

## Free text responses in full

### Q11, please let us know why you agree/ disagree with the proposal?

Fantastic opportunity for all. Provides safe enclosed sport. super
Addition facilities for young people and adults must be a good thing
The skate park needs attention
The community should have been consulted about how the Jubilee could be improved to find out what everyone wanted before embarking on this PROJECT. The die has been cast this is not A CONSULTATION ABOUT WHAT EVERYONE WANTS,
I am not aware of other commitments or improvements to make an informed decision,
Waste of money as no fact given about usage one would be better spent upgrading modernising existing facilities . A disaster for surrounding environment as 3G does not support Fauna and Flora.
Any improvement to an area designated for community use id beneficial in the long term,
Money would be better spent on a permanent Dr over 50 years ago over we had a community around 6k and now it must be double we have one [part time permanent Dr.
If it is only for hire how will people access free leisure sport activities? especially children and young adults playing football with friends.
I feel that amount of money would be better spent upgrading the village centre as that would benefit all.
Encourage more teams to use facilities create healthier community
A safe playing surface for people of all ages all year round for many years to come. It will bring the area and facilities in line with other towns and villages so less travel to more areas to use the same facilities! e.g. Paddock wood Mascalls or Maidstone.
The Staplehurst Monarchs youth team have to travel to Maidstone for winter training and for matches when the home pitches are too wet. I feel the village and club would benefit from a 3 G multi sport pitch - reducing the need for unnecessary travel for training and matches. It would be valuable community facility.
If this will truly benefit the community then I say go for it but only if there is the funding in place. 40/50 years ago I would said a definite yes.
additional facilities for children
Needed for youth football
I feel really sad that Jubilee Field, which was at first designated as an open space for villagers and village activities now seems to be solely for the use of a minority of villagers even though they are an asset to them. The noise from the players and crowd make it very hard to hear speakers in the guide centre.
The youth of the village need this facility . 3G will ensure they can play/ practise for all their games ,not having to postpone or cancel for waterlogged pitches and paying for training facility else where for the winter months
The facility would enable the kids to play football year round on safe and clean pitch (no dogs mess where owners didn't pick up after their dogs) . Matches wouldn't have to be cancelled or postponed regularly and it would keep more kids involved in sport.
I like the idea of it but I'm really concerned about not being able to take my dogs for a run around the field. We go at 7am every morning with other people. I'd be devastated if we weren't able to do this anymore. I live on the bovis site and it's perfect for me to do this before work.
Funds are so limited so why spend so much on something that only a few will use.
Good for providing all year round opportunity for exercise.
Allows more sports to be played as current field gets waterlogged
I think it will be good for young people to keep them entertained but it's important that there are some sessions that are free and not always in use by paid clubs
Because there will be no where to walk or dog walking

<p>I feel this development will exclude many of the local community, this area is used for community events and locals particularly dog walkers and families wanting to walk and play. The parking is already completely inadequate for the current football provision and the proposed enlargement of the carpark is woefully inadequate. Whilst the 3G pitch could be good for some this is not the right position for it and excludes too many of the local community particularly considering how many new houses have been built in the local area around the park. Where will large community events be held if this goes ahead? After school/work there is a constant stream of people walking to the field with dogs and children, the area needs that field as a public space.</p>
<p>The loss of opportunities for informal recreation and community activities such as firework displays.</p>
<p>Slightly agree but concerned with traffic impacts in the village, especially on Headcorn road.</p>
<p>There is too much youth football lost to inclement weather</p>
<p>The pitches are unusable from Jan to Apr due to poor drainage - my son hardly ever plays there! The nearest Astro pitch is in Maidstone or Tenterden - both 30mins drive for winter training. Having proper facilities would result in more players wanting to play for Staplehurst and result in better teams. Yes, I will miss walking dog there but we have surrenden and wimpey fields for that - they are not crowded</p>
<p>I think that it would be a great asset to Staplehurst and all the residents</p>
<p>Already a fenced off pitch</p>
<p>This is open public space that will become locked and inaccessible to the general public. I agree with improving and providing more but this should be freely available to everyone. There is also a significant concern over the loss of a safe dog walking area</p>
<p>We need 3G as nothing around and Jub field dont have drainage</p>
<p>I have coached football in the village for 13 years. Due to the expansion of Staplehurst as a village and the popularity of the football club amongst youths from the village and surrounding areas the existing pitch provision is inadequate. We often have to play home matches in Maidstone due to facility demand, and with Wealden clay soil once the pitches are wet that can be unplayable for months over winter. A 3G is the logical solution as it is not affected by the wet weather. Also over winter all the youth teams have to use facilities in Maidstone to train as there is no all weather floodlit facility here. Finally, as an ageing footballer myself to play socially or in 6 a side leagues you have to travel into Maidstone. With Staplehurst a primary village in the Weald we should have such a facility for us and the surrounding communities to use. Longer term I would like to see a further recreation ground purchased as while a 3G pitch addresses the wider issues of use being affected by weather and daylight hours, and to a degree volume of use with a growing population it will s only a short to medium term solution.</p>
<p>Waterlogging causing lots of cancelled games, making sport more available and accessible to more people.</p>
<p>A facility that enables sport and recreation to take place 52 weeks of the year, 7 days a week and across the day and evening, irrespective of the weather is a complete game changer for the area. For young and for old. Staplehurst is not well endowed with amenities - the impact this will have on the area and its people's well being and fitness is huge, not to mention transformative to positive community growth. Just look at the impact the development at Maidstone United's ground has made.</p>
<p>Encourage youngsters, teenagers to do sport rather than hang around causing anti social behaviour. Also its exercise fir a healthier life.</p>
<p>The existing jubilee pitches are almost unusable over the winter, even with the great efforts of the Groundsman. Local training under lights will be a big benefit also</p>
<p>Taking away too much green space It should be used for the whole community. It looks overwhelming with fencing on top of a mound. The wildlife will suffer. Light pollution Car park exit dangerous near bend and excess speed.</p>
<p>Guide centre has lost revenue since the installation of fencing &amp; turnstiles. It is no longer a safe place to hold overnight activities &amp; camp ventures. The field is no longer a social place for dog walking and family activity. There are more urgent needs to spend the money on.</p>
<p>Whilst I agree with good sports facilities being available, I am concerned about all the restrictions on what used to be a large open space. Dog walkers may feel confined (I am not one) what % of village community use the field. I think parking and access needs improving as access on the bend is lethal.</p>

Our Village is a large one with lots of housing and very little infrastructure. this will give a boost to sports provision in our area. Hopefully there will be a netball facility too.
We are not offered any alternatives to spend money on.
Allowing for reservations regarding adequacy of parking (already often full), additional traffic and funding of the project in future years (who subsidises if it doesn't break even?) then I feel this will be a worthwhile project for the village. Most of the capital funding would be provided by the FA and it would seem a good use of development levy.
Provides suitable playing area whatever the weather. Neighbourhood Plan policy C5. Provision of strategic support and major external funding.
This is the last genuine piece of land the Village has total control over, for ALL, plus at a later stage who is going to pick up the ongoing maintenance cost?
Any improvements to providing good sports facilities for all is a no brainer do it !
vital for sports provision particularly for children.
very much support this - funding in place please get on with it.
It was meant to be open space for all the villagers it is now monopolised by MONARCHS Car parking is already seriously limited Entrance and exit on that bend with a 60mph to 30 mph is horrendously dangerous several accidents already. Drainage has always been a big issue.
hopefully it will recognise people with disabilities and older people
Hopefully it will recognise people with disabilities and older people who need exercise.
The future needs this
Great for kids
Using Parish money for a private club which will only be used by a small number of residents who can afford to pay for access.
It is important that people stay fit and active into old age. This pitch will help this. Although too old to use it myself 88 and have health problems,. But if this wasn't the case I may have used an outdoor fitness session .
I do not use it or plan to, others may enjoy it
The pitch is needed currently winter and early spring pitch conditions make for unplayable surfaces.
Increased motivation to socialise and play competitive sport not to mention the health benefits it will give people and children in village a sporting focal point.
It will provide better community activities for all ages as Staplehurst continues to expand with new houses.
Loss of green space Bad parking Dangerous exit on to Headcorn Road
We are not a sporting family. We do not like football or rugby, which it seems this pitch is mostly for. However we would not stand in the way of others who enjoy these sports.
I know of very little use for the space, so whilst I agree additional facilities are good I'd be more interested in the plans to get use from the space o ensure an ROI for the 210k
Potentially this is a good thing for the village but not at Jubilee Fields location. Due to the size and location of the 3G pitch in maps this would extremely limit other users of the space that is currently there. The area left by the guide centre and car park would be too small to accommodate the groups they may not be able to afford the 3G prices and would not be willing to walk down the far end of the fields to play.
Because ultimately it is the householder that will fit the bills.
The more activity space for younger members of the community will enhance the quality of community and reduce younger people aimlessly hanging around the village.
Agree as the community needs better facilities
Almost all weather usage

Encouraging people of all ages to get active is good, especially for the younger boys and girls.
1. It will look like a prison camp, and will wreck the look of Jubilee Fields. 2. There will be insufficient car parking, particularly when both main facilities are in use, and access onto Headcorn Road will be dangerous. 3. There is no indication of regular/ periodic maintenance costs of the 3G pitch. 4. Jubilee Fields is not well managed atm (e.g. failure to cut the hedge on Headcorn Road) and there is no evidence that management of the 3G will be within the skillset (and time resource) of the PCC. 5. The degradation of Jubilee Fields - in the last ten years, and prospectively with the 3G pitch is really sad.
The area is beautiful and it's free to use and I can access it 24 hours a day, why on earth would I want to lock it all away and have the access controlled, just leave it alone.
I agree it will provide all weather and year round facilities for the residents.
Better facilities for the football club but also great that it will provide a space for wider community use
My son was a Monarch from age 9-18. We really need an all weather facility in Staplehurst, having tramped up to Maidstone far too often for training and "home" matches. Let's make it better for our thriving football club and make it so that other sports and activities can develop on Staplehurst!
The 3G pitch will enable local youngsters to play throughout the season. I know from when my own son played youth football locally that many matches are unplayable during the winter due to waterlogged pitches. It will also offer opportunities to other local groups to be active all year round.
There are other groups and organisations that would benefit of the money. There seems too be those with power want football and not to bring other none sport organisations to have a say
Any sports facilities are essential for the heath and mental for the community.
could allow for more clubs and activities i.e. rugby club not just Cranbrook also 6 a side football for all ages
Locking away too much of the space the current main pitch is already under lock and key without adding additional space to charge people for using. Keep our green spaces and keep them free for everyone to use!!!
possible asset to the community offering facilities to young and old alike.
providing parking is updated to accommodate extra activities. And the new PA system is not included in the increased use. Light pollution kept to a minimum
The boys have to rent out other pitches in the winter to play football so would be beneficial to the football club
Future of our youth
Provides a much needed facility that will benefit the youth of the community
A significant amount of money has already been spent on the jubilee field. I strongly disagree spending more money on sports facilities. The existing facilities are adequate for the Parish. There are better projects to spend £200K on at a time of high inflation and cost of living crisis.
the football teams cannot train in Staplehurst during the winter months due to there only being a grass pitch available
Loss of a community walking area
Money should be used more wisely, Youth Club Village Centre
Current grass area often unplayable & the boys football team have to travel to other home pitches which in fact are not! As well as an inconvenience & time involved with travel elsewhere there's the fact this means the use of lots of petrol, adding to global warming
There are many dog walkers that use Jubilee Field daily and the only area in this part of Staplehurst. It is a community of dog walkers that would end if most of the field is locked up. We need green space for walking not near the busy roads, therefore ideal for local residents who have no interest in sports but walking is their exercise!
More youth activities and more organised sport for all. Stronger community links and relationships through teams and clubs. Something more to be proud of in the village.
The Village centre needs updating the Youth Club needs support the church needs financial support this village is not all about football!
The area is for the whole community to have a natural grass area to play. Pitches have taken this away already.
Will benefit a lot of people within different age groups. Can be used in all weather conditions

Great for the community
I don't disagree with the proposal, but I think there are better projects the money could be spent, seems a lot of money for a small proportion of the village who would enjoy it. and the money should be used to go towards improving the village better policing, cleaning, school improvements doctors pots holes etc
Money from a council who is underfunding services already is being spent on a project that will only benefit a select few. There is massive underfunding of services around the village for kids, adults and the elderly. The only people who will benefit from this is SMFC who will have first dibs on a service for the whole community. Parking is an issue at the Jubilee Field, the Girl Guides services are underfunded.
It will be better for my son to play football and good for the community as a whole.
As long as for all ages not just the young.
Anything to increase activity outside and boost local sports. As well as being a local investment.
Not for wide community proposed exit dangerous on a blind bend Dog like to run free 3G is not environmentally friendly Removing natural habitat for earthworm birds and small mammals Other options for dog walking are not kept clear of brambles nor is there parking Surrenden is always busy.
Sports for the young should be a priority
If properly funded from external sources.
We would not use it but a good thing for for future generations
It is reducing further space available for village use. Also that the 3G pitch will only be used by a small minority of the village, but possibly by others from outside the area.
Essential to have a pitch like this that is all weather and used by all ages.
I think it is a lot of money for something that is really only for football. Other organisations in Staplehurst may need some of the S106 money.
I disagree as it will only be about use for football not activities that are for the community
Nothing other than football will take place using the 3G pitch so I do not agree in the spending on just a pitch that benefits a minority.
Public space should not be taken away to benefit a private entity. If the 3g pitch is something the football club needs to progress, then they should buy their own land and build the pitch on there. Additionally, I do not believe that tax payers money should be spent on building a new pitch, when we have previously had to wait months for pot holes etc to be mended by the council. I also believe we should not be removing the little public green space the village has left. Most of the green space used by the village has been removed for housing, we shouldn't be losing public green spaces also. I will be very disappointed if the 3g pitch goes ahead
Staplehurst is increasingly losing acres of land for walking. More and more developments are being proposed and barriers are being erected throughout the village. Currently, Jubilee Field is a wonderful, family friendly space with plenty of room for a host of activity. It is enjoyed and frequented in its current form by villagers and the development and construction of a 3G field will create short and long term issues for those using the area, and all for earning more money. I would support funding going into other local provisions like schools or another GP to mitigate the growing population in the village. We do not need a 3G pitch.
I live about 5 mins from the jubilee field and constantly have to deal with noise. Shouting and swearing untill late in the evenings on some days and the flood lights facing straight towards us . This proposal will only increase the usage of this facility and therefore become more of a nuisance
I know that many junior football sessions get called off when the weather is bad. The soil here is mainly clay and doesn't drain well. This would be a real asset for the local community.

<p>I disagree because we have an antisocial behaviour, speeding drivers, egg throwers, vandalism and I think the money that the parish council is spending on the project is very disgraceful to the victims of the village. The money could be spent on more policing, PCSO's, CCTV, Speed Cameras (The local MP says they need a fatality to get the ball rolling which is very disappointing) they say there's no money for the cameras, but £200K for a 3G pitch. If they put one up they'll clear the nations dept within a week as I see cars driving way too fast especially on Headcorn Road (its a 30) but people don't notice this and finally drivers jumping red lights it amazes me that no one has been injured yet. Forget sports why not youth clubs or music clubs as they would be a lot more interesting than hanging around outside the Spar supermarket at night. Have a good think about this please, surely the Monarchs get advertising income and if so use that for the 3G pitch.</p>
<p>This is not for the whole community it is only for sports. the development funding should be better spent.</p>
<p>Feel the money be better spent elsewhere traffic calming A220 more CCTV police presence and investment in green spaces Speed bumps, &amp; camera Marden Road</p>
<p>Bring more revenue to the village</p>
<p>Wouldn't use it</p>
<p>Many reasons promotes well being Community well being sense of belonging pride Youth development engagement Inclusivity brining communities together Economical benefits Supports local CLUBS FOSTERING A MORE VIBRANT CULTURE.</p>
<p>It is our understanding that the Jubilee Field is n open space for all the community to use. The existing football pitch (fenced in) has taken away some of the space from the community. I feel that building on more of the field would reduce access to those who are not sport orientated. It is excellent that the village football is doing so well but space to walk dogs, play family games, meet friends is also important. These activities are free and good for physical and mental health. In the current financial climate, free things to do should not be reduced.</p>
<p>We need to enhance the sports activities for all the community, but it shouldn't be limited to football and part of the pitch should be open, regardless if it's hired out, to all to exercise, for example a running or walking track with lights, so that members can exercise safely in the winter evenings</p>
<p>Putting money into sports in the community which will last, weather proof &amp; multi purpose</p>
<p>I am concerned about the loss of community space but I also think the 3G pitch is too good an opportunity to lose.</p>
<p>I think this would be an excellent improvement to the facilities that opens them to variety of other clubs that could use the facilities, not just football.</p>
<p>Improved infrastructure for a growing community</p>
<p>I agree with the concept but have concerns over the park provision. To increase activity and users will mean even more cars. There needs to be additional spaces, as this is already a chaotic road with entrances to four housing estates, a sharp bend and traffic lights. We can't have more people parking outside of the jubilee, it's simply unsafe.</p>
<p>Traffic generation is a concern and what the 28 space car park is based upon. Moved here as it was a village but so much development causing it to be another growing urban sprawl.</p>
<p>Other areas of the village need investment Increased traffic and light/noise pollution</p>
<p>It is a fantastic project that will allow more children &amp; young people to get involved in sport and exercise</p>
<p>I know the field is boggy and unmanageable. I totally in agreement with what is trying to be achieved.</p>
<p>1. Specific Girl Guiding spaces very welcome but new car spaces on site plan already exist, Any spaces planned? 2. Car park exit on plan extremely dangerous its nearer the tight bend, sit of several accidents and excess speed. 3. Why replace natural wildlife habitat and grass with artificial turf? The Staplehurst Neighbourhood Development Plan Policy C5 to maintain and enhance the Jubilee Field Sports and recreation site should upgrade the main pitch with 3 G turf to support the proposed multiple sports, using the ring-fenced section 106 money and and leaving 2.1 acres for the dog walkers and family use.</p>
<p>Loss of green space</p>
<p>Enhances sporting opportunities and availability of playing pitches all throughout the year</p>

<p>Its for the football teams to use - no prime time available for other users. Cost is far to high to hire. Car parking is dangerous and has not been thought out. The entrance and proposed exit is going to get someone killed. No pathways, lighting shown. What is happening to the unlocked part of the car park? No running costs have been given out.</p>
<p>Could the money be used to improve the crossroad</p>
<p>Great Community facility that will enhance the local area and help get people active,</p>
<p>The information presented in question 8 is misleading it is 2.1 acres on top of the already protected/ closed area . This will along with the car park, seriously reduce the recreational open area available to all. If this goes ahead it needs to go hand in hand with enforcement of all public footpath maintenance and additional area for recreation, including dog walking,</p>
<p>Much needed facilities for youth football. A great facility for clubs and groups.</p>
<p>Whilst its great that Staplehurst footballers are doing so well, but the Jubilee Field is supposed to be an area available to all. Part of the area is already fenced off for football only. Users of the Guide Centre have access to an outdoor area currently - for games, campfires and pitching tents etc. Hopefully this will not be lost- especially at the centre is open to the wider community.</p>
<p>Many other clubs at this standard have 3 G facilities, It will attract players, young and old and enable kids football training to run through winter months,</p>
<p>As long as adequate drainage is put in place to deal with the adverse weather! (as per plans)</p>
<p>The proposal is irrelevant to us but we are supportive of the Parish Council's position in improving community for others.</p>
<p>I think as long as it is utilised to its full potential it is worth the investment. If it isn't managed adequately it could be an expensive white elephant,</p>
<p>I belong to an active retirement group at Cox Heath Village Hall where I play bowls I wish there was a facility in Staplehurst for old codgers of a certain age, I do not drive and have caught the bus to Linton Corner and waited for an 89 but this is now very difficult because of the No 5 bus. I have to leave home at 1 to play at 2.45 and coming home is worse I can only play 1/2 time now.</p>
<p>Provide year round facilities, all weathers</p>
<p>The money would be better used for a sports centre or indoor facility offering (for example) squash, indoor cricket, even indoor football, gym etc - there is already existing pitches, 3G adds nothing!</p>
<p>Facilities for kids all year round opportunities for local PT instructors to utilise facilities enhance sport in both young and old</p>
<p>There has been significant property development in Staplehurst over the years with no / minimal investment in the village and the infrastructure. The Jubilee Field is a mud bath in winter and often waterlogged. Why the Why did Marden manage to secure funding for the facilities and Staplehurst PC failed?</p>
<p>The parking is bad enough as it is. The other day cars were driving on tot he field to park as the car park was full. It was very dangerous as children were on the field playing and their ball went under a car and they didn't stop at all.</p>
<p>I thought they there is something like his in Marden. The road to the Jubilee Field is quite fast, despite speed limits and access in / out of the car park is awful. So much has been built in Staplehurst it feels wrong to build even more and take up open space.</p>
<p>Better sports facilities will bring more people to Staplehurst to support local companies</p>
<p>It is too much money. I personally would be unlikely to use it. None of my family are interested in sport</p>
<p>Concerns regarding Jubilee Field 3G Proposal 1) The jubilee field is owned by the parish council and should be used for the benefit of the parish as a whole rather than a narrow sub-section of users (i.e. the Football club), many of whom are from outside the parish, such a development as envisioned would unduly favour the entities of the football club verses the rest of the population. This is especially the case as the proposal would be directly injurious to the ability of other parties to use the jubilee field for both previously and currently undertaken activities and future use for community events (such as the very successful bonfire and firework nights). 2) The plan also includes a 11v11 pitch (as per FAQ 13 &amp; Indicative site plan), not much mentioned – save that “The 11 v 11 size adult pitch will by 91m by 55m big enough for adult football matches. See FA guidance”. The Staplehurst Monarchs are in the Southern Counties East Football League, First Division; which I understand to be a National League Grade 6 level tournament. As such for use for matches it would have to be enclosed and variously modified according to <a href="https://www.thefa.com/get-involved/player/ground-grading">https://www.thefa.com/get-involved/player/ground-grading</a>. If the intention is to keep this as a normal grass pitch</p>

<p>with just grass, lines, and goals it would make sense for its position to be flipped with the proposed 3G pitch maintaining space for community use; as is I would postulate that the intention is to try to 'upgrade' and enclose this at a later date / attempt to expand club facilities so as to raise the grading of the football facilities which sit upon the parishes' Jubilee field. 3) The population (rounded to nearest 100) from the most recent census (2021) of Staplehurst was 6700. Based on data provided in the FAQ on the proposal there are 65 Senior players and 305 Junior players; of these it is stated that 14 of the 65 adults (21.5%) and 115 of the 305 children (37.7%) are resident in Staplehurst (129 players in total). Charitably assuming that for each individual involved there are aprox. 3 other family/friend non-players involved/interested we can reach an estimate (not including previously affiliated members) of aprox. 516 (129 * 4) people in Staplehurst with a notable link and interest in the football club. This is not small, but it does comprise only 7.7% of the resident population (based on 2021 figures); at best this is likely to be of no benefit to 90% of the population, and at worse this is an active deterement when compared to their current situation; particularly as it shall be locked off. 4) The proposal would unduly confine the Guides, undermining their ability to use the field (already much reduced by previous enclosures), especially as they were the initial prime users of the site prior to the uncurtailed expansion of the football club. This would be especially so during construction which would no doubt lead to the enclosure of the majority of the field while construction is ongoing. The designation of 'priority space' for the Guides (0.24 acres or 3.1% of the field) will inevitably lead to the worsening of the incorrect belief that the football club is the prime user of the site and that the guides must ask permission to use the field. Furthermore activities such as wide games, pioneering, and fire lighting etc. would be rendered impractical preventing events such as the Jubilee Guide / Scout joint campfire. 5) The proposed location would act as a barrier between people entering the field and the rest of it (which indeed is mostly occupied by other football pitches) fostering and encouraging the idea that the area is primarily for the use of the football club, and thus subject to enclosure rather than reality that the football club is but one of the stakeholders and that it is an asset that should be used to benefit the entirety of the community. 6) The lack of parking constrains the site for the use of the football club, therefore it would be logical for the funding if it must go towards football improvements for it to go towards acquiring a new site (perhaps over the road?) for the parish council on which facilities for a football (and or rugby or other sport) training ground and stadia with suitable car parking (useable by the public at large) and facilities (such as perhaps a 3G pitch). Thus giving the footballers the space they believe they need for training and playing matches while increasing the amount of space open to the public and keeping the Jubilee field open for community use. While no doubt more expensive, I am sure that some amount could be raised towards the project 'by public subscription' donations - aided by being unambiguously a benefit to the village rather than a cutting up of the villages' resources. These are some of the major causes for concern, albeit there are others.</p>
<p>The loss of 2 acres of open public space is irreversible. The space should be available to every resident of Staplehurst - not a specialist sports pitch which is then locked and leaves inaccessible grounds.</p>
<p>Football pitches are unplayable in the wet weather so it gives us an option plus great for training locally!</p>
<p>Improved/enhanced facilities will be a huge bonus for local sports clubs. I understand that, currently, drainage issues impact detrimentally on its viable usage. I am however rather concerned about installation costs.</p>
<p>It's not necessary</p>
<p>It will enhance the sports facilities in the village, but it will only be used by one section and a relatively small number of people in the village</p>
<p>Outdoor facilities are crucial to health and wellbeing, especially for young children and teenagers/young adults.</p>
<p>The site is not practical given the parking issues already the loss of public land is not acceptable. A lot of kids would love the skatepark top be extended this cannot happen if this goes ahea.</p>
<p>As the population of Staplehurst increases, there will be a need for improved facilities and a call for more choice of activities</p>
<p>Believe developer funds should be spent elsewhere. Disproportionate usage of funds</p>
<p>ANYTHING THAT GETS KIDS OFF COMPUTERS AND INTO SPORTS IS GOT TO BE A GOOD THING</p>
<p>IF IT IS FOR THE FUTURE OF STAPLEHURST VILLAGE THEN IT IS A GOOD THING</p>
<p>IT WILL BE GOOD FOR THE YOUNG AND THOSE WITH SPORTING INTERESTS</p>
<p>I agree on the basis that our teams benefit from the project/install, time will tell if it becomes an issue and we are left looking for other places to train/play</p>



<p>Sports play such an important role in so many people's lives. A local 3G pitch would massively boost the opportunities that are available for training and playing fixtures in all weathers. It would also be a huge boost to a fantastic community club in Staplehurst Monarchs and allow the current and new players to develop their skills that could aid the team in gaining promotion to higher leagues.</p>
<p>A village the size of Staplehurst should have such a facility. Our girls play for Monarchs and ridiculously we pay extra to train in the Winter in Maidstone. It's shameful the inept Parish council did not insist the builders filling Staplehurst with houses the young cannot afford to ever buy, did not ensure the builders improve the infrastructure of the village. Too much old boys back scratching. I support the new pitch but try spending some money improving the pavements and roads in the village. Improve the main dangerous cross roads, try improving the white road markings. So much to sort out that never gets done. It's hard to walk along the footpath below the church as the hedge is overgrown. Trouble is you don't get your picture in the press with stuff like that.</p>
<p>A 3G pitch will benefit so many people, the football club, other sports clubs, children starting out - it will also help when people come to play football with friends and don't churn up the pitches! To not go for the 3G would be a mistake</p>
<p>Sports and outdoor activities are vital for physical and mental health.</p>
<p>I agree with this proposal as it will enhance the well-being and mental health of children and adults</p>
<p>All year round pitch for children's football</p>
<p>Good for local clubs</p>
<p>We need these facilities and activities to support children and families Also when I walk my dog the skate park is always in use perhaps focus on ensuring that's maintained too - good to see it is used</p>
<p>Improves facilities available to the community members and reduces the need for locals to travel elsewhere for these activities</p>
<p>It'll bring a great facility to the area, including evening events to keep young adults occupied.</p>
<p>may open up other sport options to the community not already catered for in teh village</p>
<p>Staplehurst needs to investment money in sports and children. There is limited spaces for them to play and have structured socialisation in good facilities. There is a big Sainsburys, loads of new homes but ZERO investment in sport and children. This needs to be re-addressed. I would recommend more spaces are turned into further sporting facilities.</p>
<p>Health and well-being benefits for all the community</p>
<p>Gives people chance to play sport in Staplehurst all year round night and day</p>
<p>The growing number of teams and people playing sports and the every increasing uncertainly of the weather means 3g surfaces are a valuable part to provide</p>
<p>It will significantly improve the winter training facilities for children's football</p>
<p>Will ensure activities can happen all year round and not just when it is dry and light</p>
<p>The 3G pitch will be a big help for football training in the dark winter evenings and for playing matches when the grass pitches are too wet to play on. The grass pitches are very well maintained by the groundsman but poorly drained.</p>
<p>Provides a facility that can be used all year round,</p>
<p>Parking is already a problem and the local estate roads are at risk of becoming an overflow car park . The exit of the proposed site is dangerous as it is too close to a blind bend. People parking on the kerb near the field make it hazardous for us to walk with a pushchair and small children along that road already and it will be worse</p>
<p>Really good for the community for football for all ages. Other clubs would hire it giving money back to the community</p>
<p>It removes the secure open space I use daily to walk my dog</p>
<p>There is too much cost and can't use it for free like we can now</p>
<p>Parking will be impossible.</p>
<p>What market research beyond this survey has already been undertaken to confirm that this is something that is required.</p>

It will get vandalised, there isn't enough parking, the girl guides are getting swamped which is sad. The light pollution having flood lights on till 10pm is a serious concern for wildlife and I think it is a waste of money
I agree to improve health of the community
The village needs more year round opportunities for people to participate in sport and socialise. The 3G pitch should be accompanied by a clubhouse with license to capitalise on spectators for the football et al.
I believe investment for future generations is required
A shame that the open grass space will be lost, I remember going there with friends for a kick about. However a high quality facility will be good for the village, so long as it is open for all some of the time. It is a lot of money which could be spent elsewhere including other clubs such as the cricket and tennis club
It is removing green space which is currently accessible to all to make the field only available to select people. The girlguiding building is being pushed down in priority and is likely to sustain more damage if the 3G pitch is installed - who will pay for repairs? Staplehurst Guiding is a charity with limited funds as it is, there are no spare funds for such repairs
I don't agree.
It will provide football and exercise for all people in all weather. Anything that gets people off their phones/tablets is a good idea to me.
dose not benefit the whole village, only sporty people
The village is growing at a huge rate and needs more facilities!! Toilets more clubs / sports and area for the community to use.
Full size pitch will only be used by a few , plus who pays for maintenance and replacement in the future
The health and well being of our population is extremely important having a state of the art facility such as is proposed will provide a much needed area for people to enjoy, engage in social activities whilst keeping healthy. It is also conveniently sited such that many people will be able to walk or cycle there.
It will be great asset to the village and provide opportunities for the youth in the village in the future
Health and fitness is so important at any age. So many illnesses and diseases could be prevented if we were a fitter nation as a whole.
Concerned over anti social behaviour in the area being increased
It is a vital resource for the village
all weather activities available
There are very limited places south of Maidstone where you can us a £G facilities. So it would be fantastic for local clubs to have access to such a facility. It will put the cost up to use the the facility so it is important it is not profit driven
Staplehurst needs more facilities, especially at this end. We need a post office & a chemist as well.
The right facilities for groups to use in this area without the need for travel. To hopefully generate income too
It should make accessing football, all types of fitness and wellbeing available throughout the year. Also possibly other events that need a large open space for the village and surrounding areas.
No business plan. The 3G pitch is on top of the currently fenced off pitch. With the other pitch as well there is space left for other users. It is supposed to be a community park for all to use, not just one football club. Space must be made available for the Guides. They have as much right to use the field as the football club.
Its for the sole benefit of one football team only and there a lot of other voluntary youth organisations in the village that are being ignored and overlooked. Also the £210k S106 money could be better spent on a number of other projects that give much wider benefit to many more people in the village
THE VILLAGE NEEDS IT.
I agree that it would aid the community but i am concerned around the exclusive use by adult football
Because improving the facilities we have has to be a priority
Should not be ringfenced for certain clubs.

I disagree with the proposal on a number factors. 1) this could be used for better infrastructure that needs these funds, such as the state of roads, which have cost 4 new tires in last 12 months due to silly amount of pot holes. 2) add this 3G pitch, will take away from publicly owned space, given to private company/team that reinvest in the local spaces. 3) it take away space from the Kathie Lamb, which vital for girl guides and other events that are held there. 4) 3G pitches cause injuries to people participating in sport unnecessary, compared to grass.
More loss of field space to residents and users of Jubilee Field
Staplehurst is growing and needs more facilities within the village
It's a great facility to have in the community
It's a much needed facility in the area which will improve sporting opportunities (not just football) for local residents.
Football is growing in Kent with 250+ teams in the MIPL (Under7 to Under 11) alone. Other clubs who have installed 3G have had great success in expand the offering as they know the pitch is available 99% of the time and they don't need to worry about over use of a grass facility. Aylesford is a great example.
Given the amount of football we lose to the clay soil this would be such a great addition for the youth of the village
Please keep some pitch space free to visit anytime (please don't lock it all away like the main pitch). Myself and my two boys access the open pitches anytime and we would like to keep it that way.
More flood lights
It's great for the community and local children and current grass option is inadequate due to drainage and maintenance issues.
Sad to lose 3 grass pitches to be replaced with 1 artificial, potentially environmentally damaging pitch that will cost money to use.
Agree
Provides facilities to play football in mid winter when grass pitches are very often unfit for use. Will reduce the amount of football which has to be played outside the village when grass pitches are not fit for use. Do not agree with the positioning of the exit from the field which is placed almost on a sharp bend. How will extra parking be created for the expected increased number of users of the facility.
3 years you had the freedom to all the sports field now with the 3G pitch (which will go ahead without thought) as good as. The whole area will be locked off. And what we the tax payer will pay for will have to pay again to enter. Where is the freedom to walk yourself and dogs and play in an open public area. Oh it's going to be taken away. And our tax will go up for the upkeep as well. Good luck everyone
I'm not convinced it's the best use of the Council money. For it to be cost effective it will need to be run as a business and unless it's successful it will be a drain on our resources. Also the parking and entrances will be an added danger on a road that is already dangerous. Ironically the more successful the more traffic it will generate. That part of the road is not lit, even if it's a 30mph limit, no one sticks to it.
Loss of open space, welfare of children, dangerous road
Will be so positive for the local community.
There should be clear proposals about how local residents will maximise the benefit from this. Parish land that is currently open to all will be lost, and parish money will be used for a facility that will be kept locked and only available for paid access. There should be clear proposals for how much it will cost each user to access the facility so we can understand if it is going to be affordable for local people, and there should be a discounted rate and priority booking system for local people.
I agree with the proposal as it will benefit the community making the area multi use throughout the year
We need to keep on developing Staplehurst as a facility for football
I think the addition of this facility will be a good asset to community, but I think the car park exit proposal is unsafe, and there is likely to be a negative knock on impact for the guides as there will be higher alternative demand for car parking
Restricted to mainly football
Great facility for the village and their football teams.
Agree

I would prefer the space and monies to be spent on a new community centre on the site.
Allow residents the opportunity to have facilities in the village rather than travel.
Staplehurst sits on chalk ground, meaning large periods of the year the land is unusable for sports due to flooding etc. this will support the local community provide activity programmes at all times regardless of season/weather
Widely used by the Monarchs and allows training through the winter months, takes away the possibility of water logged pitches.
The current grass pitches are not suitable for use all year round - it would be great for the younger teams to be able to train and host matches at their home venue throughout the year
Winter training is closer and matches can be played when the pitch would usually get waterlogged
The money should be spent on the skate park, and Surrenden Field
Need to provide better community sports facilities

**Q12, Please provide any further comments or questions you have regarding the proposed facility?**

I am concerned it will be a white elephant what are the proposals to ensure that there are sustainable funding in place to pay for maintenance. how will people use it?
Why is the main pitch not being considered for the 3 G project bearing in mind it is already fenced off and has flood lights Will flood lights be included with the 3 G project Who will be responsible for the maintenance off the 3 G pitch? is it envisaged that hiring fees will cover all costs.
Village needs a playing field
I struggle to come to terms with the amount of money that has been given to Jubilee when other village club open to all of the community are struggling to raise funds to enhance their facilities the Village Golf club has been overlooked by the PC.
Money is needed elsewhere upgrade sewage facilities another school. I appreciate that youngsters need open space for sport. but seriously there is a greater need for more of community as a whole. Who grants permission for a tattoo parlour another kebab shop when we need a haberdashery and a family tool shop.
make sure you properly included the disabled community n designing the facilities to ensure accessibility and inclusion. Try to provide rain shelter for spectators to build stronger community through spectators.
I wish it was available when my children were younger.
Is it possible that the new 3G multi sport pitch could be put parallel to the new fenced football pitch so that any fencing does not again come close to the Guide Centre. The grass pitch could then be at the South end of the field. So much fencing stops general public use of what was meant to be for use of villagers. Surely the money could be better spent on a new Village Centre which would be for all Villagers.
I am a dog owner ,but feel that sports field are not the place to walk your dog ,from the state of the pavements there are obviously a number of dog owners who do not clear up after their animals and this is a health hazard for those using the fields
I've lived in the village all my life, I'm a dog walker, football mum and local resident. This has been needed for a long time. There are plenty of other spaces in the village for dog walking that I'll happily walk to so that kids can benefit from a year round pitch.
Will there be space for dogs to be able to be let off the lead and run around?
Why was this questionnaire not sent out to people in the village ?
Hire fees should be used to keep it maintained. Discounts should be available to local residents. I am extremely concerned about the entrance/exit being near the bend in the road. It will be dangerous and needs to be re sited.
Will the site still be accessible for the public for walking/dog walking
No were to walk
I cannot see adequate footpaths/hard standing from the car park and changing rooms to the MUGA. There should be a hard transition to the MUGA to protect the MUGA surface and also provide a stable viewing area outside of the secure fencing
Good idea bad location

Will there still be space to freely walk dogs? Why will it be locked and inaccessible generally... this is removing facilities rather than adding to them!
How soon can you get started?? The sooner the better!
Concerned about parking on the road if its busier.
What is the cost of upkeep? 3G pitches do degrade with age, What consideration has been given to the environmental impact on the proximity of the residential houses? noise, light etc.
What is 3G cannot find an answer anywhere?
Please include a simple running track for older people to take exercise on an all weather surface. More seating and benches around the field as you are using Parish Council funding towards this.
Concerned Guides losing access to land and being marginalised. Major car parking issues.
This whole site should be Sold off to a body that can control and receive rental to allow such developments to progress into what is a sports field allowing a proper ongoing maintenance schedule, whilst not burdening the Village with such precarious unregulated costs associated with such a venue.....
If the main pitch was not locked off it would help allow general green space to be used, it is currently used only by a minor number of people mostly from other areas.
Speed limit change will take a long time to achieve Drainage needs to be seriously considered Can the field opposite be used as an overflow parking AS IT WAS WHEN WE HAD FIREWORKS. Will there be adequate insurance for accidents on the pitch as the cause more accidents than grass pitches. Interesting that men can not play on that pitch. High fences will make it look like a prison site. Worried about safe guarding the Guides, Brownies and Rainbows. Interesting that the front gates will no longer need to be locked. Could lead to more drug taking and County lines activity at night especially.
Be the best they can
The remaining space now cut off from view and less accessible for children. I am worried about a negative impact on the Guides facility and car park.
Would the car park be extended ? as often on a Sunday cars have to park on the road during football practice and matches.
How will the space be used? What are the plans to get people to use the space?
The car parking facilities are extremely limited at the moment the plans show no addition parking only upgrading of current overflow, the exit to this is also on a blind corner on a national speed limit road.
Will the guide centre be given an accessible piece of dedicated land too? They are being encroached upon, bit by bit.
Please look after the interests of the Guides and skate park users.
Why on earth develop it and restrict access to it, it's a beautiful piece of land that can be used 24 hours a day, it works perfect as it is just leave it alone.
I am very concerned about drainage. 2acres of grass holds a surprising amount of water when it is permanent grassland - soil carbon acts as a sponge and releases heavy rainfall slowly into local waterways. If you're draining it freely, the water will go through faster than if it were percolating through soil and roots. Faster flow into local rivers may mean that ditches and culverts cannot cope and water ends up in places you don't want in the event of a heavy rainfall event. We are so flat around Staplehurst, perceived small changes can have a big effect, and 2acres is not a small change. Coupled with all the development down Headcorn Road it needs very careful consideration. Just saying the drainage board will sort it is not good enough.
There is regular vandalism and anti social behaviour in the evening. this needs to be monitored to ensure the new facilities are not damaged.
This must happen
It's an extravagance we cannot afford.
Really needed as there is a complete lack of suitable pitches for winter in the surrounding area
Public space for taking families and friends will be lost
we are an aging population and you proposals do not include this demographic, why is that?
A great proposal, would be keen for it to be well maintained to avoid antisocial outcomes, a great project to enhance the village.

a small group of footballers seem to have most sway on an area for all.
There should be a gym for people of the village to use
Invest the money around the village. Not just on those that play football
What we really need is a sports hall gym
I think this is too late to consult I feel a decision has already been made to build it and feel is a tick box exercise. Currently the facility is not overly busy but imagine it will not remain peaceful when it is built. Many of us enjoy the serenity of the field as it is why do we need another pitch anyway.
Suitable clubhouse style facilities. This would benefit spectators in times of poor weather s well as providing income foe food/refreshments.
Drainage under the 3G looks fine but where will it flow to? Th surrounding ditches are inadequate. How long will a heavy downpour get from 3G take to get to them? Main pitch should be kept for best Staplehurst players not mercenaries control must be kept on this village asset. Parking and access - totally inadequate. Pollution noise and light litter and vehicle movements. Management overseeing of this project is vital - with full disclosure of finances to the public.
I think the referece to the area at 8 could be misleading as the main pitch is enclosed and not available for use, so the 3G pitch is a larger percentage than suggested
Essential to have this facility that hopefully wont get misused and vandalised!
Who other that the football teams want to use the facility? What makes this more than a project for football and for communitu activities?
Noise level Light pollution Habitat destroyed Water run off/ flood risk
I only question why the Staplehurst Monarchs 1st team aren't having this as their main pitch within their 'stadium'. Their current grass pitch isn't great as far as I know. Still this would be a real asset for community.
No more comments
The 3G project is taking an excessive amount of Parish Council time. The developer funding should go to a new community centre
Should events like the fire works return the lack of space would impact on this. We are blessed to have Surrenden Field but it does not have the same facilities and parking nearby. Now the guide centre is available for hire, having a lovely open space and field, is a wonderful community asset. The impact of parking without losing green space should be considered.
I think with increase of usage, you may need to improve the pavilion facilities. Can you extend upwards and have a balcony area to increase the 'entertainment' space, so you can watch a variety of activities from there?
My only concerns are regarding the parking
Parking, particularly on training and match days may of course be an issue but shouldn't detract from the opportunity this project presents
The proposed 3G pitch is overwhelming on a raised mound with fencing and potentially producing more light pollution. Jubilee Field is a community amenity for all of Staplehurst residents not an elite few and those who hire the pitch; everyone else will be locked out! The proposal is a vanity project reflecting the need of a small proportion of residents at the expense of community space. We hope that it is not a foregone conclusion that this project will go ahead.
Would be better closer to the middle of the village for the kids to get to independently/safely.
I am very very concerned about the lack of space for the girls at the centre. i feel as a paretn it would be unsafe for them to use the field as they currently do for their activites with these proposed plans. I would also not be happy for my children to use the site unsupervised if these plans got ahead limiting their outside safe play area due to the increasing numbers and lack of visibilty at the proposed free area.
If there was a park we would use it.
The entrance / exit is dangerous. I n the short time we have lived next door to these facilities there have been 3 cars in the ditches due to accidents. Putting an exit on a fast and unsighted corner is ridiculous, unless it comes with addition road measures, if it does where are they in the proposal?

Everyone has their own opinions of course but I think this would be a waste of funds and grounds that are already used. I would rather attention and funds be spent on providing allotment space, other sports facilities or something else that would benefit the whole community rather than another football pitch.
Property development should have fully funded this site and many others facilities in Staplehurst
On the whole purchase of additional land by the parish council for the use of football (and other sports) and the subsequent construction of facilities (inc. car parking - and bike racks, changing rooms, etc.) for these sports would be an unambiguous good for the village, and the surrounding area while the current proposals lack vision or imagination and amount to infill development upon a public asset.
Please could the council explain how there are 28 additional car spaces in the area by the skate park where there is already parking? Surely this isn't additional. The car park is already well under sized and a 3G would only make this worse. Local estates would be full of visitors trying to park their cars.
The proposal would clearly be of benefit to the football teams. The facility would be good for the village. I did not think that the question about likely usage was very convincingly dealt with. That in turn could have an effect on its paying for itself. If it did not, who would pay? My main reservations are whether it is the best use of the CIL funds for the village as a whole and that was not very well addressed in this consultation. That said, I appreciate that the external funds that would be attracted by this project make this good value for money.
It's a positive step
PROVISION OF CLUBHOUSE FACILITIES WOULD GREATLY ENHANCE THE NEW PITCH ALONGSIDE THE EXISTING FOOTBALL CLUB AND ITS SUPPORTERS.
I'd like to understand the duration of priority/preferential bookings Staplehurst Monarchs will be provided with
It is such an amazing and exciting proposal. I thoroughly hope that it goes ahead.
Improve the infrastructure of the village. Make the builders pay for every brick they lay. But you won't!
Say yes to the 3G!
I would like to know more details of how the S106 funding is being spent on other projects. We have seen a lot of growth in Staplehurst and the total amount of S106 funding must be extremely substantial, as must the additional Council tax income. However, this is the first project I've seen involving S106 funding. I'm sure there are many other areas in Staplehurst that could do with funding: The Library, the school, waste water problems on Marden road etc.
It's a must, not a nice to have.
Much needed
Why don't you invest the money in improving the existing land and better parking
The exit road will be dangerous on the corner of headcorn road
1. What happens to the project if the additional funding can not be raised 2. Who will be funding any overspend (as this is likely to happen) 3. Why is the SIL funding down to the exact penny and the balance an approximation. Also your own figures do not add up to £1M so there is already a shortfall Finally why does the online survey, not include the demographic profiling that is on the paper copy.
Don't want the 3G pitch
The proposed facility must include variety of sports for all ages, and genders
Will staplehurst school have the opportunity to use it?
This form makes it seem like a done deal already - there has been no consideration for the field users other than football club members. Resolve the issues that are already pressing before adding a 3G pitch that will cause more issues for users
I am assuming that the 3F pitch would be available for hire? Also what sports pitches would be marked out on the artificial grass? I am sure sports other than football could benefit from using the 3G surface?
the parish council should not be paying as the sports clubs should be fund raising this themselves.
Will there be a noticeboard for local personal trainers and health practitioners to advertise and reach out to local people? Could we please have breast screening and prostate scanning mobile clinics at the facility on a regular basis?
Needs effective security
A valuable resource for the village and bringing the community together

If the 3G is not being used say in school holidays - then why can't the facility be open to local children to use for free provided they are supervised. It is ridiculous to lose 2.1 acres of grass pitches and not then use it
Will there be other facilities or just a pitch? Showers, cafe? Will there be a tannoy system?
I am happy to lose the 2.1 acres to the 3G pitch but not if it is used for other things such as building developments.
More parking will be needed. Where does this go? What happens when the senior team need a clubhouse and more seating and more standing areas? Will Jubilee Field become a football stadium?
We need to see a fully costed business plan before we can make a decision. We need to know that Parish Council funds will not be used on annual running costs going forward
Working details such as security, key holding , defib, maintenance, ownership, energy, legal , noise are unknown to a lot of people in the village and thus awareness of those would show openness and transparency
Seems a lot of money to spend when money is so precious at the moment.
hopefully you can vandal proof the new pitch when not in use
Parking and drainage are large considerations which need to be given serious consideration.
I have concerns that there isn't enough parking and that there will effectively be less than today on the new plan when. You take into account the parking that is currently used on the field itself on busy days.
Be interesting to see a transparent break down in the council documents of what money has been exchanged to get tasks done.
Great idea, wrong place
I would like to see Staplehurst community benefits at the heart of this proposal e.g. local school, local youth club, residential homes in Staplehurst should all be part of this from the start and at its core.
When is it happening
The facility should be continued to be developed so midweek usage of the grass area can increase
I would recommend considering reversing the direction of the car park entry and the exit. Most traffic to the site will come from the direction of Staplehurst centre, turning left before the sharp bend into site, with good visibility to vehicles behind the turning vehicle is safer than vehicles turning right exiting the facility under the current plans right after a blind bend
Would like to know more about the landscaping plans to ascertain whether noise will travel to new developments nearby, also has an impact assessment been done with regards to light pollution re floodlights?
I believe this project is not inclusive of a large number of the Staplehurst community residents.
If it does not happen now it ever will