

## Hooper's Field Draft Plans - Consultation feedback

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Resident	I was rather hoping for all weather football facilities	What is the rationale for a Parish Office with room for 5 desks and a meeting area? How much will this room be used? Who will use it and when? How many Parish Councillors will be working in the same place at the same time? I'm not necessarily against it, just wondering if this space could be better used?	<p>Parish Council have considered "All weather" football pitches however to ensure we keep a range of sports at Hooper's Field there is not room to install "all weather" football pitches without having to take away another sport such as Cricket.</p> <p>Wanborough JFC have confirmed they would like grass football pitches to be retained as all their matches will be on grass.</p> <p>SBC have confirmed that with all the future planned "all weather" pitches across Swindon they have sufficient capacity to cover local needs.</p> <p>Parish Office – With the ever increasing demand on Parish Council taking on more services from SBC there is an urgent need for a Parish Office. Additional admin support is needed for the Parish Clerk.</p> <p>The Parish Office on site at Hooper's Field will also provide additional security for the facility.</p> <p>Meeting Room – The aim is to let out the meeting room to gain further income for the facility it will not solely be used by the Parish Council.</p>
Resident	Future car park lighting/scoreboard/benches for petanque area Family friendly community cafe	Petanque area (15x12m?)....gives 5 club or 3 international size pistes or distanced for safety use same gravel on coach stand for additional piste for occasional use/teaching. Landscaping for passers-by, a sort of "Boulevard/Seating feel" Key code timer for external wc access	<p>Petanque area on the plans will be revised to show an area of 15x12m.</p> <p>Community Café is something to consider in the future but at the moment is not something we consider will be viable.</p>

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			Seating can be added later if needed. Access to external WC to be agreed at the detailed design stage.
No name given	Are you sure this will not make the cricket pitch too small	I am worried this will make the cricket pitch boundary too small. I cricket pitch is longer and wider than the length of a football pitch by some distance	Cricket pitch will remain the same size, we have no plans to change this. In addition we will be improving the supporting facilities for the Cricket Club such as better storage, changing facilities etc.
Resident	Is there provision in the plan to enable badminton to be played? I did suggest this in the initial consultation. This sport needs little equipment and not a huge amount of space. A badminton club would be very viable and could contribute to usage and finances of the facility.	It looks good although the plans are pretty "busy" to go through online and fully understand.	<p>Parish Council have looked at the feasibility of a badminton court, however in order to accommodate this the overall size and height of the main hall would have to be significantly increased. A badminton club would need at least 2 courts in order to use the facility as their base. On balance it was agreed that there is not sufficient room within the footprint of Hooper's Field to install a big enough hall to accommodate two badminton courts.</p> <p>Unfortunately we could not hold a face to face consultation event so all plans could only be viewed online or by looking at the display of the plans on the external wall of the pavilion. Hopefully when allowed we will be able to display the plans to all.</p>
Ward Councillor	No	<p>The plans are ambitious without a business case to show the facility can be run within existing budgets by the village</p> <p>In a village the size of Wanborough it is not viable to have two halls and expect to fill them - they will compete to the detriment of both.</p>	<p>Parish Council Project Committee will be working on the final "Business Case" that will support the plans and be used to apply for grant funding.</p> <p>The Village Hall and Hooper's Field main hall serve two different purposes and will not have a detrimental impact on each other. The Village Hall is mainly taken up by Wanborough Playgroup during the day and scouts on three evenings of the week.</p>

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Ward Councillor (continued)		<p>The new hall is not large enough to increase its letting viability and the existing one is already used for exercise classes.</p> <p>The works appear considerable without adding additional sporting capacity. Additional grant funding is always considered on whether it increases sport and participation and whether it is viable. No sports funding body will provide funding when the facility may have to close due to financial problems.</p> <p>To assist in making the facility viable you would have to encourage considerable use from outside the village increasing traffic and wear and tear on the driveway and pitches.</p>	<p>Parish Council have consulted with the current users of the main hall, fitness groups, who have confirmed the new size of the hall will be a better size for their fitness classes making them more viable. Parish Council have also had to turn away exercise classes as the hall is not large enough for them to use. Parish Council have also visited other similar venues to carry out a comparison. SWA Architect have extensive experience of designing halls similar to the one being proposed and have confirmed it meets the requirements for exercise classes.</p> <p>The proposed size of the hall, with natural lighting, will increase the letting viability, increase the income from letting and make the facility for financially viable.</p> <p>The expansion proposals will provide additional sporting capacity including:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase capacity for Tennis with floodlights on courts 3 &amp; 4</li> <li>• New Petanque Club – introducing a new sport</li> <li>• Larger hall to accommodate more fitness classes and other community clubs</li> <li>• Multipurpose facility that can hold more than one event at the same time. i.e Hall can be let at the same time as external sporting activities therefore increasing capacity.</li> <li>• Short mat indoor bowls.</li> <li>• Sports field will be designed to allow Wanborough JFC to use the facility as their main hub for all age groups.</li> </ul>

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Ward Councillor (continued)		<p>It has been some time but are all clubs now covering in full the cost of maintaining their facilities including setting aside sufficient for replacement of facilities over a period of time? Far larger Parishes in Swindon have struggled with sport facility viability including Stratton and more recently Highworth. There the Town Council has had to put in place a considerable precept increase to stop the sports facility from closing.</p> <p>It is also relevant to consider that if the users are from within Wanborough or without? I know from previous questions that many of the members of all clubs including the adult football team now using it are from outside the village, yet residents here will have to pay for it and their money has been spent developing extensive plans before a business case proves viability.</p> <p>A village of this size does not require a parish office or meeting room. The existing halls serve the purpose of meetings and the new hall would still be less adequate for public meetings than the village hall.</p>	<p>The facilities at Highworth &amp; Stratton are considerably different to Hooper’s Field and therefore you cannot compare. The aim is to provide a facility that is financially viable by providing better facilities to support all sports clubs.</p> <p>All clubs have members from both within the village and outside the village. The aim is to provide good quality facilities for the Parish that can be used by all residents within the Parish if they so wish to. You make reference to the adult football team, but this adult team are now working with Wanborough JFC, have helped improve the facility from grants they have gained themselves and are keen to help by volunteering their own time to make the facility better. Outside teams are also charged more to use the facility.</p> <p>With the ever increasing demands on Parish Council and with the “Transfer of Services” from SBC there is a need for a Parish Office. Other Parishes such as Chiseldon have recently converted part of another building into an office with the support of their Councillors, other Councils also have offices. With the future expansion proposals within the Parish, we cannot continue with a Clerk working from home and a Handyman working from the boot of his car. Having a Parish Office at Hooper’s Field will also provide additional security for the facility and will have many other benefits to residents in the village.</p>

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Ward Councillor (continued)		<p>Rationalisation of the driveway would have made more sense. The direction of travel in viability is all weather sports pitches but nothing is considered. It is a matter of seeing where additional funding could be sought.</p> <p>The hall isn't big enough for indoor sports.</p> <p>The pond is part of Hooper's Field and I've been contacted by residents about its condition.</p> <p>My view is that for much less expenditure the hall could have had a kitchen incorporated, upgrade the existing changing and facilities, add solar to assist with cost and deal with the driveway.</p>	<p>The entrance to Hooper's Field has remained the same but improvements are made internally to make the driveway and parking areas better. There are planning constraints with moving the entrance.</p> <p>If you are referring to indoor football or badminton then no the Hall will not be big enough for that. However it will be big enough for Short Mat Indoor Bowls, fitness classes, table tennis and the tennis coach uses the hall to coach small children when it's wet outside.</p> <p>Parish Council have already agreed to improve this area as a separate project.</p> <p>The kitchen has been positioned in a central point so that all clubs can access the kitchen while the halls are let out.</p> <p>Parish Council are considering solar panels as part of the project.</p>