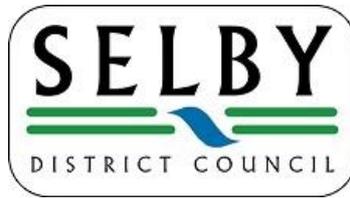




Report: Staynor Hall Engagement Exercise





Introduction

On 6 June 2005, outline planning permission (ref: CO/2002/1185) was granted for 1,200 dwellings, employment space, public open space, shopping and community facilities at the Staynor Hall site on the southern side of Selby. The scheme was granted consent because it was seen as a comprehensive development that would provide much needed housing and vital community facilities, including a new school and a Community Centre. The granting of planning permission included an obligation to provide a community facility with the capital costs covered by the developer.

As the Staynor Hall development progressed by the developer, Persimmon, the question was raised in 2017 is the community facility still needed?

To answer the question Selby District Council undertook a comprehensive engagement exercise, utilizing a variety of methods: a survey, informal focus groups and interviews, and a public engagement event. This engagement activity commenced on Friday 18th August and continued until Friday 22nd September.

1. Summary of Key Findings

Key themes throughout engagement

Key themes that emerged from the three methods of engagement were:

- Residents are in favour of having a community hall
- Over 30 residents have offered to join a group to help develop the facility
- A number of suggestions were made that the facility should be a flexible space capable of being used for a range of activities and also be available for social events
- Parking and road safety around the site needs to be managed

2. Methodology

Survey: An online survey was promoted through social media to Staynor Hall Residents. The survey launched on Friday 18th August and remained live for the duration of the engagement exercise until Friday 22nd September. During this time the survey received 128 responses – this is considered to be a very positive response rate.



Formal Interviews: These were conducted alongside the survey work and eight meetings took place between: Staynor Hall Primary School, Groundwork, local police, neighbourhood officers, NYCC Children's Centre, Selby Abbey, St Richard's Church, Salvation Army, Kings Church, NYCC Youth workers, Selby College, and Selby District Council planning team.

An engagement evening: On September 20th at Staynor Hall Primary School approximately 40 people attended an engagement evening. Planning staff from Selby District Council presented plans for the development and were available to answer questions. Customer and Community staff also attended and shared interim findings from the survey.

3. Key findings from the survey

- **What kind of community facilities are needed at Staynor Hall?**
 - 79% said 'a purpose built community centre'
 - 67% said developed spaces (e.g. a sports pitch),
 - 42% said 'green spaces/open spaces'
 - 2% said they thought no additional facilities were needed.

- **What should community facilities be used for?**

The top 3 responses were:

 - 94% 'activities for children and young people'
 - 71% 'social events and parties'
 - 70% 'sports, fitness and dance classes'

- **Respondents were asked who they think should maintain and manage the community facility:**
 - 55% said the District Council
 - 26% said the community should be given the opportunity
 - 20% said 'I have no opinion'

- **When would the community facilities be used?**
 - 80% thought it should open on evenings and weekends
 - 55% might be interested in volunteering with 39% willing to serve on a management committee to run the facility.

- **Would you be interested in volunteering at the community facility?**

Respondents were asked if they were interested in volunteering

 - 56% said maybe
 - 28% said no
 - 16% said yes

It is also worth noting that:

- 46% said they would join the committee and attend meetings
- 31% said they would help with organising events
- 29% said they would help with reception
- 29% said they would help with a café



The survey also asked other related questions:

- **What's good about living at Staynor Hall?**

Respondents were asked to select the three main things they like about where they live.

- 56% said 'it's safe',
- 53% said 'I can talk to my neighbours', and
- 52% said 'close to/easy access to my place of work'

- **What concerns are there about Staynor Hall?**

Respondents were asked to select the three main things that concern them about where they live.

- 72% said 'not enough for children and young people to do',
- 63% said 'not enough opportunity for the community to get together' and
- 55% said 'crime and anti-social behaviour'.

Other comments: lack of shops and amenities; no dog poop bins and no post boxes; lack of childcare and school holiday provision

- **What facilities are used in Selby Town (respondents can tick more than one answer)**

- 83% local bars/restaurants
- 83% parks and greenspaces
- 59% indoor sports clubs
- 14% outdoor sports clubs

It is also worth noting that:

- 41% reported that the distance from Staynor to Selby Town made using these facilities difficult
- 10% people reported that parking was an issue, due to price and sometimes lack of availability

4. Key findings from the interviews

Overall people said there is a need for a community hall and that they would be interested in running activities from a facility in Staynor Hall. All interviewees acknowledged this is a new housing area and as such the community is not developed into having established local groups and activities. Those that do participate in leisure activities go off-site.

Suggestions were offered about the activities that could be delivered in a community hall. The focus groups yielded more ideas about potential activities and the survey produced more information about facilities that the site should offer.

One point made was that speed bumps were installed outside the building to manage irresponsible driving.

The table overleaf shows suggestions for facilities, activities and user groups according to popularity with 'high priority' being suggested more than 5 times, 'medium priority' more than 3 and 'low priority' just once.

| | Facilities | Activities | Who Should Use It |
|-----------------|--|--|--|
| High Priority | Kitchen Playing field Football area Sports facilities | Boys and girls football Parent and toddlers group Scouts, Guides, Rainbows, Brownies Intergeneration activities (digital learning?) Children's support group Youth Club/ Youth LGBT Club Summer Holiday club/activities Social events and parties Sports, fitness and dance class Activities for children and young people Activities for older people | Children Young people Parents and toddlers |
| Medium Priority | Storage for tables and chairs A small office Café/restaurant A crèche | Dancing (all ages) Over 50s club Indoor sport Social drop-in centre Adult education classes Arts & crafts classes | All generations Elderly people Families |
| Low Priority | A bar Washing and drying facilities | Indoor bouncy castle Annual summer event Baby health visitors Stay and play baby classes Martial Arts Young People Arts Club (graffiti artists) Welfare rights and debt advice Support sessions for getting back into work Polling station | The community |

5. Key findings from the public event

There was unanimous support for a community facility

- People agreed with the interim survey results reported
- There was some discussion about who would manage the building and a number of people signed up to form a residents group to discuss possible models
- The timescale for the building work
- Parking arrangements around the proposed facility

6. Other activity

The Central Community Enterprise Forum included an update on the Staynor Hall engagement work at the meeting on September 13th. 25 people attended.

Information about the survey and the engagement event was featured on the SDC website and included on the Staynor Hall Residents facebook page whose membership rose from 345 to 500 during the timeline of the engagement work. According to the Council's analytics The Staynor Hall engagement was the top facebook topic for August having 7,100 posts in the month.

Other issues about the estate were raised by residents across all forms of communication survey, interviews and event. Key points were about a lack of dog waste bins, no post boxes and no road markings which people felt were a safety issue.

Since the engagement work closed the white lining has commenced on the roads around Staynor Hall. The post boxes and the dog waste bins will be installed once the roads are adopted by highways.

"Good to know the Council is on our side"

Resident comment September 21st