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Dear Sirs,

Please find attached the response of Begbroke Village Hall Management Committee to the PR 9 Design Brief proposal - plus Village Playing Field Survey..
Philip Skipp. Chair.

Cherwell District Council. PR 9 Land West of Yarnton Development Brief. Public Consultation.

Begbroke Village Hall Management Committee Response.

Regarding the above, our committee would like to submit the following:

The PR 9 development brief is bright and detailed, with plenty of charts, photos and diagrams. However, an overriding impression is that PR 9 will stand in isolation, instead of being part of a much larger whole, particularly when PR 8 is completed. Begbroke is shown as peripheral to it – not part of it. Whilst there will be facilities in the new development which villagers in Begbroke may indeed benefit from, conversely there are facilities in Begbroke, such as ours, which could be of benefit to the occupants of PR 9.

Our committee are keen to point out that the design brief shows no public meeting place/community centre/or hall planned for the new developments. Also, other than school grounds, there is no large expanse of ground available for sport and recreation. This is something that Begbroke Village Hall can provide, along with an established Bowls Club, children's play-area, and 4.5 acres of grassed field. In 2019 our committee carried out a village wide survey (attached) which demonstrated quite clearly that with more investment, improving our facilities would appeal to a wider range of people. If the PR 9 & 8 developments are to be examples of 'healthy place shaping', then it would seem sensible for CDC, before granting planning permissions, to consider the whole development, and get a commitment from developers to contribute toward improving facilities at Begbroke Playing Field.

Additionally, access to our facility is important, so a signalised pedestrian crossing at Begbroke, to ensure safe passage across an increasingly busy A44, is very much needed.

In Summary:

- **Begbroke is not peripheral to PR 8 & 9, and therefore investment in its playing field facility would benefit the whole development.**
- **A controlled pedestrian crossing at Begbroke is required, and long overdue.**

Begbroke Village Hall Management Committee.

Sept 2021

BEGBROKE VILLAGE-WIDE PLAYING FIELD SURVEY – RESULTS.

Number of Leaflets Delivered. 312	Hard Copy Returns 51	On-Line Returns 50	Total Responses 101	Percentage Response Rate 32.3%
How often do you use the playing field?	Never 25 (25.25%)	Sometimes 47 (47.47%)	Often 26 (26.26%)	<i>*These responses only total 98, as 3 people did not give an answer to this question.</i>
Which of these would encourage you to use the field more often?	Multi-Sport All Weather Court 46 (46.46%)	Environmental Features (Pond, Trees, Shrubs etc.) 70 (70.7%)	All-Weather Outdoor Exercise Equipment 51 (51.51%)	More Seating and Play Equipment 53 (53.53%)

All On-Line and Hard Copy Suggestions and Comments: (45)

Tennis, Putting, Allotments, Archery.

Tennis Court

Would love all of the above. Play equipment needs updating. Should be priority.

Area of wild flowers. Natural environment for bird's insects. Benches.

Some restricted access for dogs on lead would make it easier, I appreciate why dogs are not currently allowed.

With the large dog community in Begbroke, a dog park would be really helpful, taking into consideration the new houses to be built.

Would love to see more modern wooden play equipment like at Tackley or Finstock esp with something for older children like a zip wire or curly slide. The field is a beautiful space, so we hope any additions are in keeping with the natural environment. Thank you for all you do. We look forward to using the field for many years to come.

Organising matches, competitions.

2 or 3 benches placed around gravel walks.

Local Youth Football is crying out for astro pitches, big & small. Yarnton Blues might hire it regularly!

All weather court for tennis. All ages can play and a non-team activity and not all in teams. The playing field is too hidden and does not allow dogs. Why not open up the playing field visually, to the road + village as a whole? And move the play area, bowls club down the field. At present the only ones who benefit from the playing field are those whose gardens back onto it! Probably half the village do not even realise there is a beautiful open green space behind the ugly bowls hut.

A better equipped park for all to use.

Bring back the cricket!

Want enough playing field left for young people to play team sports in the future – keep grass area for this.

I would not use an all-weather court but it would be good for the younger people – also an area for dog walkers.

A lovely open space where we can enjoy recreation away from dogs and traffic.

Running track (joggers).

Somewhere to play football 5 a side or similar.

Allow dogs to be exercised. The cost of drainage and building of hard courts will take more than 40 years to re-pay if ever. At the moment in the evenings the field is used by people smoking and making transactions of illegal substances. For the small minority who do not clean up after their dogs, it is an improvement on used needles that have been found. Cutteslowe Park mixes sport and dog walking, so why can't Begbroke.

Please provide some good posts so we can have a game of football, tennis court.

5 a side football pitch – now. Aunt Sally, Cricket nets.

Tennis court.

Tennis Court.

Dogs on leads walked on field? Coffee facilities. Bicycle parking. Thank you.

Path for dog walks. a) Convert part of top end into allotments (recreation) b) more fetes/family events on field. c) Two goal posts for kick abouts.

As a dog owner I am not allowed on the field for my walk, so I wouldn't want to contribute to something I can't be allowed to use.

The tarmac for the current basketball hoop and football goal is far too small to have any sort of game on. If this was made bigger I think it would increase usage. We get a lot of use out of the park, but it is limited. Perhaps a trampoline and some better climbing equipment would be good. I would definitely make use of outdoor exercise equipment. I currently cycle across to the set-up in Kidlington field, it would be great to have similar in our field. Finally, thanks for putting this review together, if you need volunteers to help with improvements I would help.

Allow dogs on a lead

I am an older person so don't visit. But when my grandchildren visit I'm sure they would use all the above equipment a skateboard/scooter/bicycle ramp play area would be an attraction for children and older teenagers; a cricket net in the corner of the field might attract groups of cricketers or solo bowlers; a zip-wire might be popular with younger age groups.

It would be great to do an annual event, say a beer festival.

I don't know how practical it would be, but a pond big enough for ducks?

Emphasis the seating to complement orchard etc.

More modern play equipment would very welcome, as the current equipment is quite old. Would be great to have a circular net swing or a wooden tractor for imaginative play. A zip wire would also be great. Additional environmental features in the field, such as a pond, would be a good addition to the field.

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(Aged 5) says "really big monkey bars, pirate ship, more slides", and (Aged 9) says "sunken trampoline, climbing wall or bigger climbing frame". Happy to help in any way we can.

Outdoor table tennis table eg butterfly city concrete table £1699.99

I would use it more if there was an option to play tennis on the multi-sport court.

Buy All-weather outdoor exercise equipment, I mean tasteful simple things like pull-up bars. The ugly metal machines that get put up are not only ugly but not useful to anyone other than to make people feel "they are doing some exercise". So I'm thinking, some pull-up bars (varying heights to accommodate all

sizes), and parallel bars, maybe somewhere to do work the core/back. There doesn't have to be much. Keep it simple and to the point. Hope that helps as I don't know what is meant by "All-weather outdoor exercise equipment".

A netball court and/or netball net.

With more family's moving to the village it would be nice if the park was updated and useable for all age groups. Toddler climbing frame!

Cricket pitch/team.

More seating please as we have such a lovely field but not a great deal of seating. If there were funds it would also be lovely to have the playground updated.

Very important to keep a playing area. We used it a lot when the children were young. Adult exercise equipment would be an excellent addition and also the environment features. Coupled up with the orchard this would open up the field for the wider community to enjoy. Thank you all for your efforts in improving the village facilities.

Maybe allowing dogs in on leads.

More clubs using the area as it was intended for sport.