

Your Hinxton Village Hall Update

Background

A Section 106 agreement between Wellcome Trust, South Cambridgeshire District Council and Cambridgeshire County Council was signed on 17 December 2020 to mitigate the impact of the Wellcome development

This included the obligation to fund an extension to the Hinxton Village Hall of approximately 90 sqm or such other area as otherwise agreed in writing with the District Council - the District Council have since agreed to a smaller extension as long as this extension is in the spirit of the original agreement.

Following a huge amount of hard work by some past councillors, Wellcome Trust committed to £568k to support this development (plus inflationary rises).

Latest Situation from Andy Brown

Hinxton Parish Council's view is that the 'offer' from Wellcome provides a once in a generation opportunity to update and improve the village hall, providing a facility for generations of future Hinxtonians.

I joined the Parish Council in March 2024 in order to lead on the development and refurbishment of Hinxton Village Hall. Before we draw up plans and designs, I want to understand what is most important for residents, what improvements do we want to make the Village Hall fit for the future. Since then I have spoken to more than 50 Hinxton residents representing over 30 households to listen to their thoughts. A big thank you everyone who has taken time to speak to me.

From these conversations, I have drawn up a list of things that have been mentioned by multiple people and I would like everyone to have the opportunity to express their opinion on how important you believe them to be. Could I therefore ask you to take a few minutes to give your thoughts on the ideas below?

There are a number of items that are so universal that should be taken as a given that we will create a plan to deliver;

- Retain the uniqueness of Hinxton Village Hall
- Introduce insulation, including double glazing, to the building. As the UK aims for a zero carbon future, we all feel this is an important consideration.
- The chance to update the building to avoid future maintenance costs – e.g. repairing/replacing the floor and resolving the issues raised during a survey commissioned in Jan 2024.
- Increase capacity to enable the new residents to support existing events and for more events to be held in the hall.
- Provide disabled parking, level access and disabled toilets.
- Ensure any changes do not negatively impact surrounding houses

Please let us know whether you agree or disagree with the potential design requirements raised. Note, it may not be possible to accommodate all requests so want to know what is most important to residents. Following this consultation, the proposed design brief will be shared publicly and proposed to the open element of a Parish Council meeting.

		Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
Acoustics	It can be very hard, especially for those with hearing difficulties, to hear what is being said					
Aesthetics	Improve the exterior look of the Hall to better fit in Hinxton					
Audio / Visual	Built in facilities to enable events to be hosted					
Configurable space	Flexible space to enable meetings to happen in a smaller space					
Indoor / Outdoor	Ability to open the Hall up to landscaped, useable external space					
Kitchen	Commercial kitchen facilities to enable food to be prepared in the Hall					
Lighting	Improve use of natural light					
Parking - additional	Increase the amount of parking available at the Hall					
Parking - all weather	Ensure Village Hall parking is useable all year					
Serving Area	Space to be able to serve food / drinks during events					
Staging	Removable staging to allow performances and events					
Storage	Facilities to be able to remove the chairs and tables from the main Hall space					
Other (please add details);						

Name

Address

Email (optional)

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Please tick to confirm you are happy for this email to be added to updates from Hinxton Parish Council.

Please return this form to Andy Brown, The Limes, 37 High St, Hinxton or if you would prefer to receive this electronically please email andy.brown@hinxton-pc.gov.uk. Please also email if you have any other comments you would like to add or would prefer to discuss personally.

