Appendix A to Appendix B

POTTON NEEDS YOUR VIEWS!



March 2012

Dear Potton Resident,

There is a strong opportunity for Potton to have a Community Hall and outdoor space to be developed in parallel with the new mixed use development east of Biggleswade Road.

There have been attempts to build a Community Hall before, without success. A Steering Group of interested organisations has been set up to work on a feasibility study and business plan with the developers and Central Bedfordshire Council. Potton already has over five thousand people living here and if the proposed housing developments go ahead, we would like community facilities to keep up with the growing population and support all the sports and cultural activities we enjoy.

That's why we are now writing to every household in Potton to ask whether there are individuals who may be interested in setting up a club e.g. badminton, ball room dancing, martial arts or special interest, or whether you feel there is a need for a community hall large enough to provide private parties, wedding receptions etc. This may be the last opportunity to provide a Community Hall suitable for all our residents, whatever their age or interests. In 2008, overseen by Potton Town Council, 46% of respondents to the Potton Town Plan said there was a need for a larger self-financing hall in Potton. We would like to test this with further public consultation.

We plan to use your responses to produce an outline plan for public consultation in April (details will be in The Chronicle) which will show whether we have a sustainable business plan for the future of the hall. That's why we need to know your views and that there is sufficient demand for this proposal. Even if you don't want a new hall to be built, it would be helpful to know why.

I would be grateful if you could complete the questionnaire and return it either to The Library or The Post Office, or if you prefer, or come and see us in person at the Potton Four Seasons Market on Saturday 24th March.

Yours sincerely,

Geoff Emery, Chairman, Potton Hall for All Steering Group

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QUESTION	Yes or No	SPECIFIC POINTS
Are there any activities you enjoy		
outside Potton because there is		,
not a hall large enough here ?		
Are there activities you would		
like to see started in Potton if we		
had a large enough hall?	8 (4)	
Are you likely to hire or attend a	Hire / visit/ both / neither	
large Community Hall in Potton?		2
How often would you use a large	Daily / weekly / monthly/	
hall, (big enough for 2 badminton	annually / less often / not	*
courts?)	at all	
How often would you use smaller	Daily / weekly / monthly/	
meeting rooms?	annually / less often / not	
	at all	
Out of 5, how important is it that	0 – not important	
the hall has the following	5 – very important	
facilities:		
Bar		
Café		
Kitchen		
Changing Rooms		
Showers		
Stage		
Storage		
Wi Fi		9
Disabled access and toilets	Activity is	
Car Parking		
Other requirements		
How much per month would you	Nothing/ £2 / £5 / £10	
be prepared to pay on your rates		-
for such a facility ?		+
How much would you be willing	£15 /£20 /£25/£30 per	
to pay to hire a large community	hour / other amount	
facility in Potton?		
Would you be interested in	Yes / No / Please contact	
joining the steering /	me on	
management committee ?	to discuss	

Are you a member of an organisation? If so which one(s)?

Please keep me up to date with developments about the Potton Hall For All
Name
Address
Phone Number
Email Address