

Sent: 01 May 2022 21:31

To: chair <chair@WickhamResidents.org.uk>

Subject: Re: Mill Lane Site: residents Forum - second meeting 25th April

Thank you for the update. I really appreciate the communication about what has been happening.

I agree that the current committee sounds incredibly bias and very lent towards football.

I feel very strongly against the idea of wickham becoming classed as a 'town' and therefore more housing developments being imminent.

Kind regards

Sent: 02 May 2022 09:33

To: chair@WickhamResidents.org.uk

Subject: RE: Mill Lane Site: residents Forum - second meeting 25th April

Dear Robert

The future looks bleak from what you say.

These proposals centred on a football pitch are crazy. Who needs it?

If the Wickham Dynamos – whoever they are - can't cut it financially, they should play somewhere else or cough up!

Or try billiards. And somewhere else!

Wouldn't it be much nicer to have a cricket field instead? Far more in keeping with the village aspirations as gateway to the national park. A "pitch and put" like in Southsea? And a bit of common "parkland" maybe like the front at Southsea, for instance, where people can meet, greet and take the air in a shared garden environment – a village green indeed which we don't have really, perhaps with a pond or small lake (though not for the angling community). Some interesting tree planting...Something like the Water Meadows? A children's play park? There are many other possibilities which will serve the village community more completely.

There is far too much football everywhere in my humble opinion and an "elite" all-weather surface will not serve the village, rather make it a slum for the inhabitants and a white elephant which will need more teams from elsewhere to become viable. More unwanted traffic etc.

Thanking you for your good work

Sent: 02 May 2022 09:34

To: chair@wickhamresidents.org.uk

Subject: Re: Mill Lane Site: residents Forum - second meeting 25th April

Hello Robert

Thank you for all the time and effort that you are putting into this and everything you and the committee are doing to represent us.

Best wishes

Sent: 02 May 2022 10:01

To: chair@wickhamresidents.org.uk

Subject: Re: Mill Lane Site: residents Forum - second meeting 25th April

Dear Robert,

Thank you so much for the update. We are in full support of the residents association position on this proposal. We fully support the push for a more democratic approach.

Very best

Sent: 02 May 2022 13:45

To: chair@wickhamresidents.org.uk

Subject: Re: Mill Lane Site: residents Forum - second meeting 25th April

Dear Robert

Thank you so much for all you are doing. And thanks to those who are also closely involved with keeping the focus sharp and sharing the information.

I'm deeply concerned for the village at the moment, not least because of the implications of this sports ground proposal. But I'm not a frontline kind of person, so having the Residents Association makes it possible for me to show support and I'm grateful for that.

I had hoped that there might be a compromise solution through someone making a quiet, civilised approach to the Rookesbury Estate to extend or buy out the lease on the Rec and make that available for this football pitch. But I'd not realised the implications of a 3G pitch for the urban/rural grading of the village. I suspect that those supporting it hadn't realised it either. Malc Burt lives near me and when we've spoken of it, even before he was elected to the Parish Council, this change in status hadn't come up in conversation. I know it can be hard for most people to put their hand up and say they hadn't thought something through, but I hope there's a way to reach that point here and for the greater, shared, value of maintaining Wickham as a village to shine through.

If only the new site - and maybe the Rec, or part of it - could become places where there were facilities for a broader range of healthful pursuits, in addition to workable quality pitches for team games involving a couple of dozen active participants. Green gyms, community orchards, activities associated with social prescribing, pitches for vending, initiatives to link up footpaths to create more enjoyable circular walks and cycle routes. And more of the spirit of asset-based community development <https://t.co/S6BNdLRZIE>

Thanks again - and keep up the good work.

Sent: 02 May 2022 16:49

To: chair@WickhamResidents.org.uk

Subject: Re: Mill Lane Site: residents Forum - second meeting 25th April

Dear Robert & WRA,

Many thanks for the updates, I was there at Parish Council Meeting 5th April and heard Mr Malcolm Burt repeatedly (and rather emotionally) emphasising that Infinity Football would not be coming to Wickham when the field is eventually available; but somehow I would not trust that the promise would be kept - so I am very happy to hear from the report below that there will be a written statement on this.

And I agree, all this tension and energy currently only focusing on the so called 3G pitch football or stadium; which shy away other pressing issues in Wickham. Traffic problem is one of the most that we will need to address sooner than later.