COMMUNITY AND LEISURE

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APPENDIX C1 – COMMUNITY BUILDINGS IN BEACONSFIELD

Name of building		Size Metres	Capacity (if relevant)
Pu	blicly Owned buildings		
Beacon Centre (Owned by SBDC – let to Better)	Sports Hall, Gym, Theatre (plus stage)		209
Town Hall – Beaconsfield Chambers (plus kitchen) (owned by SBDC – let to Town Council)			70
Curzon Centre (owned by Bucks CC – let	Page Hall	21 x 12	250
to Curzon Centre Management	Page Hall – stage	13.5 x 12	
committee)	Owen Room	11 x 8.5	100
(plus foyer and kitchen)	Watson Room	8.5 x 6	80
Town Library (BCC)			
Coroner's Court (BCC)			
Pri Fitzwilliams Centre (owned by	vately Owned Buildings Main Hall & kitchen	15 x 7	120
Beaconsfield Anglican Team Ministry)	Room 1		
Beaconstield Anglican Team Ministry)			
		8 x 6	40
(plus fover and kitchen)	Room 2	6 x 4.6	40 30
(plus foyer and kitchen) Masonic Hall (long lease to Beaconsfield Masons)			40
Masonic Hall (long lease to Beaconsfield Masons)	Room 2 Room 3	6 x 4.6	40 30
Masonic Hall (long lease to Beaconsfield Masons)	Room 2 Room 3 Nearly always fully booked	6 x 4.6	40 30 12
Masonic Hall (long lease to Beaconsfield Masons) St Michael's Hall & Community	Room 2 Room 3 Nearly always fully booked Hall & kitchen	6 x 4.6	40 30 12
Masonic Hall (long lease to Beaconsfield Masons) St Michael's Hall & Community Resources centre (Anglicans) St Thomas' Church Hall	Room 2 Room 3 Nearly always fully booked Hall & kitchen CCRC dividable room	6 x 4.6 4.5 x 4	40 30 12 100 20 + 20
Masonic Hall (long lease to Beaconsfield Masons) St Michael's Hall & Community Resources centre (Anglicans) St Thomas' Church Hall St Teresa's Parish Centre (RC)	Room 2 Room 3 Nearly always fully booked Hall & kitchen CCRC dividable room Hall and kitchen Can be 1 large hall for 150 or	6 x 4.6 4.5 x 4	40 30 12 100 20 + 20 80
Masonic Hall (long lease to Beaconsfield Masons) St Michael's Hall & Community Resources centre (Anglicans)	Room 2 Room 3 Nearly always fully booked Hall & kitchen CCRC dividable room Hall and kitchen Can be 1 large hall for 150 or	6 x 4.6 4.5 x 4	40 30 12 100 20 + 20 80 80

Schools

All the local schools offer their buildings for community use. Halls such as the ones at The Beaconsfield School or Beaconsfield High School have a capacity of some 350 people.

It is worth noting that Alfriston School (although not in the local authority area), High March and Davenies all have swimming pools, which are sometimes available to the public.

APPENDIX C2 – CURRENT SPORTS PROVISION IN BEACONSFIELD

Sport	Current Provision	Number of members	Notes
Football: Holtspur FC			Wilton Park SPD includes guarantee of provision of football pitches for Holtspur FC
Football: SYCOB			
Rugby: Beaconsfield Rugby Club	Rugby ground on lease from Hall Barn with 3 pitches & clubhouse	4 adult teams 7 youth teams 7 mini teams	
Cricket: Beaconsfield Cricket Club	Own the Cricket Ground with a club house and 3 cricket pitches	5 adult teams 6 youth teams	
Squash: Beaconsfield Squash Club	Squash club currently leased from Hall Barn with ?5 courts and a bar and members area		
Sports Centre & Gym: The Beacon Centre	Currently leased to Better! who run the centre with fitness gym with 40+ stations, and 4 court sports hall. Outdoor grass pitch		Run a number of activities including trampolining, parkour, athletics, badminton judo and fitness programmes
Tennis: Beaconsfield Tennis Club	Land on lease from Beaconsfield Town Council with 10 courts and clubhouse	302 members in total of which there are 125 Junior players; courts available for public use	Longheld desire and demand for better facilities, especially the clubhouse
Hockey: Gerrards Cross Hockey Club	Juniors train at Beaconsfield High School on their all- weather pitch		
Cycling: Beaconsfield Cycling Club	Road cycling club established in 2014		Looking to establish Velo Park in Beaconsfield

APPENDIX C3 – A MULTI-USE SPORTS FACILITY FOR BEACONSFIELD

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INTRODUCTION

When asked why Beaconsfield does not have a swimming pool (leisure centre) available for use by all members of the community the answer given goes along the line of - the population of Beaconsfield (Old Town, New Town and Holtspur) is not big enough for such a facility to be sustained. The population of Beaconsfield captured by the 2011 census was 12,081.

To validate this statement we have taken a couple examples of community sports centres in the UK looking at the facilities they offer, the size of the community and the pricing structure currently in place.

LEISURE CENTRE A

Leisure Centre A can be found in the market town of **Uppingham** located in the smallest county in the country of Rutland in the East Midlands of England.

This environmentally-friendly eco-build centre is attached to a fee paying secondary school offering facilities of a 'county' level and is also open for use by the local community – residents, sports clubs and other schools. Although designed as a dual-use facility, the Sports Centre is reserved for exclusive use by School pupils on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday games afternoons. It also houses the PE department classrooms and offices.

The population of Uppingham as stated by the 2011 census is **3,781** and the Uppingham School Sports Centre (USSC) was officially opened in March 2011 by Lord Coe, the Chairman of the organising committee for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games and four times Olympic medal winner.

Link:- http://sportscentre.uppingham.co.uk/

LEISURE CENTRE B

Leisure Centre B is located in the market town of **Bingham** in Nottinghamshire, regarded in 2013 as the best town in England and Wales to raise a family. Again the centre is attached to a school, in this case a mixed comprehensive school and has been providing these facilities to the local community for the last 60 years. The population of Bingham is approximately **9,000**.

Link:- http://www.leisurecentre.com/bingham-leisure-centre

FACILITIES WITHIN THESE TWO LEISURE CENTRES

LEISURE CENTRE A

- 25m swimming pool a 6 lane pool goes to a depth of 2m, and is fitted with starting blocks and a full timing system. The activities that can take place in the pool include – swimming, water polo, canoeing, scuba diving, life-saving and hydro-therapy.
- **Fitness studio** 53-station fitness studio caters for all ages and abilities, with cardiovascular, free weights, resistance weights, Smiths machine and cable kit equipment. There is something for everybody.
- **3 squash courts** three glass-backed squash courts (with a further three housed nearby). Each has a juliet balcony for use by judges.
- **Gymnasium** natural light-filled gymnasium has a semi-sprung Junckers floor and is a wonderful space for fencing (three pistes), trampolining (two training rigs for coaching) and other traditional gymnastic disciplines (ropes, beams, boxes, horses etc).
- **2 dance studios** like the gymnasium the dance studios all have semi-sprung Junckers floor and are mainly used by pupils for aerobics and dance classes. Traditional ballet is also taught as a peripatetic subject.
- **6 court sports hall** adapted to accommodate badminton, basketball, 5-a-side football, indoor hockey and tennis, netball, table tennis and volleyball. There are also 5 cricket nets, plus bowling machines
- Archery Corridor houses two bosses (targets) and is used by the teams and members of the Archery Club.
- 12 outdoor tennis courts
- Hospitality Suite used mainly for post-match hospitality the suite is a flexible space with a retractable wall which can seat up to 220 people (292 standing).
- Treatment and therapy rooms

The current pricing structures for these facilities are:

Swimming £4.20

£3.20 (Under 14s and 65+)

Tennis £10.00 per court per hour

Squash £8.00 per court per 45 minutes

Badminton £10.00 per court per hour

Table Tennis £7.50 per table per hour

NB Prices discounted for Leisure

Card holders.

LEISURE CENTRE B

• 25m swimming pool

The current pricing structures for swimming are:

Adult	Non Loyalty Card Holder	£4.80
	Loyalty Card Holder	£4.25
	Concession (60+)	£2.60
Junior	Non Loyalty Card Holder	£3.05
	Loyalty Card Holder	£2.60
Under 5's		FREE
Family Swim 1 (1 Adult + 2 Children)	Non Loyalty Card Holder	£7.85
	Loyalty Card Holder	£7.05
Family Swim 2 (2 adults + 3 Children)	Non Loyalty Card Holder	£13.50
	Loyalty Card Holder	£12.30
Aquazone Swimming Lessons	Block of 10 Classes	£47.00

• 45 station gym

- **Sports hall** available for a variety of activities from 5-a-side football, to basketball, to badminton. Used by clubs, groups and individuals for a variety of activities- including gymnastics and martial arts.
- Spin studio
- Learner swimming pool
- All weather pitch suitable for football and hockey
- Athletics track
- Gymnasium
- Tennis courts

THE CASE FOR A LEISURE CENTRE FOR BEACONSFIELD

Based on these two examples, the criteria of population size, therefore, does not appear to hold. Also when looking at the population of Beaconsfield it is not just the Old Town, New Town and Holtspur that need to be taken into account but also Knotty Green, Forty Green and even the villages of Penn and Seer Green.

In the case of Seer Green its inclusion is strengthened by the 300 house development planned for Wilton Park (www.wiltonparkfuture.com) by Inland Homes (http://www.inlandhomes.co.uk/) and virtually bridging the gap between Beaconsfield and Seer Green.

Another point to bear in mind regarding Beaconsfield is that the demographics of the town are of a very affluent population. Only in November 2014 research from Lloyds Bank established that house prices in market towns are on average £24,766 (12%) higher than their county.

Two out of three market towns in England have an average house price that is above their county average. Close to the Chiltern Hills and within the London commuter belt, Beaconsfield in South Buckinghamshire has the largest house price premium with homes trading at 156% (or £501,648) above the county average.

Beaconsfield is the most expensive English market town with an average house price of £822,753. Petersfield in Hampshire (£402,216) and Cranbrook in Kent (£393,778) are the next most expensive market towns in England. Outside southern England, Bakewell is the most expensive market town with an average property value of £314,966.

Andy Hulme, mortgages director at Lloyds Bank, said: "Market towns are important hubs of social interaction and cohesion, as well as providers of employment and support for local business. Market towns are also, in most cases, very attractive places to live. This is reflected in the majority of market towns having higher property prices than their surrounding counties – a premium that increased in the past decade.

"Home buyers continue to be attracted to the high quality of life, architecture, history, setting and community spirit offered by market towns and are prepared to pay a premium to live there." The average house price in market towns across England has risen by £60,586 or 34% from £179,535 in 2004 to £240,121 in 2014. This is equivalent to an average rise of £505 per month over the past decade.

The biggest increase in prices over the past decade was in Ferryhill where the average price rose by 76% from £48,743 to £85,763. Ferryhill is followed by Saffron Walden in Essex (59%). Lewes on the south coast (48%), Beaconsfield, Midhurst in West Sussex, Berwick upon Tweed and Yately in Hampshire (all 47%) saw the next biggest rises.

Average house prices have risen in nine out of ten market towns since the bottom of the housing market in 2009. Contrary to the decade as whole, it has been market towns in the south that have performed best in the past few years. Beaconsfield in Buckinghamshire recorded the largest price growth in the past five years (37%), followed by Saffron Walden (36%) and Yateley (36%). The average price growth since 2009 for all market towns in the survey was 13%.

In summary it would appear then that Beaconsfield (and the surrounding area) has a large enough population and the right kind of population to sustain a local leisure centre and swimming pool.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Handy Cross, High Wycombe?

Questions have also been raised relating to the re-development of the leisure facilities at Handy Cross, why should facilities be provided in Beaconsfield with Handy Cross on the doorstep. Whilst acknowledge this re-development is great for the area I feel it does not meet the needs of the Beaconsfield community. Handy Cross will have a 50M Olympic size swimming pool which is fantastic, however I don't believe this would be appropriate for the young families and older generation within Beaconsfield. Also I am not aware of anybody in Beaconsfield who travels to Handy Cross to use the facilities and I don't believe a re-development will change that (this is a personal view and based on a very small sample size!). In addition I am not aware of any schools travelling to Handy Cross to use the facilities either. At the primary school level 3 fee paying schools have their own pools (High March, Davenies and Alfreston) which are in turn used by the other Beaconsfield primary schools ie St Marys pupil swim at Davenies.

What facilities should be available in the Beaconsfield Leisure Centre?

The first priority is for two swimming pools:

- Learner swimming pool
- **25m swimming pool** available for open swimming, lane swimming, aqua-aerobics, inflatable sessions for children, water polo, canoeing, scuba diving, life-saving and hydrotherapy.

Other facilities to be available:

- 6 court sports hall/gymnasium to accommodate badminton, basketball, 5-a-side football, indoor hockey and tennis, netball, table tennis, volleyball, cricket nets, indoor bowls, archery, martial arts, climbing wall, fencing, trampolining and other traditional gymnastic equipment to be available (ropes, beams, boxes, horses etc).
- **Fitness studio** a studio that caters for all ages and abilities from 15 years old upwards, with cardiovascular, free weights, resistance weights, Smiths machine and cable kit equipment. Something for everybody.
- 4 squash courts glass-backed courts
- **Dance studios** like the gymnasium the dance studios all have semi-sprung Junckers floor and are mainly used for aerobics and dance classes.
- Tennis courts
- **Hospitality Suite** for post-match hospitality the suite is a flexible space with a retractable wall which can seat up to 220 people.
- Treatment and therapy rooms
- Spin studio
- All weather pitch suitable for football and hockey
- Athletics track

CRITERIA FOR LEISURE FACILITIES

- Environmentally friendly a new build facility incorporating commonly available green, ecofriendly technology allowing production of a proportion if not all of its energy requirements
 (deep ground thermal heating, solar panels, rain water capture for use in toilets, fully
 insulated to prevent heat loss etc). Such technology could even generate a revenue stream
 by feeding the national grid with the electricity generated through the solar panels.
- Affordable for every member of the community fundamentally the facilities provided should be affordable to every member of the community young and old. For example the pricing policy should allow a young family (2 adults and 2 children) to all go swimming for £10.
- Availability available to all individuals, groups and schools in the Beaconsfield area.
- London 2012 Olympic legacy to inspire the next generation of British athletes.
- Location that is accessible from all areas by all accessible by foot, by bicycle, by car, by public transport.
- **Run as a charity** Set up as a charity non-profit organisation with all revenue generated being re-invested into the running and maintenance of the facilities.
- Act as a community hub facilities for the arts/drama, educational and support groups etc to be sited at the same location as the leisure facilities.

A number of facilities are already provided in Beaconsfield, however in the majority these facilities are dispersed throughout the town, the tennis courts for example, however all facilities should all come under the Beaconsfield Leisure Centre umbrella.

SUMMARY

- The population of Beaconsfield is large enough to sustain a swimming pool/leisure centre.
- The composition of Beaconsfield's population appears to be right to sustain a swimming pool/leisure centre, i.e., affluent.
- The population of Beaconsfield are asking for a swimming pool/leisure centre as proved by the results of the Vision 4 Beaconsfield survey.
- The more the sports facilities are grouped together the better thus creating a hub of activity for the community (other facilities for the arts and educational and support groups etc should also be co-located on the same site)
- Location of the facilities is very important and at the moment the re-development of Wilton Park provides the right opportunity to do this.
- To achieve a purpose built swimming pool/leisure centre requires some simple and intelligent joined up thinking between all respective parties (County Council, District Council, Town Council etc.)
- Proof of concept of the provision of additional sports facilities for Beaconsfield could be
 provided by making more of something that the town already has ie the tennis courts,
 revamping them and increasing their profile and availability to the Beaconsfield
 community thus increasing their usage and generating a revenue line.

APPENDIX C4 – MULTI-USE SPORTS CONCEPT

Multi-use Sports Concept – Potential Opportunities with Priorities

Sport	SIZE	Needs	Issues	Notes
1 Football		G3 and 6+ pitches	Holtspur FC existing usage/"ownership"	SDB "min 3 hectares", potential SYCOB G3 usage
2 General Keep Fit		Fitness trail, cycling, running	Sisters group, on road jogging options poor	Rendez vous point, social centre, car park
		Walking, nature trail	Wealth of natural features on site to enjoy	Café, Changing rooms
3 Sports club				
Swimming Pool		Lane swimming and classes	Competition at Bell House, new HW pool, etc	On the Town wish list for decades
Gym		Full function multi-gym	Glory Mill, HW, Stoke Park, Amersham Bell House,	Cannibalise Beacon Centre sports activity
			Treadaway Hill, Virgin HW competition	Contract to 2021, potential to repurpose on arts
3 General Sports Hall		See uses below		SBDC SDB mandates "Community hub 20k m2"
Badminton		6 courts	Use schools and Beacon	Cannibalise Beacon Centre – see above.
Table Tennis		Multiple tables within hall	No club in town currently	Cannibalise Beacon Centre – see above.
Classes		Yoga, Zumba, Tai Chi, Dance etc	BCC and private courses in hall and Curzon	Cannibalise Curzon Centre usage
Football		Indoor 5 a side within hall		
Basketball		2 pitches within Hall	No club in the town	
Netball		2 pitches within Hall	No club in the town	
Disability Sport		Wheelchair basketball/Tennis/	Needs further analysis, positive social	Disability tennis possible in new courts at WP
		rugby	benefit and enhances case	– gives access to sources of funding
Tennis		4 indoor in hall	Tennis centre is a private business. Land	Privately owned business
			We believe on a short term lease from BTC.	
4 Squash		5 courts	Currently on limited lease from Hall Barn	Club in Old Town leased from Hall Barn
Outdoors				
5 Bowls		4 rinks	No club in the town. GX, Slough or Flackwell	Opportunity and suits demographics of town
6 Petanque / Boules		2 pitches	No club in the town, parallels with bowls	1 pitch at Tennis club. used for Langres visit
7 Tennis		8 outdoor courts	Tennis centre see above	Privately owned business
8 Cricket		Shared use "Pavilion" facilities	Site constraints	Wider opportunities
9 BMX / Skate Park		Shared facility possible?	Previous project failed - no suitable site	The Oval, a possible site? BTC reluctance
10 Shooting		Requirements still tbc	Only If incorporated in Hall at no extra cost	V4B surveys did not show this as a priority
11 Hockey from GX		G3 and 2 pitches tbc	Potential move from GX	V4B surveys did not show this as a priority
Rugby		No desire or driver to move	Annual short winter lease from Hall Barn	Assume content where they are

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NOTE: All numbers of courts/pitches etc subject to further study and review

APPENDIX C5 – ARTS/COMMUNITY CENTRE AND THEATRE

Notes from meeting between Sue Dorman and Laurence Smaje

INTRODUCTION

There are many buildings in Beaconsfield offering a wide variety of spaces for meetings, sport and leisure but none offering everything needed under one roof.

A. What is the existing provision for the arts?

1. There are four or five existing buildings in the vicinity which could be considered. These are:

a. The Beacon Centre

The Beacon Centre is currently used as a theatre by Beaconsfield Theatre Group (BTG), Beaconsfield Operatic Society (BOS) and other ad hoc customers. It is often considered a useful building as it already contains raked seating in the auditorium. However, this is old and needs upgrading as does the lighting and sound equipment. Access to the theatre space is by the stage, so latecomers are disruptive and there is inadequate access to the stage for performers. Moreover, there is insufficient provision for changing rooms and toilet facilities backstage and no provision for rehearsals, set building or storage. The 'bar' is downstairs with no disabled access and is a very unpleasant space. Additionally, theatre users are always vying for access with sports users which take priority.

b. The Curzon Centre

The Curzon Centre is currently used by The Young Theatre and BOS. It has a kitchen which can be used as a bar, rehearsal space which is also used as changing rooms but no backstage or wings and no raked seating. Parking is minimal (audiences usually have to use the adjacent tennis courts and the school which closes it gates at 11.00 prompt) and there is no fixed technical provision.

c. The Town Hall (Beaconsfield Chambers)

This is a very small space with little opportunity for extending without losing car parking which is currently used by Waitrose. It would require a complete refit/rethink.

d. The National Film & Television School

Some of the land belonging to the NFTS has recently been sold off for housing and the existing provision is used for film and television production. This means that there are no theatre-style stage facilities and it is heavily used by students. It is also used as a cinema showing current releases as well as old favourites.

e. <u>Prezzo</u>

This was the original site of the cinema and theatre in Beaconsfield. It was sold off to Zoom in the 1980s and more recently became a pizza restaurant.

Should this ever become available again it could be considered for reconverting to become a cinema and theatre again.

f. The former MFI warehouse at Loudwater

This has been empty for some time. It is not an ideal site as it is outside the Beaconsfield catchment but might be worth examining.

Examples from around the country have been suggested but most are conversions not new builds. Neither Henley Arts Centre nor Art4space are good examples as they are mainly <u>art</u> centres (not <u>arts!</u>). Ropetackle used 'Community Throwback' which is no longer available but would be equivalent to us building an arts/community centre as part of the Wilton Park Development. They actually do very little theatre "as it doesn't pay": the majority of their events are live musical performances, comedy and film shows.

Norden Farm Centre for the Arts

I believe the nearest provision to what we are looking for would be Norden Farm Centre for the Arts in Maidenhead (https://norden.farm/pages/a-history-of-norden-farm-centre-for-the-arts)

A History of Norden Farm Centre for the Arts

Norden Farm is built on the site of an old dairy farm. The site includes two original, listed buildings: a Georgian Farmhouse and 18th Century Long Barn. The plan to have an arts centre in Maidenhead had been a long held dream. Lobbying for such a space had begun in the 1970s when a strong demand for an arts centre for Maidenhead began to emerge. Maidenhead Arts was set up in 1978 as an umbrella organisation of local arts groups committed to this vision.

The site had been received by the RBWM (Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead) Council as *planning gain for housing development* on the farmland in 1992 and the first Norden Farm Board raised funds from the Foundation for Sport and the Arts to develop the buildings and build a small scale theatre (where the current studio lives today) starting work in 1994. Norden Farm Centre Trust applied to the Arts Council for lottery funding to complete Norden Farm.

Following an intensive and detailed design and public consultation phase, planning approval was granted in September 1997. The Arts Council carried out a full assessment during autumn 1997, prior to an announcement of support and approval for the finished scheme with a Lottery award of £5,295,000 in January 1998. The assessment changed the original vision for Norden Farm. In order to receive lottery funds, the design needed to change to a much larger arts centre plan that would serve the wider community and be able to present a larger range of professional touring work. This meant that a new theatre, now known as The Courtyard, with a 280 capacity, joined The Studio theatre, with a 100 capacity, together with other spaces.

The final design stage of the project was completed in late 1998 and Norden Farm Centre for the Arts finally opened its doors to the public on the 17 September.

Today, Norden Farm presents a performance and participation programme of film, theatre, music, visual arts, comedy and classes. It is also a venue for conferences, seminars, meetings and social functions.

B. New build

There are a couple of possible sites which include the Wilton Park development (see Note 1); Hall Barn – ongoing investigations into whether any land could be made available; 'dead' land between the A40 and M40 from Wycombe End and on. There may be others.

The new building should be provided with the following:

- A foyer bar and café with adequate toilet facilities
- A performance space with moveable raked seating
- Changing facilities with adequate toilets
- Rehearsal space
- Set build/storage space

Taking into consideration the comments made in the Wilton Park Development Brief Supplementary Planning Document (see Note 1) we concluded that it might be a better idea to, say, create a serious sports centre at Wilton Park, where there is also space for football pitches etc and redevelop the Beacon Centre or the Curzon Centre into an Arts Centre.

C. <u>Does this link in with a community cinema or is a totally separate issue?</u>

There is no reason to suppose the cinema should not be part of a community/arts centre. In fact, all the provision at Norden Farm could be envisioned at a Beaconsfield Community & Arts Centre ie film, theatre, music, visual arts (eg displays in the foyer), bar, café, crèche, classes, as well as conferences etc.

D. Funding

a) South Bucks Community Grants programme

Community Grants are available across four different programmes: Community Development Grants, Community Environment Grants, Playground Grants and Village Hall Grants; BUT the total money available for the current financial year is just £15,000 across all four of the programmes.

b) Arts Council/Lottery funding

This would probably be available but is not easy to get as there are so many organisations fighting for their money.

c) Local events

There are many ways of getting the public involved. Apart from the more usual ideas such as quizzes, sales, fun runs etc, these can include:

- subscriptions
- patrons (individuals and companies/businesses)
- crowdfunding

A fundraising committee will be needed to look in depth into what public and private monies are available, form filling, raising awareness and local fundraising

NOTE 1

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Community uses

One of the issues generating most comments. A large number of these are duplicated comments from Beaconsfield Holtspur Football Club and its membership who support the approach set out in the Draft SPD. Also a large number of respondents from other sports clubs in Beaconsfield who argue that they believe the new facilities will be used solely by the Football Club and that instead there should be a new clubhouse facility for joint use by the Football, Cricket and Squash Clubs. Some of these comments suggested more lateral thinking was required in the SPD which may result in some Green Belt being accepted as development opportunities as exceptions that benefit the community. Others argue that instead of provision for sport, there should be a purpose-built space for performing arts. Others responding suggest that a multi-purpose community hub will merely duplicate existing provision in Beaconsfield and that the aim should be to provide a new community building that complements facilities already available in the town.

- The SPD makes no assumptions and sets no requirements about the use to which the facilities will be put or the local clubs which will use them. It is not appropriate for the SPD to do so.
- The approach to Green Belt in the SPD must be consistent with national and local planning policies.
- The aim is to provide a new community building (or buildings) that will add to the quantum of community facilities already available in Beaconsfield and should not result in any reduction in the existing level of facilities to serve the town.
- The community hub could include a multi-use community facility or it could be a sports-oriented facility or arts-oriented facility.

NOTE 2

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Organisations in Beaconsfield that hold meetings open to the general public

Age UK
Alzheimer's Association – South
Buckinghamshire Branch
Beaconsfield Film Society
Beaconsfield Library
Beaconsfield Lions Club
Beaconsfield Old Town Residents Association
Beaconsfield Operatic Society
Beaconsfield Society
Beaconsfield Theatre Group
Beaconsfield Twinning Association
BOTRA
Chiltern Shakespeare Company
Girlguiding, Beaconsfield
Holtspur Senior Citizens Club
Music for You- Lunchtime Concerts
Patient Participation Group (Simpson Centre
and Penn Surgery)
Scouts Cubs and Beavers
The Young Theatre

Schools

Beaconsfield High School Butlers Court Combined School Hotspur School St Mary's & All Saints School The Beaconsfield School

Churches

St Mary's Church United Reform Church, Aylesbury End & Holtspur St Michael's Church Baptist Church St Teresa's Church