help improve my physical & mental wellbeing. Better changing facilities and an affordable meeting room and



cafe will help increase use of Battle Rec as a community hub - a great place to engage in formal and informal sport and leisure activities and socialise with friends - all promoting community cohesion

- 10 Yes it would improve my mental wellbeing at that of the football community that I am a part of. This would bring Battle Town Football Club even closer to the community through the club room and also open up more footballing and other sporting opportunities for people of all ages and abilities to engage in physical activity, to the benefit of their mental health

### **Health Pathway**

- 1 Make better use of Battle Health pathway
- 2 Now the Health pathway has been completed, it is possible to take regular exercise in the Rec in all weathers

### **Individual/Personal**

- 1 Encourage me & others to use the Rec more & for different purposes
- 2 Encourage me to spend more time in the open & meet people when we can
- 3 Enjoying the rec even more
- 4 Every time I walk the pathway , my soul feels uplifted and inspired to look forward to brighter new days for all of us in Battle
- 5 Facilities available for friends to meet me as it is close by & would be inclined to stay longer
- 6 Hopefully, my yoga lessons will move in!!
- 7 I am at the Rec every day but other users may stay for longer
- 8 I believe that knowing there are facilities there I would find it a great place to work out and enjoy the new facilities pre and post workout
- 9 I currently use the track/pathway around the park/pavilion every other day for my running track sessions and I feel having a place to meet friends/family and purchase hot drinks/snacks etc would be a wonderful idea
- 10 I use the Rec a lot anyway, but would stay longer if I can buy a cup of tea. Anything for community life is good. This is limited in Battle, especially for young families & teenagers
- 11 I won't
- 12 I would use it more
- 13 I would use the park more, to exercise, take my daughter, meet up with friends, with a coffee and cake!
- 14 Increased socialising and exercise
- 15 Increasing participation
- 16 It will provide me with a range of activities
- 17 It would allow me to meet people in a nice area to sit or walk around with a drink
- 18 It would be a nice place to meet friends and neighbours
- 19 It would be fantastic to meet with friends and have the opportunity to purchase refreshments