

Annex B

Land around Sapley Square, Huntingdon

precis of written comments

The table below details the comments received in general letters and from comments or attachments from the public questionnaires.

Comment by:	Nature of Comment
Huntingdon Town Council	<p>The plan does not adequately address the need for suitable and sufficient parking facilities in an area which is already recognised as having a shortfall of parking availability.</p> <p>Consideration must be given to the need for suitable access for construction machinery at the time when the new Kingdom Hall is being built.</p> <p>What assurance is there that the capital investment necessary to further an extension of the Medway Centre or the St Barnabas Centre will be available?</p> <p>The current proposals show the removal of existing footpaths allowing access for users with disability between the bus stops on Coneygear Road and the Medway Centre/Medway Court and no suitable replacement for this loss of amenity.</p> <p>The Council is of the view that the proposals overall will result in a substantially improved use of the land in the area.</p> <p>There is a strong local preference for the retention of a public house and therefore a suitable site should be identified if the existing one is to be removed.</p> <p>There is concern that plans to accommodate specific user groups in an extension to the Medway Community Centre will limit the opportunity of the Town Council as tenant to extend or develop the Centre, should this be a user requirement.</p> <p>Location of the Kingdom Hall next to the BRJ Club and opposite the Health Centre is preferred to the current</p>

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	<p>location between Medway Court and the Medway Centre, as existing parking facilities at the BRJ Club would be available for users.</p> <p>In the event that the Kingdom Hall is relocated as suggested, then the proposed Kingdom Hall site in the Preferred Options Plan could be used to site a public house for the Community.</p>
Questionnaire 1	<p>Why is that green spaces and well maintained buildings are always the ones to be altered or demolished.</p> <p>The St Barnabas Learning Centre has only just been built and should not be interfered with.</p>
Questionnaire 2	<p>St Barnabas Learning Centre has been built for the community.</p> <p>It would be totally immoral and unethical to use these facilities for anything else.</p> <p>Grant received would not have been given for a no conformist church.</p> <p>The congregation would be against any extension which would take away their green space.</p>
Questionnaire 3	<p>Would prefer to see improvements to existing buildings, eg Medway Court and Medway Centre, an the pathway between Nene Road and Medway centre needs resurfacing.</p> <p>Any housing built should bring with it 'infrastructure charges'.</p>
Questionnaire 4	<p>Thinks that the Golden Knight should be given a face lift, not taken away.</p>
Questionnaire 5	<p>There should be more parking facilities for the shops and the Maple Centre. Parking for any of the new proposed buildings does not seem to have been considered.</p>

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Questionnaire 6	In favour of re-siting the public house. There is already too much drinking on the streets.
Questionnaire 7	The learning centre should stay where it is. The Medway Christian Centre, the Golden Knight and the Medway Court flats should no be moved.
Questionnaire 8	Concern over removal of wing to Medway Court. No great amount of additional housing, just different housing. Fears that the business enterprise building will be a white elephant. Supports changed footpaths, but need to look at levels.
Questionnaire 9	Too many houses in a small space. Not enough provision for childrens' play.
Questionnaire 10	Parking?
Questionnaire 11	Should have a discussion for leaving learning centre where it is.
Questionnaire 12	Needs clarification between Medway Centre and Christian Fellowship. Vehicular access to Kingdom Hall – surely the gradient is too steep from Medway Road. Would acces from Nene Road end be better.
Questionnaire 13	Concerned that the learning centre stays where it is.
Questionnaire 14	Will the new footpaths be will lit with the new down facing street lamps? Also parking on a Sunday morning when both Kingdom Hall and Christian Fellowship services are on, even now in Nene Road when the Kingdom Hall is in use there is a lack of parking with the cars from the people worshipping parking all round the Kingdom Hall and parking area of the Golden Knight?

