

Sport, Leisure & Community Facilities & possible Solutions

1. ISSUES

The Cotswold District Council Local Plan 2011-2031 states that for Stow on the Wold:

“The District Council would support the provision of a new community facility, incorporating sports and leisure provision, new library facilities and health services.”

In October 2015, a survey of Stow residents yielded the following results:

18% of respondents suggested that the Youth Club should meet elsewhere than the current Youth Centre, away from the Fosse Way. 47% of respondents suggested that this should be done by selling the current Youth Club.

25% of respondents wanted new changing facilities at King George’s Field.

Among comments made by residents were:

At King George playing field

“we need a room large enough for a youth club with changing rooms”

“we need a community hall with a swimming pool”

“the town cannot afford (a community hall) both to build and maintain. A costly albatross”

“build barn style pavilion with cafeteria/booking facilities for pitches and tennis courts”

“put a leisure centre there”

No comments were made by residents suggesting developments at QEII Field.

2. POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS

The Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire asks you to consider these issues and to indicate what if any buildings are needed on King George’s playing field and the QEII field (& cricket ground), or whether another site should be found if you think we need a large community centre. Any development on King George playing field or the QEII field would require Fields in Trust approval. For King George’s playing field, in particular development of anything other than changing facilities may prove difficult.