

Question 39 Free form responses

Adequacy of existing community facilities

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1. I would like it in St Catharine's church area more regularly.
2. 'EXPANDING' is this a given?
3. A small 'gym' type area at the pavilion / village hall open to villagers.
4. Can we have a recycling facility for garden waste? (Maybe being collected for an anaerobic digester).
4. cont. 1. Taking garden waste to Oadby or Kibworth adds considerably to our carbon footprint. A small 'gym'
4. cont. 2. ' type area at the pavilion / village hall open to villagers.
5. Need a doctors surgery
6. Bowls green needs enlarging
7. I like St Catharine's but in another denomination! so attend elsewhere
8. Keep the pharmacy and GP visiting service.
9. Village store (Co-op) causes parking and traffic problems in main St. Moving it to sites north of A47 (site A) would not only alleviate this
9. cont. but draw that side of the village towards the rest of it. Residents of Uppingham Road often feel that they are not a part of the village.
10. There is a need for an appropriate indoor sports facility - village hall not designed for the purpose. better car parking facilities needed,
10. cont., in general (see previous comments).
11. We need a larger local shop, the Co-op is just too small and does not stock enough variety which means driving to Oadby or Evington to get items
12. none
13. Coffee/tea shop
14. All good
15. Cricket pavilion, needs updating
16. Teenage play area needs improving - perhaps basketball area/skate area
17. Pavilion needs replacing in the very near future
18. Library with internet
19. Facilities only adequate for a SMALL village
20. Post Office needs to be expanded and developed
21. Parking on the field is a disgrace it wants repairing before there is a serious accident
22. Pavilion
23. School will need to be enlarged or replaced.
24. Car park area on Weir Lane. Playing field needs urgent attention.
25. The pavilion is adequate for its present use which is primarily footballers.
26. A new pavilion which would improve facilities including a sports hall.
27. A GP surgery will be needed of the village grows as planned.
28. The bowling green. ideally a new full size green located on the playing field site with access to the pavilion facilities.
29. Village hall should be bigger parking an issue. pavilion needs rebuilding. Church needs supporting. Methodist chapel needs support.
30. Why are the available options so negative??

31. If 170 houses are built most current facilities/services will be inadequate at the current level. A Health Centre is a MUST.
32. Possibly bigger Co-op if village expands. bakery, coffee/tea shop. Doctors if village expands.
33. car parking for Main St
34. Pavilion needs an update - very old and tired. Field needs a clean up always rubbish left by lads and football.
34. cont. Litter in hedges and the border of the field looks untidy.
35. Playing facilities to include skate park, basket ball court, squash courts.
36. A dentist is required.
37. There is a pressing need for a doctors surgery.
38. Pavilion is old and in need of improvement and modernisation.
39. Pavilion run down, play field car park v.poor
40. Disabled access to Methodist church
41. Pavilion Playing Fields
42. Shops. A deli/butchers/coffee shop would be good. Pubs be more "family friendly"
43. Provision of adequate accommodation for elderly folk who wish to remain in the village when they become unable to look after themselves
44. Imagine any expansion will cause traffic and parking issues outside the Co-op on Main Street as it can be a problem already
45. Young people's youth club in village hall as it was when I grew up in Houghton!!
46. Co-op needs new bigger location
47. Village Hall lacks storage space and enough facilities. The pavilion needs extending and updating especially the kitchen facilities.
47. cont. St. Catharine's Church needs redecorating and improving for community use. The Chapel kitchen and Hall are need updating
48. The car park to the playing fields in Wine Lane SERIOUS ACCIDENT SPOT
49. Telephone (public)
50. Playing Field Car Park
51. Car park at playing fields pavilion needs re building & modernizing
52. School
53. St Catharine's is satisfactory but any effort to re-order the current seats to make the Church usable for more community events is to be
53. cont. applauded and strongly supported. The village hall is more than satisfactory.
54. Hopefully the people that move into the village will have families who use the sport facilities
55. Access to healthcare Superfast broadband access
56. Pavements and lighting
57. The food in the village pubs
58. Enlarge bowling green
59. School made bigger
60. Bus service is not adequate - needs extended daily hours plus Sunday operation - facilities for teenagers
61. Parking for village hall, Church and chapel is bad!
62. Shops
63. A space for teenagers - let's value them and show them we do. Everyone else has their own space in Houghton - they should have their space too.
64. Village Shop
65. The Pavilion could do with updating but not a priority yet
66. I think there is much room for improvement of the Pavilion. At the moment I would not look at or a function as the toilet facilities are awful

66. cont.1 as the bar/function area is tired and dilapidated. I would actually knock it down and build something suited to sport changing facilities and
66. cont.2 and general social functions to maximise its usage.
67. Pharmacy on Saturday mornings
68. We need a concrete all weather table tennis table on recreation ground near tennis courts & picnic tables for families to use in summer.
68. cont. Also communal permanent outdoor BBQ
69. Pavilion
70. Accessibility to a Doctor
71. Damage to football playing areas Improvement to children's play area to make more inviting