

Proposal for a New Sports Pitch at Manor Park, Newbury Consultation (WBC) - verbatim responses

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Individual resident	Not so important	The number of under 10s training, matches and tournaments in and around Newbury I have taken our child to show there is already adequate provision.	Strongly disagree	The area is a rural edge of Newbury and absolutely should not be encouraging more traffic to that site. Particular concern is the very narrow and winding Stoney Lane northbound from that site. I also think the small amount of parking already there is already adequate and sufficiently exposed to Waller Drive and its street lighting to deter additional drug dealing and other illegal activities	No		Yes	There are plenty of grass spaces available at weekends - school fields. A recent football tournament was held at Kennet School's field - 12 pitches were laid out. You already have grass areas being used for football which are clearly being underused - Driving past Henwick playing field traveling to an under 10s away match on Sunday morning often shows nothing happening there - that is a much larger area and already has toilet facilities and enough parking	
Individual resident	Not so important	I am unaware of a shortage of sports pitches in the area, there seem to be enough around and my children's sports activities have not been affected by this apparent shortage. If there is a shortage at weekends, as the proposal suggests, why not use school fields? Also, given the current cost of living crisis this should be low priority for council spending at the moment.	Strongly disagree	This is a quiet rural area that will be completely ruined by having sports pitches and public toilets which could lead to an increase in anti social behaviour. It will increase traffic through the area which it is not well placed to handle - Stoney Lane being a prime example, a narrow country lane which would be unable to cope with extra traffic.	Yes	Don't proceed with this proposal!	Yes	Every school field, e.g. we have attended football tournaments at Kennet School during weekends.	This proposal has been kept relatively quiet to local residents. I only heard about it from another resident who said it had been tucked away on page 8 of the Newbury paper - seems like a done deal with very little thought to the immediate local community.
Individual resident	Not so important	If there is a need based on robust up to date evidence then the Council should explore all possible options for the location of additional sports pitches. Examples include primary and secondary schools in local area to Manor Park, several of which have excellent sports pitches.	Strongly disagree	The existing public open space has a significant slope and will therefore need levelling to ensure a pitch which meets Sport England standards. Levelling the pitch (via raising it up) will cost the Council, and the taxpayers, money which could be better off being pumped into other West Berkshire Council services. The site has very poor drainage and in periods of heavy rain becomes saturated and very boggy. Satisfactory drainage will need to be installed again at the cost of the taxpayer. Further questions for the Council: Has a cost-benefit exercise? Has the Section 106 agreement/ covenants associated with the Manor Park residential development been fully explored so the Council is satisfied a playing pitch can in fact be considered on the open space? The Council could be subject to a legal challenge if they are not fully satisfied. We trust in considering the potential for this sports pitch you have also liaised with your colleagues in the Council's Planning Department. The reason we raise this is that the land directly adjacent to the northern boundary of the Manor Park recreation ground is an existing allocated housing site (Land at Coley Farm, Stoney Lane, Newbury (site reference NEW045)) in the West Berkshire Housing Site Allocations DPD and has planning permission (ref: 16/01489/OUTMAJ and 20/06004/FULEXT) for 75 dwellings with relevant planning conditions. The Section 106 legal agreement (dated 21 June 2021) on page 21 refers to the requirement for a footpath as follows: "5. Prior to the occupation of any Residential Unit to lay out and provide at the Developer's expense the off-site works being the Footpath in accordance with Plan F to the reasonable satisfaction of the Council such approval to be confirmed in writing by the Technical Officer and not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed." The foot/cycle path, as per the plan on page 39, is required to connect the new development at Coley Farm and the existing development to the south. The alignment of the footpath cuts across the field from the top right hand corner of the public open space and connects up with the existing car park off Waller Drive. The plan indicates it will be 2 metre wide tarmac footpath and to be "provided by the Developer in the position shown coloured brown on Plan F." Can a playing pitch be provided without interfering/ crossing the footpath? Also, will the potential sport pitch impact on the ability to deliver the play space (on the open space) which is a S106 requirement of the Coley Farm development? There is also a planning application (ref: 21/01452/FULEXT) for 66 dwellings on land south of Waller Drive which awaits determination and is also in close proximity to the recreation ground. Whilst I am not expecting you to make comment in relation to these planning applications, the cumulative impact of these proposed developments and the potential playing pitch cannot be ignored by the Council. We also echo the comments from Cold Ash Parish Council, the key comments as follows: "The works to level the pitch and improve the drainage will change the look and feel of the area and will no doubt have an effect on the wildlife that calls this park home. We note that there are no detailed proposals about how the levelling will be implemented. "The field acts as a sustainable drainage system protecting Manor Park residents from flooding. There is a risk that the levelling and drainage infrastructure could affect this flood protection. "There are already big changes planned for this park with the Coley Farm development. This already risks changing the quiet and peaceful nature of this park. WBC have not presented any plans as to how the proposed pitch and infrastructure will fit in with the already proposed changes. "Football matches are not quiet affairs. The whistles and shouting will undoubtedly be a noise nuisance to those in the neighbouring properties. The Council need to use their common sense and realise that foul and abusive language is used despite whatever FA protocols are in place. Its just the nature of competitive team sport. If the Council is not aware of any evidence of this then we suggest Officer's go to watch a mens Saturday or Sunday league game! "The building of a toilet block will have an urbanising effect on the field and will no doubt be the focus of anti-social behaviour outside of football hours. Residents will have to look at the building all week, while it will only be in use for 6 hours a week. "The expansion of the car park will impact on the character of the area, especially when 30 cars are parked there on match days. The car park will certainly overflow, resulting in parking spilling onto neighbouring roads impacting on residential amenity. "The use of the football pitch will be from residents living across the whole of West Berkshire. They will all be travelling by car which will cause extra traffic and nuisance for neighbouring residents. "The Cold Ash Neighbourhood Development Plan is intending to allocate this area as Local Green Space (LGS). The proposed infrastructure changes are incompatible with this designation. "We are concerned about mission-creep. Will the facilities here be expanded in the future? "What is being proposed is a district-wide facility. Choosing to place it in the middle of a housing development on the northern boundary of Newbury is not appropriate.	No	To address our concerns the Council should consider a playing pitch somewhere else in the district where it is more suitable. Please do not propose a playing pitch at Manor Park.	No	The Council should explore all possible options for the location of additional sports pitches. Examples include primary and secondary schools in local area to Manor Park, several of which have excellent sports pitches. Our suggestions include the pitches at Kennet Secondary School or the pitch next to Fir Tree School. The Council should also look for sports pitches to be integrated into new strategic development and thereby satisfying the need of existing and new residents. The sports pitches can be planned for in a comprehensive manner rather than shoe-horning something into an existing public open space in a heavily built-up area. Has the Council's Sports and Leisure team liaised with their colleagues in the Planning Policy team and discussed the potential strategic developments being planned in the emerging Local Plan i.e. the North East Thatcham development? Surely sports pitches can be planned via the masterplanning of the strategic sites.	It is a poor proposal from the Council will limited information for the local residents to fully consider. It is our opinion that the Council has underestimated the interest (and objection) to the potential proposal from local residents and would appear to have been under-prepared for the local reaction. Also, we consider that information has been drip fed rather than being ready at the start of consultation. It would be helpful for all information to be available at the start of the consultation (for example, a map of the site wasn't included but one was subsequently added). After watching one of the webinars it is clear that the Council has carried out a certain level of technical work to get to this stage. We have on several occasions requested the 'feasibility report' from Officer's and Councillors but just been sent a holding response - this is very poor. Officer's also during the webinar noted that an indicative layout for the sports pitch had been prepared. Why wasn't this information made available during the consultation? The Council must be transparent and not withhold information.
Individual resident	Very important		Strongly disagree		Yes	Find a more suitable and appropriate place for a new future-proof sports pitch.	Yes	1. East Floral Way, north Bath Road Thatcham 2. North west Tull Way in Thatcham 3. Colthrop near Thatcham Train Station	
Individual resident	Extremely important		Strongly disagree	A perfectly good football pitch was closed at Faraday Rd for no apparent reason so use the space to build new pitch(s)	Yes	Yes admit you made an error of judgement and reinstate Faraday Rd football club	Yes	Faraday Rd - reinstate AFC Newbury Playing Field	Yes it should never have been forced to close.
Individual resident	Not at all important	The council will not maintain the site. They don't manage the rest of the estate very well.	Strongly disagree		No		Yes	Open up the land by the showground	This is drought with problems. Younger children will be bullied by older children. There will be drugs, vandalism, and the site will be poorly maintained by the council. What's wrong with the site at Henwick?
Individual resident	Not so important	providing the facility when not supervised does not become a meeting place for anti social behaviour.	Strongly disagree	I believe it will bring anti social behaviour to a quiet area as the playing area will be surrounded in part by woodland and whenever not in use for supervised structured sport will end up being frequented by disorderly groups.	Yes		Yes		
Individual resident	Not so important		Strongly disagree		No		Yes		
Individual resident	Very important		Strongly disagree		Yes	If the council was genuinely seeking to increase supply to meet demand then it would revise it plans to develop on the Faraday Road Stadium, and its over-development of the plan for the sports hub. It could provide a basic 3G pitch at the rugby club for approx. £1.5M and around £1M to redevelop the Faraday Road Stadium with a 3G pitch, which would be a better stadium than the proposed Sports Hub, and would cost around half the likely £5M cost just to develop the Sports Hub. This would add over 100 hrs playing time per week and would go much further to meeting the demand than the 6 hrs of proposed grass pitch at Manor Park.	Yes	Redevelop the Faraday Road Football Pitch as per the plans approved this year. Obvious and logical to everyone apart from the current Conservative administration.	This requirement is nothing to do with the demand and everything to do with the council's ideologically driven desire to develop the Faraday Road Stadium
Local business	Extremely important		Agree				No		
Individual resident	Somewhat important	I understand that sport is vital for young people's mental health, as well as encouraging general physical activity.	Disagree	This space is a very popular dog walking area. A safe place to exercise and socialise both dogs and people. Obviously this would not be possible during match time, and also how long before dogs are then prohibited. As a dog owner these spaces are important and are few in the local area.	Yes	It's a small, sloped site, not sure how it is even considered as an option. Leave it alone.	No	I haven't explored this	
Individual resident	Not so important		Strongly disagree	Residential area which will end up being clogged up with cars of people visiting the pitch. Also this is a very popular dog walking field. Where are we supposed to give the dogs exercise when we aren't allowed to use this field? Plus it will be far too expensive to level the field & sort out drainage issues. This field is a quagmire when it rains. Also, I thought this field was supposed to be a wildflower meadow as part of the Stoney Lane development plans that the council has already approved.	Yes	Leave the field as it is. Reinstate the Faraday Road football pitch.	Yes	Faraday Road football pitch!	I strongly object to this plan as it will have a huge impact on local residents.
Individual resident	Extremely important		Strongly disagree		Yes	Can't we use the existing pitch in Clay Hill?	Yes	Faraday Road	Waste of money
Individual resident	Extremely important	We lost our best pitch at the stadium	Strongly disagree	Wrong place	Yes	Let us book the pitch in Faraday road, it's close to town centre	Yes	Faraday road!!!	If you really care about sport why did you close our football stadium a few years back?
Individual resident	Somewhat important		Strongly disagree		Yes	Explain itself as to why Faraday Road, a centralised location, is not reinstated, and provide an explanation behind the rationale to ruin natural habitat in the north of the town with limited benefit to the majority of all residents, on a site close to the football pitches at the very western edge of the Thatcham/Newbury border.	Yes	Siting a football pitch in a central location that can be easily accessed by adults and children/teens will be a sensible approach for this council to take: Reinstating Faraday Road as a sports field will be eminently better for all citizens in this town that is cut into quadrants by the A4 and A339 passing through it. This location, due to these roads, plus the canal towpaths make it an obvious choice.	I wish the town councillors, as the council, would listen to what the citizens, they allegedly represent, have to say and act upon our wishes.
Individual resident	Extremely important	You've removed the football pitch at Faraday road and pretty much all of the usable recreational field in Theale. For no good reason when alternatives were available	Strongly disagree	This is the middle of a residential area. A very quiet residential area at that. There would be no where near enough parking spaces once you start getting league games and parking would spill onto Stoney Lane and the housing estate. Its a ludicrous idea. Clearly thought up by someone who has no knowledge of the area.	Yes	Stop with this lunacy.	Yes	Faraday Road!!! For starters.	Again I find myself aghast at the ridiculous decisions made by this council.
Individual resident	Not so important	We already have Henwick pitches nearby and also at the top of Fir Tree Lane. The park is clay soil, with a high level of water run-off so we need the flood protection which is already poor. The new 75 housing estate on Coley Farm will make this problem worse too with all the hard surfacing run off. By the time Stoney Lane is widened and the proposed play area for the new houses added, more car parking and changing room are added, there won't be much park left for dog walkers etc. There is already a massive drug problem in the park which will be made worse. Please don't ruin what we have left.	Strongly disagree	We already have Henwick pitches nearby and also at the top of Fir Tree Lane. The park is clay soil, with a high level of water run-off so we need the flood protection which is already poor. The new 75 housing estate on Coley Farm will make this problem worse too with all the hard surfacing run off. By the time Stoney Lane is widened and the proposed play area for the new houses added, more car parking and changing room are added, there won't be much park left for dog walkers etc. There is already a massive drug problem in the park which will be made worse. Please don't ruin what we have left.	Yes	Please don't do this	Yes	Newbury football ground, instead of putting houses there	We already have Henwick pitches nearby and also at the top of Fir Tree Lane. The park is clay soil, with a high level of water run-off so we need the flood protection which is already poor. The new 75 housing estate on Coley Farm will make this problem worse too with all the hard surfacing run off. By the time Stoney Lane is widened and the proposed play area for the new houses added, more car parking and changing room are added, there won't be much park left for dog walkers etc. There is already a massive drug problem in the park which will be made worse. Please don't ruin what we have left.
Individual resident	Not at all important	This pitch is a replacement for the Monk's Lane sports Hub which will replace a better facility at Faraday Road and is a blatant abuse of the planning system.	Strongly disagree	This pitch is a replacement for the Monk's Lane sport Hub which will replace a better facility at Faraday Road and is a blatant abuse of the planning system.	Yes	Stop blatantly trying to abuse the planning system and call a stop to this folly.	Yes	Use Faraday Road pitch to its full potential.	This whole proposal is without merit and a blatant abuse of the planning system to redevelop the current Faraday Road Football Stadium for financial and political gain.
Individual resident	Not at all important		Strongly disagree	There is a sports pitch in Thatcham next to manor park. There was also one in Newbury, this could be renovated.	No	What happened to the promised meadow?	Yes	Faraday Road	Please just give us access to green spaces this is much more beneficial to all that a few for mental well-being

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Individual resident	Somewhat important	I believe it is important for young people to have access to sporting activities - it is known that obesity is increasing in young people and they must have opportunity to be active.	Strongly disagree	I am a resident nearby and believe this is a beautiful green space where much wildlife exists. I do not own a dog but frequently see dog walkers out and often cut through this area on my own walks. I believe that a space which is derelict would be better suited for this type of facility and allow development of land rather than disruption of nature. I feel we should not be encroaching on nature and there is too much destruction of green space for housing etc already and I do not see new green space being created. I believe that some of the schools in the area could open up their fields at weekends and may already have parking space rather than having to dig into green space to create this.	Yes	Please look further at developing a derelict or unused site rather than taking up green land and further encroaching on our wildlife. There are animals which are endangered such as hedgehogs and birds living in this space. Or using an already existing playing field which is not being used adequately.	Yes	Could approach any of the schools (private/public) to see if there could be an arrangement or funding for use - may be cheaper than digging up green land and this area already exists. There may also already be parking on these sites. I am not sure who owns the space between Newbury hospital and the Country Gardens roundabout but that does not seem to be green land. It would be terrible to dig up the area around the field at Manor Park just for parking and the ground is not level in the first place. Also it is quite beautiful with green around the trees and the aesthetic would be lost. At a push, Victoria Park may have space for an open football pitch.	I am against destruction of green space and disruption to wildlife, in any setting. I believe there will be other sites which would be suitable without further degradation of natural habitats.
Individual resident	Extremely important	cause we dont have enough	Strongly disagree	silly place to put it, we need one in the town centre	Yes	re-open the one in the town centre on the industrial estate	Yes	the ind estate - it has a pitch already to use	will it really cost 500K? thats madness when there is already one in Clay Hill we could use
Local sports team / club	Extremely important	Because you closed our football stadium in 2018	Strongly disagree	The pitch at Faraday Road is much better suited	Yes	Yes, abandon these plans and just re-open Faraday Road	Yes	Yes, Faraday Road	A total waste of tax payers money when there is already a football pitch in Clay Hill that the Council won't let us use
Individual resident	Somewhat important		Strongly disagree	The area cannot support the traffic. It will be the loss of valuable green space. The area floods under heavy rain so will not be a good pitch.	No		Yes	Thatcham grass pitches already exist. Ground at donnington	It will create an unacceptable environmental impact. The councils own survey shows the demand is not high. We already have pitches at thatcham less than 0.5miles from the location. This is an illogical proposal
Individual resident	Not at all important	In these times of cost of living crisis WBC would be better using the money to help people with food and energy supply.	Strongly disagree	This is a quiet residential area, the sports field would create a lot of extra traffic and noise when i use. The area is totally unsuitable. Also. What about the pipeline that runs through the site. You cannot dig within 50m of it. Are the owners aware?	No	We don't want it and we don't need it. Put it at Northbrook, or re open Faraday Road.	Yes	Northbrook has all the space and facilities to put the football pitch there. Or re open the Faraday road site. There are schools where their fields are not used at weekends ie Trinity.	This is a quiet residential area, the proposal would create a lot of noise and extra traffic. What about the pipeline that runs through the site, are the owners aware of this?. The toilets would be vandalised and become a drugs haven within weeks
Individual resident	Extremely important		Strongly agree	Addition of floodlights would be great			No		
Individual resident	Extremely important		Agree				No		
Individual resident	Very important		Agree				No		An additional outside recreational space is very welcome. But...With the additional traffic on Waller Drive along with the proposed development of the "old Passey site" and Coley Farm there is an urgent need to develop a robust traffic management plan to deal with both the volume and excessive speed
Local sports team / club	Very important	It's very challenging for local teams to get access to quality grass pitches for training and matches	Strongly agree				No		
Individual resident	Very important	Children and young adults thrive when they are engaged sport. They need to be able to play in a safe environment that is designed for the sport they wish to play	Agree	I agree that there needs to be provision however Henwick field has lots of space but the goal posts are taken in and not for public use. As you have said the pitch will not be lite there will still be a shortage in the winter season as Henwick Astro is not big enough for all the teams, where are you proposing they go? Why would the new pitch not be lite.			No		My concern would be about the wildlife and the wooded area as this is a lovely area and how is this being preserved.
Individual resident	Extremely important	There are not enough pitches in our area for young people and others to develop their skills. Taking part in team sports is good for health and fitness and good for the mind.	Strongly agree				Yes	I believe there is a proposal to site a pitch on Monks Lane adjacent to the Rugby ground. My view is that this site is too small, is not fit for purpose and does not have the potential to expand. So not a good idea.	This site in my opinion is in a good location, in that it is situated between Thatcham and Newbury and is easily accessible.
Individual resident	Very important		Strongly disagree	That field is for dog walking and gets very boggy in the winter	Yes	Find another field	Yes	Faraday Rd	
Individual resident	Not so important	Schools have pitches and should be used	Strongly disagree	Not right to take away a lovely amenity for local residents. Site not to be ruined by heavy use	Yes	Don't use it for this proposal	No		Leave it as green space and general amenity this is the only wildlife haven in this area for the general public. This is not a suitable site
Individual resident	Somewhat important		Disagree						
Individual resident	Extremely important		Neither agree nor disagree				Yes	There are lots of pockets of land north of Thatcham that could be considered	This will not solve the problem of not having enough football pitches , the council needs a longer term plan that will meet the needs of grassroots clubs/residents identified in the Playing Pitch Strategy.
Individual resident	Not so important		Strongly disagree		Yes	Use the sports facilities at Henwick more. Use space in non residential area	Yes	London Road site where Newbury football club were turfed out from.	How many of the councillors involved with this live in the Manor Park area?? Would they like this on their doorstep.?
Individual resident	Very important		Strongly agree				Yes	Old football club ground	
Individual resident	Extremely important	We need sports facilities and we need the council to take responsibility for them.	Strongly disagree	Why have you let the Faraday Road site go to waste. Surely you should be reinstating this before you think about finding new sites. Look after the ones you already have.	Yes	Reinstate the Faraday Road football pitch first	Yes	Faraday Road	Why are you looking for new sites, when you already have ones that you don't maintain.
Individual resident	Extremely important		Agree				Yes	Faraday Road!	
Individual resident	Somewhat important		Agree				No		An allocated signed parking space for referees/officials. No dog fouling signs, dog and general waste bins in the right locations.
Individual resident	Very important		Strongly agree				Yes	Loads of fields off the canal bank where nothing seems to happen. The site of the football field. Bits of Wash Common Etc!	Do something and move away from the committee rut.
Individual resident	Somewhat important		Disagree		Yes	Look elsewhere, utilise local school pitches.Co-ordinate with the other existing pitches. Make developers provide facilities.	No	Stroud Green, Greenham Common, School playing fields, if they haven't already been sold!!!	Manor Park is a residential area much used by local residents.
Individual resident	Somewhat important		Strongly agree				No		Provision of publicly accessible sports pitches is of great importance to support community activities, fitness and team sports, all of which contribute massively to a cohesive society.
Individual resident	Not so important	As a council they should be considering why they are taking good land to make into sports facilities when they have several brown field sites that could be used instead.	Strongly disagree	This site is water logged 75-80% of the year due to bad drainage and a small stream running through it. The increased traffic would be also a concern bringing solution, noise and rubbish to an unspoilt area. This area is used for dog walkers and children alike.	Yes	Find a brownfield site to build a sports facility on instead of taking a natural green area which there are very few of these days.	Yes		The underhanded way that the council are proposing to pass this through to planning without any consultation from local residents is appalling
Individual resident	Extremely important	There should be plenty of opportunities for people of all ages to exercise on grass. It is important too that local teams have a place to call home	Disagree	It is too far out of the town centre. There should be a grass pitch nearer to good transport links or within walking distance of transport hubs. Maybe the council should have considered this before condemning the pitch on Faraday Road estate	Yes	Reinstate a pitch near the town centre	Yes	Where the old one was	
Individual resident	Don't know		Strongly disagree	Increased traffic. Abundance of cars parking down the residential roads causing traffic problems for residents. Noise levels on a weekend close to residential houses when people would like to just relax.	No		No	The one that you closed down ?	Saying there would be free access for dog walkers at anytime would not be the case as if it is being used over the weekends and possibly during the week it would not be available.
Individual resident	Extremely important		Strongly agree				No		
Individual resident	Extremely important		Strongly disagree				Yes		
Community group	Extremely important	Extremely	Strongly disagree		No		Yes		
Individual resident	Very important		Strongly disagree	Leaves resident Dog walkers no where to go for walks. Bringing in more traffic up Stoney Lane, or through manor park	Yes	find somewhere else to put a football pitch	Yes	Faraday Rd	
Local sports team / club	Extremely important	Demand for pitches has increased, with more teams looking for suitable premises. The existing pitches, particularly at Henwick, can get over used and difficult to maintain, as well as manage turnaround for the teams playing on them. Currently, we are struggling to find a venue for our recently formed U7s and U8s that just require a small amount of grass to host games in the Thatcham area. Last season we couldn't host U7s matches at home at all.	Neither agree nor disagree	Whilst we recognise the need for more pitches I would need to understand more as to how the site would be managed. Car parking and management will be a concern for managers arranging games and local residents. It also has to have good emergency site access for an ambulance if required. How would goals be stored and put up when required, for facilitating youth teams?			Yes	Thatcham cricket club / memorial ground. Thatcham Town FC, Kennet / Francis Baily school, Siege Cross Park and Kennet Heath Park - anywhere where a reasonable amount of grass exists.	Thatcham Town Harriers is a local, grass roots, club that supports many young people enjoy the game of football. The demand for pitches in the area is high. Whilst the pitch proposal is welcome it would be beneficial also to support training during the week. The council should be doing more to help provide purpose built flood-lit facilities to also support the demand for training. Without these facilities, clubs like Harriers struggle to support all the teams and demand and therefore thrive, which also means children can not get involved in a sport they want to enjoy.
Individual resident	Extremely important		Strongly agree				No		
Individual resident	Somewhat important	It does depend where these pitches are!	Strongly disagree	Loss of land for playing area for kids and families. Prevision/ defence against flooding	Yes	Give consideration to alternative sites.	Yes	Northcroft Henwick Racecourse Stroud Green Greenham Common	Why manor park? It makes no sense!
Individual resident	Not so important		Agree				Yes	Lots of school fields not used on a Saturday afternoon	
Individual resident	Somewhat important		Strongly disagree	Fundamentally changes the nature of this idyllic rural area. Your proposal will have an urbanising effect.	No	Your proposals will permanently change the nature of this area. There is nothing you could do to the plan to mitigate this.	Yes	There are hundreds of school pitches that are left vacant at weekends.	Please no toilets, no extra parking spaces and no levelling of the site.

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Individual resident	Somewhat important	Be interested in knowing more about the shortfall. Regularly see empty pitches at henwick, downington, northcroft and the rec.	Strongly disagree	Parking would be inadequate. The green area being considered isn't flat and is regularly waterlogged. The investment to make it playable could be spent better elsewhere. Also, henwick is 5 minutes away with about 8 pitches which aren't fully booked	Yes	Better outline the need for this given the number of football teams in Newbury. Improving facilities at other venues is a better way of spending money. What is happening with the space where the old Newbury football club was. That's been left vacant for a number of years. Vicky park itself also has space and facilities to accommodate	Yes	Faraday road. Victoria park. Northcroft. The racecourse. Stroud green. Any number of the local schools.	
Individual resident	Don't know	I use this area for walking dog and meet many others doing the same so if football pitches stop this activity myself and many others will be affected - for the elderly folk who live in the surrounding area this is sometimes the only activity they get. The field is also used for group picnics by mothers and young children - surely the pitches at Fir Tree School or the ones in Thatcham can be used.	Neither agree nor disagree	I use this area for walking dog and meet many others doing the same so if football pitches stop this activity myself and many others will be affected - for the elderly folk who live in the surrounding area this is sometimes the only activity they get. The field is also used for group picnics by mothers and young children - surely the pitches at Fir Tree School or the ones in Thatcham can be used.	Yes	If you insist on Football Pitches in spite of previous comments ensure you allow dog walking, running, and just walking - create a picnic areas and make sure toilet has availability at all times not just when games are in progress. This would at least provide for everyone, especially the many local people who use the field throughout the day.	Yes	Fir Tree School seem to have grounds that are rarely used. The area opposite the Sports Centre in Newbury Town Centre would be a good place as being opposite the Centre it could perhaps be affiliated with it in some way and perhaps the toilets and changing rooms could also be used.	
Individual resident	Somewhat important	Schools have sports pitches which should be utilised, will also be an income for the schools	Disagree	Not the right place, in the middle of housing and taking away a green space	Yes	Stop the proposal utilise local school pitches and club pitches and existing football pitch site	Yes	Use local secondary schools we have at least 3	
Individual resident	Somewhat important		Strongly disagree		No		Yes		
Community group	Somewhat important	Sports pitches are important but not at the expense of areas which are already used for Active Leisure as this site is. The Trinity Playing Fields in Love Lane could have the investment and be made into more than one playing pitch and leave this lovely Parkland as it is with only the proposed small childrens play area at the North End which you have NOT mentioned. The land is peaceful and part of the wildlife corridors near 2 pieces of Ancient Woodland. It is already used for recreation of many different purposes and it not suitable for a football pitch due to its proximity to the Stone Copse Bourne and being part of the Sustainable Drainage for that area.	Strongly disagree	Will require significant drainage works. Will disrupt other already scheduled activities. Will no longer be a quiet area for Green Prescribing at weekend, will lead to it being a known area rather than a not very well known area, and likely increase in the need for Police Patrolling. Wildlife will be disrupted by noisy football games. It is not a new pitch - it is a replacement pitch for one at the Rugby Club. Clayhill is losing more Nature-based Accessible Green Space without planned replacement.	Yes	Make schools playing fields into Public & Education facilities and create more Community Sports Complexes. Where does it say that extra pitches have to be found on WBC Estates Land? Put your football pitches on the field in Love Lane or Henwick fields or do a "Call for Sites" to see if there are any enterprising private sector possibilities. Insist playing pitches are included in Major Development sites like the Shaw 401?	Yes	Expand pitches on Educational Land to create Community Sports Academies or Complexes. Trinity Fields On the North side of Love Lane, Henwick Playing Fields, Stroud Green, Greenham Lodge Estate, Sandford, New Shaw Estates, New Speen development. Why cover what we already have when you are not creating new ones on the lands proposed for the increasing population?	Dealing with the implementation of the Playing Pitch strategy outside of the Overall Leisure Strategy is just Not STRATEGIC!! This area is used by Older people from down in the Newport Road area who can drive up and exercise their dogs. And families can use it for picnics. I believe some of the land may be contaminated and it is now under the Natural England Nutrient Neutral Directive so more disturbance to the land could leech more Nitrates and Phosphorus into the R. Lambourn via the Stone Copse Bourne and drainage down the hills. There is hardly any public accessible space in Clayhill and minimal Nature-based land. Clayhill is a dense built environment covered in concrete so having a quiet 'escape place' for Green Prescribing, connecting to nature, and exercising dogs is fundamental to wellbeing in one of WBC most deprived Wards.
Individual resident	Don't know	I'm not aware of whether there is a shortage or not. The question assumes that there is.	Strongly disagree	Increase in noise at weekends, restriction of use of the area during match times, parking impacts (other pitches have cars parked in surrounding roads) on existing users, potential impact on existing trees and hedgerows, building on a very wet site. Also significant impact from the construction of the site - it needs a lot of leveling.	Yes	Much more detail on the proposal. The site map that comes with this consultation survey clearly shows that the existing trees and hedgerows will be within the boundary, yet the video response from Paul Hendry states they won't be affected. Where will the car park be? What new parking restrictions and enforcement will be introduced to minimise impacts on local residents? What will the changing facilities be? How long will the construction take? At the moment the proposal is very high-level.	Yes	Loads - Greenham Common. Newbury Racecourse. Any golf course. I'm not saying these are suitable though. However, isn't the identification of suitable development sites the job of WBC?	Newbury is lacking in open green spaces, the Manor Park one is a simple facility for local residents. Wildlife is thriving at the edges and in the copses, the council should be enhancing this area rather than turning it into a monoculture flat grass area.
Individual resident	Somewhat important	Sport is important in a person's wellbeing, but there are already sports pitches in West Berkshire.	Strongly disagree	It's a lovely field where people get together for picnics, play games and walk their dogs. In the summer, bees and lots of other insects feed on the dandelions and flowers etc that grow amongst the grass. It's a peaceful spot in a peaceful neighbourhood that would be destroyed by a busy sports pitch.	Yes	Not build the pitch!!!	Yes	Possibly next to the skate ramps in Thatcham.	It would ruin the atmosphere and nature of a quiet area. I personally like to walk up there and sit in the field with my friends.
Local sports team / club	Extremely important	Training and match pitches are in high demand and can become overcrowded and busy. Additional facilities would help relieve pressure on existing resources	Strongly agree				No		The proposal outline would provide a quality facility for the benefit of all
Individual resident	Not so important	Sport is important, but there are plenty of places which have sports fields already or one would be more suited (e.g schools) rather than detriment our green spaces.	Strongly disagree	This green space is heavily used by local residents for dog walking, children's play, mental health breaks etc. It is a quiet area which has limited light pollution at night. As a lone woman, it feels safe for me to regularly go there at all times on my own.	Yes	Don't build here.	Yes	All schools. The rugby club. The current football club,	The extra traffic would be a danger to the wildlife and pets we have around here. The light and noise pollution would ruin the peaceful feel of this area. I moved here because it is on the edge of the town so there would be no noise or disturbance in the evening. The pitches and building and larger carpark may attract groups of people causing a nuisance (party groups, car meets, rowdy footballers)
Individual resident	Not so important		Strongly disagree				No		
Individual resident	Not at all important	There are already sufficient sports pitches within West Berkshire that are not being used to their full potential.	Strongly disagree	There are sufficient sports pitches already within West Berkshire that are not being used to their full potential. This site is known to get extremely wet and boggy so would require a large sum of money being spent on it to improve drainage. This money would be better spent on improving the sports pitches that already exist. I and my family use this field for dog walking, tree climbing and general family fun	Yes	Leave this field as the green field it is currently and go and improve the other sports pitches already in existence.	No	Just modernise and update / upgrade the sports pitches that already exist. We do not need another one	We do it need council money being spent on sports pitches that are not needed or wanted. Upgrade the ones that already exist
Individual resident	Not so important	There are other sports that are under represented in West Berks that are having to fund raise for facilities and West Berks hasn't resorted to 'land grabs' for them so why is football and rugby a special case? West Berks need to encourage diversity and include other sports to make our society more inclusive.	Strongly disagree	Wrong place, expensive, there is a drugs problem in the car park already and in the areas in the park and the council have done nothing to address that for residents. The park has not been maintained apart from grass cutting for over 15 years so this is wrong on many counts. Two housing developments are being proposed to increase traffic so why add even more to a residential area that is going to be very busy with that. How is the council going to stop people playing football at times that are not specified? There are huge pitches opposite the Castle Pub at Donnington with parking so do a survey to see how much they are used first to see if it is necessary.	Yes	Don't waste time and money developing a site that is not suitable and not necessary in Clay Hill. Riverside Community has a mugga use that.	Yes	I don't know new sites but investigate the existing ones and don't close Faraday Road.	This is utterly ridiculous! Waste of money, footballs will go into residents gardens, how are you going to light this area and why oh why provide a toilet in an area that has a drug problem.
Individual resident	Not at all important	There is a cost of living crisis concentrate on that.	Strongly disagree	This is the green area used by the estate and surrounding area to exercise, walk dogs, teach kids to ride bikes and you propose to reduce it! This is a residential area and does not need this here. It will be highly disruptive to nearby residents. There is no public transport to Manor Park so you will increase traffic	No	No start listening to us the residents	Yes	There are industrial estates and larger areas not inside residential areas. I have visited the football pitches at Thatcham they are rarely used. Thatcham Town FC is fundraising for an artificial pitch at Waterside Park in Crookham Hill donate to that	This is a ludicrous disruptive scheme that should not be imposed on the residents who have had council tax increases and now this going to be forced on them
Individual resident	Very important		Disagree		No		No		
Individual resident	Somewhat important		Disagree		No		Yes		
Individual resident	Not so important	Being an ex sports person I do have extended views. The main being the under use of school facilities.	Strongly disagree		Yes	Don't do it.	Yes	Schools	It's on a Spring line. Very very wet area in football season. There are schools that are under used and could help fund schools.
Individual resident	Somewhat important	There aren't that many.	Strongly disagree	Noise and more cars at weekends. Toilets will take more space. Car park will look scruffy. We take the kids there weekends too.	Yes	Put it somewhere else we don't have much green round here.	Yes	Couldn't one of the schools let you use theirs. Fir Tree School where my kids go doesn't use theirs at weekends.	We are worried about the cars that will come from the new houses this will make it worse and they'll also park on the side of the road too.
Individual resident	Somewhat important		Strongly disagree	This rec is a great area for children and dogs to go on an informal basis. The field is a great, secure location for dog owners in the area and despite the proposal stating that it would still be a place for dog walkers, the area for the dogs to roam would be significantly reduced. There would also be an awful lot of work required to level the field off and it gets ridiculously boggy in the winter months, which no amount of draining would improve, especially with the new planned development just north of it meaning that more rainwater would run off into that field. It's quite simply an awful idea, not to mention the additional traffic chaos it would cause.	Yes	Decide against developing on the field.	Yes	The field between fir tree school and the community hospital or the recreation ground up at cold ash next to the hall.	

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Charity or social enterprise	Not at all important	We need more green spaces for walking, dog walking and communities- not more football/ rugby pitches. As already venues we are able to walk dogs are restricted or dogs not allowed. Should this new proposed site be turned into a pitch- where do dog walkers go?? Up behind the houses in manor park?? This area is already showing signs of strain and often is not cleaned of fly tipping and unwanted waste.	Strongly disagree	This will impact other green space users. Dogs won't be allowed onto this area on or off lead and this area is often used for dog training and picnics.. only to be turned into another muddy pitch- inaccessible to other users. Just change the rotation of football/ rugby games and practices please	Yes	Yes, please don't convert this to a pitch!! The traffic too in this area will be terrible!! And "creating new habitat for wildlife..." One does not "create habitat", unless it is being rehabilitated after building/ industrial work... then only does one rehabilitate land. Biodiversity rehabilitation is exactly what will need to happen, should this heinous idea go ahead!!	Yes	Lower way, or behind town centre in the fields near to swimming pool. Create indoor pitches at the old bowling alley- much much better way of reusing currently wasted space!!	-other users would like green spaces to be available to them - this will have a dramatic increase on traffic - dogs will be banned from fields- this is discrimination against other field users - no one else will be able to use the fields - they will become unusable/ inaccessible during winter - huge detriment to wildlife. Increased road kill, species stress- both floral and faunal, soil and plant life will be negatively affected. -drainage of pitch will mean that flooding risk will increase!!! - there are enough fields to go around- please plan better
Individual resident	Not at all important		Strongly disagree	You've not thought this through at all. It's a slope, terrible drainage and a regularly used dog park. That coupled with the residential nature of the area you'd expect all the traffic to either come via stoney lane or Waller Drive which is crazy. I don't see how you could build parking without ruining the surroundings trees. It's the most ludicrous idea WBC have come up with in recent times. Why can't it simply remain at the Faraday road site.	Yes	Demonstrate this is thought through and sensible. Time and time again we see terrible planning decisions hiding behind a facade of "oh we had no choice"	Yes	Actually I do, Faraday road. There's plenty of space there for a football pitch and parking. It's a proven site and worked for many years. Good local links and amenities. If the council are asking us for recommendation for a new site, it shows how well informed you are.	Given the number of houses in the area, coupled with the proposed colely farm development the two roads simply can't handle the traffic. It will turn already dangerous roads into rat runs
Individual resident	Not at all important	There's plenty around here... Henwick sports field and Trinity school Trinity school spring to mind which are utilised regularly. The fields next to Fir tree primary school often has football matches too.	Strongly disagree	They've not thought this through. It's a quagmire in winter, on a slope, it's supposed to be a meadow, adding additional parking for teams/spectators in a residential estate is absurd especially if the Coley Farm houses go up. Stoney Lane is tiny and narrow, more cars is the last thing the residents need. Not to mention it's a very popular dog park. Dogs and football matches don't mix. Not to mention the trees and undergrowth that will need to be dug up to extend the car park. Also is 6 hours of football per week including setting up, warming up and falling about at the end? I think it will be a lot more than 6 hours of noise, people and cars disrupting a quiet neighbourhood.	Yes	Think this through. It's a terrible idea when there was an excellent football pitch at Faraday Road. This is about ways to make or save money it isn't about where the best location is for a football pitch.	Yes	Yes! Faraday Road... just reinstate the football there. Plenty of parking and lighting. To be fair, if the council doesn't know the area well enough to pick an appropriate site, perhaps we need a new council.	I think this location is wrong, as Stoney Lane is a small back road. Traffic flies through Waller Drive as it is so more traffic would be dangerous. We need to preserve the green belts and areas especially if the Coley Farm houses are built. A play park would be less obtrusive but very necessary in this area. Win win for residents and dog walkers, as it doesn't require a bigger carpark. If this is really about making life better for residents and not just a money making/saving scheme you'll not put the pitch there.
Individual resident	Somewhat important	There are alternatives nearby	Strongly disagree	Drainage, safety on roads locally, abuse of toilets facilities, wildlife disruption. Noise. The ground isn't even level and it's used all the time now by residents for walking and enjoying	No		No		Please listen to local concerns
Individual resident	Somewhat important		Strongly disagree	I believe it is the wrong place and in the Manor Park estate I like having green spaces for my children to play. I don't want the increased traffic on my doorstep.	Yes	Put it somewhere else!	Yes	Henwick fields, Fir Tree school grounds	I very much object to it being in Manor Park as it will increase traffic and change the dynamic of our quiet neighbourhood.
Individual resident	Not so important		Strongly disagree		No		No		
Individual resident	Not so important		Strongly disagree	The ground is sodden in water, the area is quiet and peaceful and we as we can often hear shouting from games at henwick, the noise will be disruptive. There is already an expected higher volume of traffic in the area due to housing development and this addition will make this worse.	Yes	Decline the proposal	Yes	Shaw playing fields near trinity school	
Individual resident									
Individual resident	Very important		Strongly agree				No		
Individual resident	Somewhat important	The council removed the one at Faraday park without a plan for a replacement.	Strongly disagree	It's a fantastic green space. Replacing it with pitches, toilets and a car park would completely destroy the area.	Yes	Rebuild the pitch at Faraday Road and leave the green space alone.	Yes	Faraday Road.	
Individual resident									
Individual resident	Very important	It is important that the council replace what they have already taken away.	Disagree	It would be better placed in Faraday Road where the previous football ground was. If it should be put anywhere other than this, then further down Turnpike Road around the hospital area, would be more suitable than this.	Yes	Reinstate Faraday Road facilities	Yes	Faraday Road	Little work (in comparison) needs to be done to return this area to a useable state
Individual resident	Somewhat important	Yes, sports facilities are important and have a place but not at the expense of every green space, which are becoming fewer and fewer with the increasing amount of house building that is taking place.	Strongly disagree	This is a relatively small green oasis in what is becoming an increasingly built up area, with a forthcoming development to start behind it. It is a very calm spot for people to walk, with or without a dog, and recharge peacefully, which is essential for mental health. It's a haven for wildlife including Muntjac deer and a plethora of birds. It's a sloping site, which is soggy in wet weather so significant work and expense will be needed to level and drain it, plus there is an oil pipeline that runs across the site. With the best will in the world, the construction work and increased traffic (people & vehicles) to the site will have a detrimental impact on the site's ecology. You say the pitch will only be used for 6 hours per week but that's for organised matches. It will undoubtedly attract use outside these times which will result in noise and increased traffic in an area that already struggles with traffic at peak times. Due to the close proximity of housing, noise will be an issue for residents (both people & vehicles). I'm also concerned about the likelihood of increased litter and mess, particularly with the proposed inclusion of public toilets and how the council proposes to maintain the site and mitigate this. I'm sure there are vastly more suitable sites so please don't run this one. I'd also be interested to know if the council has carried out any user research in the area to gauge potential use of this and the other proposed sites to understand if there is an actual or just an assumed need. Otherwise there's a very strong chance that work will be carried out unnecessarily to create what could in the main become white elephants and money could be better spent elsewhere.	Yes	As stated previously I'm sure there are vastly more suitable sites. For example why can't school sports pitches be used outside of school hours? Before any work is carried out the council needs to provide evidence in the form of user research to demonstrate the actual demand and need to justify the use of public funds before a beautiful, peaceful green space is ruined forever.	Yes	As stated previously, why not look at better' using the pitches already available e.g. school pitches, Thatcham football club site and the former Newbury football club site.	The need for quiet, green space to walk and contemplate can't be over emphasised for mental wellbeing without the noise of sport (not everyone is a sport lover) and risk of being hit by a rogue football.
Individual resident	Extremely important		Strongly agree				Yes	Faraday road... That's a given!	Please invest in Faraday Road.
Individual resident	Somewhat important		Strongly disagree		Yes	Area of natural beauty doesn't need development	No		
Individual resident	Not so important		Strongly disagree		Yes	They had every opportunity to re-instate the Faraday Football pitch, but NO. Pound signs in front of their eyes to re-develop into something that was not needed. WBC you have lost the plot....big time.	Yes	Plenty of schools in the Newbury area have pitches which have parking and toilets.	Re-think again WBC. This is a area where there is an abundance of wild life and wild flowers. An area where people can walk and children can play.
Individual resident	Extremely important	There has been a huge shortage of pitches across West Berks for many years. The teams at my son's football club have really struggled to find pitches.	Strongly disagree	You are depriving the non-football community of a facility they have used for many years. You need to find an alternative site.	Yes	Yes, find sites that do not affect existing users.	No	That's your job!	
Individual resident	Very important		Agree				No		
Individual resident	Not at all important		Strongly disagree		No		No		
Individual resident	Extremely important	There are now so many teams from each age group playing for several different clubs that it's becoming very difficult to find pitches for everyone to play	Agree	Although will probably need more car parking spaces and more time available for training and playing			Yes	Possibly green area opposite the racecourse entrance? Siega park area in thatcham? Green area behind thatcham bowling green area. Area around pound lane	Great idea to find some other area for sports teams to play - much needed
Individual non-resident	Extremely important		Strongly agree				No		
Individual resident	Very important		Agree				No		
Individual resident	Very important		Agree				No		
Individual resident	Extremely important		Strongly disagree		Yes	A quality senior football pitch previously existed in the town centre at Faraday Road - it should be reinstated.	Yes	Faraday Road	Sustainable travel must be considered. How do you get to Manor Park by public transport? Is it within the 15 minute city?
Individual resident	Not at all important	there are plenty of filled and palling areas not been yoused to their full potential	Strongly agree	there are many better sites that require little or no money to be spent in creasing use of cars and traffic in the area. loss of habitat to wild life			Yes	the fill next to the Newbury sports center the old football ground the fill next to the new hospital	this is a bad use of publick money in the wrong arrear
Individual resident	Somewhat important	There are plenty of sport areas locally ie school fields, Thatcham Henwick Fields etc	Strongly disagree	Another reason to waste money, now is a time for prudent budgeting, and protect the local wildlife, the site would require a lot of work to make it suitable ,which would ruin the natural rural area	Yes	Don't do it !!!	Yes	The old foot ground in Faraday Rd	No
Individual resident	Somewhat important		Strongly disagree	It's a nice feild for dog walkers to walk there dogs when ever they want and lots of people go up there because it's a dog feild	No		No		
Individual resident	Not so important	There are many forms of exercise available, including commercial facilities and our wide open spaces, without spending large amounts of public money on facilities for a single form of exercise limited to a small number of people in our community.	Strongly disagree	This site is situated in the centre of a residential area. Such a facility will INEVITABLY create more traffic, more noise and anti social behaviour which will affect those of us living in its proximity and not only when it is being used. Football players make a lot of noise which when a match is being played, the sound carries a long way and is extremely annoying. We do not pay our taxes to listen to that. The proposed site is a haven for birds, picnics and general exercise with or without a dog. It is peaceful and a lovely place to relax. There are far better places to build football pitches and toilets away from a housing area. I see families with small children in the field most times i walk my dog there so maybe far less money could be spent on providing some play facilities for them.	Yes	Use common sense and build such a facility away from a large housing area.	Yes	Bottom end of Faraday Road. I am sure you have staff who are employed to seek out more suitable locations.	Please consider seriously the detrimental impact of such a facility to the many residents all around the proposed site.

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Individual resident	Somewhat important		Disagree	I feel the impact on the land and surrounding areas will be a negative not a positive.	No		Yes	Why not use a section of greenham common near the athletics track, you already have parking in that area that would only need a small amount of work to make good. The land there is already flat and wouldn't take too much to make it playable. Also that is the chance to have a good larger sports facilities linked with athletics. There is also the large amount of land at the rugby club that would take literally no work to make playable, and parking is already there.	Please think of the people that use the field now, think of the damage that could be done as this is a natural floodplain. Please think that if there is big game, and the teams have a good following that parking (even if you enlarge what's there) will be an issue and will impact residents.
Individual resident	Not at all important		Strongly disagree		Yes	Leave it as a park for people with dogs to enjoy.	No		
Individual resident	Not so important		Strongly disagree	Absolutely ridiculous! What's happening with the faraway road space? That would be a much better solution, it's already half built, it would cost less, already has parking and a good central location and people may go into town for lunch/ shopping after thus bringing more money in!	Yes	Use faraday road, the old football stadium!	Yes	The old football stadium on faraday road. It's perfect, so perfect it use to be one!	Faraday road would be a cheaper option, less work, central location and possibly bring more footfall into Newbury!
Individual resident	Somewhat important	Whilst areas given over to sport are important, what isn't acceptable is to site this on an already busy residential area, which will further be used as a rat run once the housing development is complete at the top end of Stoney Lane, and apparently no provision for traffic calming, as too many drivers already travel at way above the legal limit.	Strongly disagree	As per my previous comment, Waller Drive will become a bigger rat run them it already is with too many speeding drivers, and the addition of a football pitch, and only 30 more parking spaces will, undoubtedly, mean cars parking asking Waller Drive or roads off Waller Drive.	Yes	Refuse permission, or, if this goes ahead, then double yellow lines and speed cameras throughout Manor Park	Yes	Unsure without further investigation	See previous comments
Individual resident	Not at all important	At a time when the price of living is increasing the council shouldn't be investing in sport facilities. It's a waste of money.	Strongly disagree	It's not needed or wanted & is the wrong site for this type of scheme. There is no transport network to the site & it is currently used by the community for dog walking, sports, recreation.	Yes	Don't turn it into a pitch.	Yes	Henwick playing field could be extended, Greenham Common, Stroud Green.	Manor Park is a residential area & not suitable for this scheme. The pandemic has shown how important outside space is for mental health & this site is always heavily used by the community. It will residents using it at their leisure. The car park already attracts antisocial behaviour & drug use, which is not policed. The toilets & extension of car park will only increase this problem, as well as the associated traffic, rubbish & noise.
Individual resident	Somewhat important		Strongly disagree	It is not an appropriate site for a pitch with changing rooms etc. Will bring too much traffic and disruption to residents and disturb a peaceful amenity	Yes	Use another site. There is a patch of green space at the end of Faraday road where the old football ground was, that would be ideal for this	Yes	Faraday road (site of the old football ground)	
Individual resident	Very important		Strongly disagree						
Individual resident	Very important		Disagree	As soon as it rains that field gets completely flooded	No		No		
Individual non-resident	Not so important		Neither agree nor disagree	Better to remain a green space than housing			No		If this goes ahead, provision must be made for dog walkers and there must also be sufficient parking facilities for those who use it
Individual resident	Not so important	Quite frankly, I'd suggest there are already sufficient sports pitches available.	Strongly disagree	1 - The field proposed is currently used by a huge number of dog walkers. If a pitch were to be created, this would greatly reduce the area for the dogs to run. 2 - The field is very often waterlogged and has a significant slope. Levelling this would be a huge undertaking. 3 - Half of this field was supposed to be turned into a "wild meadow" as part of the Stoney Lane housing development. Has this been forgotten? 4 - There are very few "natural" open spaces as it is. It would be a great pity to lose the current field. 5 - Creating parking on the current grassed area would mean yet more "green space" lost.	Yes	Find another location..... there used to be a nice playing field in Faraday Road!!!!	Yes	Rebuild the Faraday Road pitch	As one of the nearest houses to this proposal, the additional traffic and noise pollution will not be welcome
Individual resident	Not at all important	Should be in Victoria Park Or not at all. You lot have done enough damage to the environment in West berks you should be appalled with yourselves.	Strongly disagree		Yes	Stop concreting west berks. Do you realise bricks concrete etc are the biggest greenhouse pollutants.	Yes	Use school facilities	Have you done an environmental study which should take a year. Also it is on a sprig line so very wet. Do you know what that means
Individual resident	Somewhat important	Some facilities are available already but perhaps not as many as we could do with and we need to make facilities access to local sports teams and families to encourage people to be active	Strongly disagree	Not a suitable location for development. People can already use it for a 'knock about' and there is already a small car park. There is also a pipe running through the site which will make it unsuitable for development so don't waste tax payers money on it!	No		Yes	The old site of the football ground in Faraday road	
Individual resident	Extremely important		Strongly agree				No		
Individual resident	Somewhat important		Strongly disagree		No		Yes	Faraday Road	It's a sloping green space, often waterlogged after wet weather which means it is very seldom used by people wanting to kick a ball around, there is an oil pipeline underneath which will restrict any construction work. It is a quiet, safe space close to lots of residents who use it for exercise and relaxation. It is home to wildlife which should be protected in this time of biodiversity crisis. It is not far to the large playing field at Henwick. It will attract antisocial behaviour when not in use. To lose it in favour of a football pitch, larger car park and toilets would be a very bad exchange. Please leave it alone.
Local business	Extremely important	With the amount of children's and adults football team, everyone is desperate for places to play. It would be great to see more astro turf pitches with floodlights as everywhere always seems booked all the time. I run Newbury Ladies FC and we always struggle for lit pitches to train during the winter as they always seem booked up.	Strongly agree	Perfect opportunity to get adults and young people active			Yes	Faraday Road	Great idea and would love to see more actions like this. It can only benefit the local community and provide more opportunity to get active. Especially where there are so many football teams for both adults and children in our local area, why not provide them more opportunity to play.
Individual resident	Very important		Agree				No		
Individual resident	Somewhat important		Strongly disagree		Yes	Choose another location - This one is simply wrong	Yes	Faraday Road (although it not new just abandoned by West Berkshire Council) it's perfectly located	
Local sports team / club	Extremely important	We have limited winter training facilities in West Berkshire. With sports like Football & Rugby being Winter sports, its is important that the grassroots players have the facilities to get involved with a physical activity, with the availability of this in the late afternoon / evenings (as children are at school). We find that with a lot of sports teams in the Newbury/Hatcham area, it is often there is little or no availability to run a training session in these winter months, having to use School facilities, rather than a purpose made pitch.	Strongly agree	Its a good location, plenty of space to build a new sporting pitch facility. With the area growing, with houses being built, would be easy walking distance for most (wouldn't have to get in the motor)			Yes	The field area behind Moor-side community center, although currently marked out for football games, is just a piece of council land, that isn't really looked after to the level you need for playing football. This could be turned in to a sporting complex, with many family's living in the Kennett area, would have a very good sporting facility within walking distance.	Please proceed with the build
Local sports team / club	Extremely important		Strongly agree	There is such a lack of sport facilities in the area for young children, the places that are available at the moment are so crammed there is no room			Yes	Henwick, there is so much wasted space at henwick playing fields	
Local sports team / club	Extremely important		Strongly agree	With the amount of Football clubs and kids that want to play, the area is struggling to provide enough facilities for matches and training. I do think the proposal would benefit from floodlights due to lack of light weekday evenings for training.					
Individual resident	Not so important		Strongly disagree	If this is built the traffic is going to be terrible. A new housing estate is already being built on Manor Park and this on top, is not needed! This is also going to attract antisocial behaviour as well as people parking in stupid spots, regardless of the parking spaces provided. This will impose a danger on pedestrians and other road users. The field already has issues with flooding and should be left as it is.	Yes	Not build on this area	No	Is it needed when henwick is 2mins up the road?!	I really hope you reconsider this plan
Individual resident	Very important		Strongly disagree	It is part of a misconceived and poorly direct strategy - aimed at the masterplan of the LRle. WBC and it's Conservative Administration do not give a flying fig about Sports Pitches - all this is a direct result of the deliberate mismanagement of the Stadium a Faraday Road	Yes	Yes, replacing Cllr Woolaston, Mackinon and Doherty	Yes	Faraday Road	The playing pitch strategy is a complete and utter shambles, typical of Woolaston's, Doherty's and Mackinon's management
Individual resident	Somewhat important		Strongly disagree	There are other sports pitched around that do not get used. Victoria Park, Stroud Green, City Playground. There are already lots of pitches at Henwick Worthy Sports Ground. With the housing development at Coley Farm and the proposal of the pitch it will further reduce the habitat for wildlife. The cost of converting the area to a sports pitch will be high and that money would be better spent elsewhere.	Yes	Do not put a sports pitch there and put the money into existing sports pitches to improve facilities at those locations	Yes	The former site of Newbury Town Football club	

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Individual resident	Don't know	There seems to be many pitches available to the best of my knowledge and other sites that would surely require less work / money to make them playable	Strongly disagree	I enjoy the piece and quiet during my weekends and evenings in my garden after a busy week at work. It's great that you're looking at providing sports pitches but there seems to be other more viable options. We also enjoy walking our dogs in the field, which I appreciate can still happen but would require more planning.	Yes	Leave the ground as it is	Yes	North Croft, expand Henwick, Faraday	The drainage would concern me, the additional traffic but particularly noise.
Individual resident	Somewhat important	If you hadn't closed Newbury football ground, the need would not be so pressing.	Strongly disagree	This land lies within Cold Ash Parish Council and they have even been consulted.	Yes	Consult with CAPC and local residents.	Yes	The land formerly used by Newbury football club.	Typical WBC proposal to hide WBC shortcomings and lack of care for local residents.
Individual resident	Not so important	WBC can help parish councils to provide football pitches	Strongly disagree	Not suitable - 1 no changing room facilities, 2 the Government Pipeline and Storage System (GPSS) runs under the ground here, 3 insufficient car parking for football matches, 4 area too residential, 5 when being used for matches on weekends it would deprive locals of their allocated public open space for recreation.	Yes	Not build a football pitch here	Yes	Victoria Park had a football pitch specially constructed when the park was refurbished 6 years ago, but it hasn't been used since. This should be re-instated. WBC should speak to Newbury Town Council. NTC has 2 other football pitches in the town, both with changing rooms - do you know about these? Shaw-cum-Donnington Parish council could provide one on land, currently privately owned, adjacent to the Donnington Recreation Ground. WBC would need to help fund the purchase of the field and creation of a pitch. There is already space for parking and a changing room facility.	Why get rid of Newbury Football club if there is a shortage of pitches? There are many schools with football pitches, could these be used by the public at weekends? What about other sports - do we have sufficient facilities for these? Is football the only sport WBC are interested in?
Individual resident	Somewhat important		Agree				No		
Individual resident	Very important	Health and fitness. Youth need to be encouraged to exercise and enjoy group outdoor activity.	Disagree	It is inaccessible to most Newbury youth. Major new apartment developments at Newbury racecourse and the old Sterling site are going to increase pressure for more local amenities	Yes	Reinstate the old Newbury football ground.	Yes	As above. You have it where it always was.	Its pretty irrelevant...
Individual resident	Extremely important		Strongly agree				No		
Individual resident	Extremely important		Strongly agree				No		There is a severe lack of football pitches for children and adults. Along with a full-size pitch it would be ideal if small sizes pitches could be marked out to also allow younger children to benefit
Individual resident	Not so important	Who says we have a shortage, whats wrong with henwick	Strongly disagree	If you want a kick about you can no need to make a pitch. Its not what the locals need or want. This is mostly in the parish of cold ash why did you not ask the parish council before suggesting this. Because you know its a bad idea! This should stay as it is. No mention on your facebook post regards the toilet block.	Yes	Leave it be. Its a green space and loved by the community as it is.	Yes	Faraday road. The field by Vodafone that is part of Trinity school. Its already a pitch. Turning this green space into a pitch is urbanising the area	Badly executed way of trying to steam roller it through without considering the parish council an residents. Just to tick a box on require sports field quotas
Individual resident	Extremely important								
Individual resident	Very important	Council has allowed the best pitch to fall into dereliction	Strongly disagree	I doubt it is possible with the GPSS running across it. It's a nice area for recreation other than formal games. There was a perfectly good pitch in clayhill before the council started getting strange pipe dreams on it.	Yes	Reinstate Faraday rd	Yes	Donnington heights. Trinity school.	This proposal is so daft it makes the alterations at the police station roundabout look good.
Individual resident	Not at all important		Strongly disagree		No		No		
Individual resident	Not so important	Henwick sports field has at least 12 pitches which could be organised better and extended by replacing the tennis courts that are not used? Other green spaces in and around Thatcham and Newbury can be found not on a residential site	Strongly disagree	As a resident on Manor Park, we moved here as it is a quiet area, and a lovely green field space to walk dogs at any time and for grandchildren to play at weekends. Not to have rowdy crowds breaking the peace!	Yes	Try other areas that are not on the doorstep of residential property's enjoying a quiet weekend or evening!	No	That is the job of newbury council, we pay on average Exx per month on rates in Manor park, surely we deserve a say to what is built here!	Not to have our green area disrupted
Individual resident	Not so important	There is a huge pitch 5 minutes up the road at Henwick.	Strongly disagree	This is a lovely residential area. Putting a sports pitch here is going to cause traffic, encourage antisocial behaviour and cause drainage issues (no matter what is done to 'prevent' this). I will not feel comfortable walking my dog around this area when groups of youths decide to use this area to 'hang out'. This area was supposed to be part of a project to be a meadow. Stop building on every part of land you can.	Yes	Don't build on this area.	Yes	The previous AFC Newbury site!!	
Individual resident	Somewhat important		Strongly disagree	Wrong site. Will cause even more traffic in a residential area that is already being developed on. Green is used by children and dog walkers well.	No		Yes	The previous newbury football club site - why not rebuild a better place and look after it this time.	
Individual resident	Very important								
Individual resident	Don't know		Strongly disagree	I strongly disagree because it would destroy the peaceful green space we local residents old and young appreciated so much. It's an open space initially planned for the local residents to enjoy, children to play in, people to walk their dogs, exercise and relax in general. This idea of building football pitches in this only green space in our neighborhood has already upset many of our residents here, let alone having to live with it. The council should understand that there are numerous birds and other little animals currently residing in this green space, they would be disturbed and frightened by the traffic and noisy human activities, I strongly believe that their right to enjoy their peace and quiet life here should be respected too. Please, please, allow this green space to remain as it is.	Yes	Please, please, reject the proposal to build football pitches in this green space.	No		Please put up planning notices and post letters to residents to ask for their comments too, then you could get more response from the local residents whose comments count.
Individual resident	Very important	The complete abandonment of the very good facility in Newbury in order to build more flats in a congested area.	Strongly disagree	You should rebuild the facility you burned down	Yes	Stop taking the brown envelopes from developers.	Yes	Faraday Rd	Why is West Berks council so bad at anything except building horrible flats?
Individual resident	Extremely important	Compared to the rest of Europe, ground roots sports is massively under resourced in the UK and with increasing retail and residential supply, there needs to be a focus on meeting those needs with balance, such as an increase in sports facilities and Doctors Surgeries	Strongly disagree	This is so far out of town it is almost in Thatcham. It also is very close to the pre-existing Henwick Worthy playing fields... which provides identical facilities	Yes	There was nothing wrong with the location of the previous football ground as it was central and had ample parking. What it lacked was sufficient funding and maintenance to make the most use of it	Yes	The previous football ground adjacent to Victoria Park	
Individual resident	Extremely important	Getting children/teens/adults outside. Socialising again in healthy activities and bringing communities together	Strongly agree	As long as c local residence don't object then it's perfect			Yes	Pound Lane park	N/a
Individual non-resident	Don't know								
Individual resident	Not at all important		Strongly disagree		Yes	Do not use this site. We need green space, there are plenty of sites already used within a 2 mile radius: trinity, Shaw road, the 2 fields between Shaw house and the Robin Hood roundabout, henwick, faraday road etc.	Yes	See answer to previous question, however most obviously the old Newbury football club site.	We strongly object to this proposal, I am hugely concerned about flooding know the volume of water that sits on that field during winter months, combined with the new build at cole farm. The draw for us here is how quiet the area is and this will be hugely disrupted seeing as you can hear games being played at henwick already from that distance.
Individual resident	Extremely important	I believe there are girls football clubs looking for looking for pitches to play on / training on, but Moor floodlit pitches would be good for winter training	Agree	Need to encourage more people into sport.			Yes	What about the old refuse site down lower way, could that not be adapted?	More floodlit pitches needed
Individual resident	Very important	There's hardly anywhere for the kids to play. They get kicked off henwick. The Thatcham moor side is always in use. The Dunstan. Field is just a field the kids really want it to be purpose properly with a play pitch and goals. Loads of kids are over there but they can't play a proper match. Lower way have games there often too. Kids just need a few pitches that aren't actually booked for matches!!	Strongly agree	My kids were in football clubs and pitch space was hard to find between all the. Year groups and different clubs. Thatcham tornadoes use trinity pitch. It's not really the best thing to be in a Thatcham club but travel to Newbury			No		Please don't just look at this pitch. Look at the kids that want a kick around. Do up the cold ash pitch in Southend and advertise it. Do a muga on Dunstan park and pound lane. Then kids can have a kick about while matches are played on the other fields.
Individual resident	Extremely important	Especially as part of the shortage is caused by the Council closing the football club arbitrarily	Strongly disagree	Huge outlay for only a minor improvement in a facility that 90% already exists	Yes	Re-open (with improvements) the football club facility	Yes	The old Newbury Football Club site	WBC seems to be trying to dig itself out of a hole of it's own making, at massive cost to the taxpayer. Nothing wrong with admitting a mistake has been made, and most taxpayers would approve of a rare injection of honesty
Individual resident	Extremely important		Agree				No		
Individual resident	Extremely important		Agree				No		
Local sports team / club	Extremely important	Currently there is a real shortage of quality pitches to allow for groups or clubs to play at an affordable rate.	Neither agree nor disagree	So close to the old faraday road site and parking would be a nightmare. Pitch would be used by groups all year round without booking and cost too much money to repair every year. The same as what happens at Moorside, Henwick and The diamond			Yes	Faraday Road, Memorial fields Thatcham, The fields near to Shaw house or the fire station	
Individual resident	Extremely important		Agree				No		Changing rooms need to be considered
Individual resident	Extremely important		Strongly agree				No		
Individual resident	Not at all important	Absolutely no shortage whatsoever of football pitches - numerous pitches literally hundreds of meters down the road at Henwick, plenty at all the council owned schools that are under used, if even used at all.	Strongly disagree	See previous comment.	Yes	Work on effective use of existing facilities.	Yes	Henwick, Trinity - both have under used facilities. The old Newbury football ground would also seem obvious, as would a sensible redevelopment of the Faraday road estate to include more in-town green space.	Quite frankly, this proposal is laughable. Every weekend there are empty pitches at the schools. Legitimate and effective demarcation could be implanted to prevent access to the school buildings.

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Individual resident	Not so important	Schools provide sporting events for children and there are other local places like Henwick sports ground in Thatcham that are used for sporting events outside school. You can play sport properly in local clubs which will have arranged matches. Football and other sports are hobbies so if someone wants to play a sport, they can use any space at any time for their own pleasure.	Strongly disagree	That space is in a residence area so would cause huge chaos and carnage if it become a sports pitch. Additionally the ground is not flat or level so would be impractical as a sports pitch regardless... a huge number of residence have dogs who find that this field is the only way their beloved best friend can have a proper sniff and run around. It would be completely inconsiderate to turn a beautiful, calm housing estate, into chaos	Yes	Let the residence of manor park decide whether this idea should be put in place, not the generalisation of Newbury/Thatcham.	Yes	The football pitch down Faraday Road, the Thatcham Memorial Field if it isn't used for sports already.	Please get rid of the abattoir in Manor Park before planning on putting a sports pitch into the area. That's what we really want in this area. A place to live that is free from the deadly smell of rotting horses.
Individual resident	Extremely important	It is extremely important that people have somewhere to play and join in group exercises	Strongly disagree	There is perfectly disused pitch at faraday road. Why waste money when you could reuse the previous one, just do the work of needs	Yes	Do up The Faraday road pitch, add a place for younger children to there while older siblings have a match	Yes	Faraday road	
Local sports team / club	Extremely important	There is no home for football in Newbury, which is disgusting given the size of the town.	Agree	More maintained pitches are always needed. Important to keep opportunities there for the kids.			Yes	Many disused facilities.	
Individual resident	Extremely important	How about re housing the towns own football club?	Strongly disagree		No		No		
Individual resident	Extremely important	Help to promote health and wellbeing, improve public health and reduce strain on the NHS	Strongly disagree	Field is used by dog walkers often, turning this to a pitch will reduce the ability to use this for dog walking. Field gets very muddy and boggy in winter, pitch will not be a suitable quality to support sports. Faraday road is the ideal location, why spend more money renovating something which wasn't needed in the first place??	Yes	Detailed plans to show drainage plans and assurances that the impact of potential flooding on nearby homes has been mitigated for. Clear and detailed reasoning why Faraday Road won't be developed for a sports pitch.	No	Faraday Road, Newbury	Such a waste of taxpayer money it makes me furious. The Faraday Road - Monks Lane debacle is scandalous and there needs to be a full enquiry as to how our money has allowed to be wasted like that. It's not too late to redevelop Faraday Road. This is the most cost effective option and needs to strongly be considered!
Individual resident	Not so important	There are already plenty of facilities which are under used and would not need any additional expenditure to open up - school playing fields.	Strongly disagree	This is a natural green lung in a built up area which is about to have even more houses built in the immediate vicinity. Equally the local roads are not designed to cope with the additional traffic / street parking.	Yes	1. Create a proper justified business case for additional pitches properly determining the demand. 2. Investigate other more appropriate sites such as playing fields, existing formal recreation sites and not natural green habitats. 3. Investigate sites in the rest of West Berkshire - Chieveley Show Ground, etc. It's unfair that this seems to be just Newbury. 4. Fully describe how you would re-site wildlife so there is no reduction in numbers and species in the vicinity. 5. Fully describe how you would prevent any on street parking which is likely to occur. 6. Provide illustrations to demonstrate how the lavatory block will fit in and match the local environment. 7. Explain exactly how you will stop any artificial pitch or floodlighting proposals. 9. Describe who will keep the area clean and maintained - including the lavatories and cat park.	Yes	1. School Playing fields as already used at Trinity School. Locally Fir Tree is unused at weekends. 2. Other sites such as the developed recreation area around Shaw Social club. 3. The fields beyond the hospital which are very close to Henwick. 4. Chieveley Showground. Facilities and car parks already in situ. 5. Include in the new Sandfield Development where a 'country park' is proposed. 6. Greenham Common, pitches would benefit from facilities in Control Tower and bring it more revenue. 7. Ask Parish Councils, after all it's quite wrong to focus WBC funds just on Newbury.	I'm irritated and disappointed that after declaring a climate emergency and claiming to be a 'green council' that you could even consider utilising a properly 'green area' in a heavily developed area. Let alone building a toilet block, levelling and constructing a car park. I am also deeply concerned that against all the other 'austerity' measures and other cuts you have made, so far there has been no formal and properly justified business case for doing this. That it seems to have been a wholly WBC proposal also underlines the role conflict and duplication between WBC and NTC.
Individual resident	Somewhat important	Good to encourage sports opportunities for all	Agree				No		Good to see toilet provision.
Individual resident	Extremely important	There is a real lack of sports facilities (both indoor and outdoor space) in West Berkshire. There is a distinct lack of astro in the area (or floodlight grass space) which is at a premium to both football and hockey clubs and certainly for football, with increasing numbers wanting to play, players are crammed into what little astro space is available.	Strongly agree	Whilst the space is not floodlight, enabling the space only to be used for 6 hours a week is very short sighted. There is a shortage of pitches at Henwick and the pitch at Moorside is not up to standard (holes in the playing surface that could result in twisted ankles or worse. If this pitch goes ahead at Manor Park, it needs to be maintained properly. With Henwick grass out of action for the summer (as the pitches need to recover), this facility could prove a useful ground to allow teams to train on over the summer months.			Yes	With discussions to build houses north of the A4 and also at Colthorp, have it written into the contract that as part of this build, at least one new astro (preferably two) are built as the demand is there. Also for additional sports pitches, work with local clubs to have a club house and even a new sports hall facility.	This discussion has been ongoing for a long time already with very little progress being made by the council - it's time to step up and actually put a plan into action to development new pitches and more importantly, new astro.
Individual non-resident	Not at all important		Strongly disagree		No		Yes	Farraday road or do west berks want to sell this off for redevelopment. Newbury show ground has the parking and toilets already.	Flooding is a big problem in this area. With the new houses being put in Coley farm and the old scape yard flooding will be a big problem. With 150 more houses means we will have 300 or more cars in the area. Then an influx of even more cars for the football.
Individual resident	Not so important	There are a lot of flat well drained grass areas and sports pitches already in use or recently been made redundant for some reason. Putting in a new facility in a semi rural area would be inappropriate	Strongly disagree	It is a very small area which is unspoiled and regularly used by families groups of people and dog walkers. Great quiet safe space for dog walking get together and play. Having additional traffic and parking will add to the youths who hang out. Loud shouting and cheering from players and spectators will disturb our peaceful area	Yes	Not build the sports potch at Manor Park	Yes	Faraday Road. Better use of Henwick, Cold Ash	I think that it is inappropriate to build this facility in a quiet area with limited vehicle access. Flood risk in the area is real. There have been youth trouble in the past including anti social behaviour and drug use. Building an area that attracts more people will detract from the environment and add to traffic chaos
Individual resident	Very important	I'm 36 lived here my whole life, there was always space to play sports and more and more they're diminishing. I want my children growing up with the ability to have what I had and some	Strongly agree	To provide space for my children and other children alike to play			Yes	There's been plenty of green space you could do this with but you keep selling the land for houses. Lower way next to the lakes being the latest example. Newbury football club has been handled appalingly	N/a
Individual resident	Extremely important	Many grass root clubs can not find places to train children in sports as everywhere is booked up	Strongly agree				No		I believe floodlights are a necessity as the money would be made back very quickly from bookings every night throughout winter by grass roots sports to adults sports
Individual resident	Extremely important	We do not have many sports pitches and the ones we do have are not of sufficient quality	Neither agree nor disagree	- The location is not ideal (not central enough) - I am not clear on the size/quantity of pitches. Am I able to use these for a 5 a side game or are they full size pitches? - and I would need to understand the councils proposals for 1. Charging for access 2. Preventing anti social behaviour 3. Ensuring access for all i.e through a booking system			Yes	In any of the town council run parks	Please consider more casual use cases. For example I would be able to get together 5-6 friends to play a very casual 3 vs 3 game. This would require a small pitch which I would not want to pay more than £10/hour for.
Individual resident	Extremely important		Strongly agree				Yes		
Individual resident	Very important	With the increase in residential property this meets more family/people ... therefore having another play area is a positive step.	Strongly agree	See previous comments			No		
Individual resident	Extremely important		Agree				Yes		
Individual non-resident	Very important		Strongly disagree		No		Yes	The old football pitch that they demolished	
Community group	Extremely important		Strongly agree				No		
Individual resident	Extremely important	Every town should have good sports facilities	Agree				No		
District Councillor	Extremely important	The population is the most obese in Europe. Further sports pitches are needed	Strongly agree	There are insufficient pitches in the neighbourhood			Yes	Multiple pitches could be made on the field to the north of the Coley Farm development. However funding would need to be provided for the purchase of the land.	Why only six hors/week. This seems very slimy.
Individual resident	Extremely important		Agree				Yes		
Individual resident	Extremely important		Agree	Very much needed but there would be much more usage if you added flood lights. There is a real lack of lit training areas which is a huge problem when this is targeted at sports which play during the winter months.			No		Weekday usage (and income) would be boosted if you installed floodlights. Oct-March it's unusable in an evening!
Individual resident	Extremely important	Only Newbury Rugby Club which is being used for all sports	Strongly agree	As it's in a different part of town & will be convenient for both Newbury & Thatcham residents			No		
Individual resident	Extremely important		Strongly disagree		Yes	Build the facility at faraday road	Yes	Faraday Road	You're all robbing bastards...
Individual resident	Extremely important	I have a child who plays sports and I think it's very important for mental health to have access to appropriate sports pitches - it also encourages children, and adults alike, to be healthy.	Strongly agree	We need sports pitches and if that is the area that has been identified then so be it.			No		You need floodlights, local sports teams such as football and rugby like to carry out training sessions in the evenings of weekdays. This becomes incredibly difficult during the winter months when the evenings get dark.
Local sports team / club	Extremely important	The demand for sport and football in particular in west Berkshire is at an all time high. This area needs to embrace it	Strongly agree	You need way more than one so it's a start. But you seriously need higher level facilities			Yes	Faraday Road, victoria park, newbury racecourse, the fields opposite deanwood golf course. 3g pitches at henwick.	
Individual resident	Extremely important	Thanks to the council taking away faraday road there is no local pitch	Strongly disagree	There is a perfectly adequate space at faraday road	Yes	Improve and rebuild existing/old site at faraday road	Yes	Faraday road	I think the whole situation is a joke. We had a perfectly suitable football club in Newbury. Which just needed some improvements and upgrades made. WBC made sure this site was knocked to the ground despite public interest. And now here we are the genera public being told there is a lack of sports pitches in the area.
Individual non-resident	Somewhat important		Disagree		Yes	With more outsiders coming in with cars, the amount of litter, pollution, and potentially anti social behaviour. There would be one less open area for children to play and residents around to relax	No		
Individual resident	Extremely important		Strongly agree				No		
Individual resident	Extremely important	The area lacks sports and general entertainment facilities for locals.	Strongly agree				No		Whenever my kids play with their football on a local field, dogs run at them. Will dog walkers be required to keep their dogs on leads?
Individual resident	Not so important		Disagree		No		No		

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Local sports team / club	Extremely important	There is a real shortage of pitches for youth football and sports in the area and it is of paramount importance to have these for our young people.	Strongly agree	Existing green space that can be easily adapted for sports pitches. In the local area where our boys and girls live. Very easy decision to allow this to happen.			Yes	Thatcham fields near the skate park next to harts hill road. Small sided 7v7 or 9v9 would fit. Victoria park in newbury also has space and used to have a pitch. Faraday road newbury FC pitch Stroud Green Newbury	None other than I see no downsides. Youth football teams have a very low impact on local areas with noise etc so this would cause no issues to the local area.
Individual resident	Not at all important	I've read your PP Strategy document and on the one hand you say you are short by 27 pitches and later in table 3.3.4 it shows that there is a positive balance of pitches now and into the year 2036. So how can you be short? The provision seems to be based on the removal of education sites as typically they do not have long term community use agreements. Thus appearing to show not enough pitches. Yet 3.2.6 mentions "importance of constructing links between school and football clubs"	Strongly disagree	This is a residential area and a football pitch does not sit well with in a residential area. With the proposal for 30 parking spaces you are bringing non residents to the area, who will make a lot of noise and cause traffic issues at the times of the matches. You also state in your report that Cold Ash have a lot of litter left around and there is anti social behaviour issues from youths at other times besides the time of the matches. Why should our area be subject to this. I don't want to listen to the noise of shouting during matches or other times of the day from youths congregating. This is a peaceful area. And where is the toilet block going to go? Even though it is planned that it is only open for the matches again youths congregating could lead to graffiti. This is not the place for a pitch	Yes	Explain why it is considered that there is suddenly a need for more pitches. Historically you have worked with schools- what is the reason that all of a sudden you feel the need to remove them from this PP Strategy. The report states how many pitches have not been maintained all this time. So improve the pitches you have. You also need to explain the inconsistencies in your tables and why table 3.3.4 shows a positive balance and that further pitches are not actually required now or in 2036.	Yes	There must be brown field sites, derelict land, etc that should be considered as this would not impact residents in a housing estate	Yes, if this goes ahead then we'll not see the 6 hours per week that you state but the pitch would be in use for longer. Your proposal would impact the use of this land for dog walkers and when they want to walk their dogs in the field. I also didn't like how this just appeared in the newspaper without people in the surrounding roads knowing about it.
Individual resident	Not so important	In the overall scheme of personal and group welfare I consider that there are sufficient facilities within the Newbury conurbation to fulfill the current demand. The supposed need for sports facilities has been elevated since the advent of the recent academic and I believe open spaces in their basic form are as part of the mental wellbeing as the availability of a single sport facility. The existing natural facilities offered by the site in question goes a long way to providing this.	Strongly disagree	The outline of the scheme raises questions as to the need and the timeliness of the proposal. To the immediate north of the site planning permission has been granted for 75 dwellings. Part of this plan encroaches on the upper reaches of the proposed sports pitch for the purpose of a holding lake for the onsite drainage. Concerns have already been raised that the current drainage facilities in the area are somewhat either inadequate or are insufficient for the proposed development. If the sports field is to be implemented correctly additional drainage facilities will be required to the basic facilities that exist at the lowest level of the site, essentially an open drainage ditch that flows into a simple holding "lake". This is not maintained or cleaned in any way to improve water levels when they exist after heavy rainfall. I can't see this maintenance regime being improved with the advent of a new sports pitch. Additionally there is an excellent multi-sports facility within a mile at Henwick Worthy. This fulfills the need of the many teams and sports played in the eastern area of Newbury and West of Thatcham. A single use, single sports pitch at Manor Park will do little or nothing to add to the current facility at Henwick.	Yes	Look for alternative sites that are not within a saturated populus. The existing field will need a large amount of funds spent on it to bring it up to a level required by serious sports teams. I would not expect that this expenditure would be of the most beneficial to the residents of West Berks, or the immediate residents of the proposed facility.	Yes	The existing flat field that exists between the A4 London Road and Dorneywood Drive (RG14 2FA). This was originally part of the playing fields of the old Turnpike school and would have lent themselves to being used as a sports facility for the immediate location and from further afield. If my memory serves me correctly at the time that Turnpike School was sold off for residential development there was a proposal to include a sports hall/facility. This never came to fruition as the revenue generation from dwellings was more important at the time than providing recreation facilities for the local residents in the area. Additionally the existing dormant site of the disbanded Newbury Town football club could be put to better use in providing a sporting facility for the general population. The proposal to relocate the football club to Monks Lane highlights that the sports facilities are not the key drivers but revenue generation from yet another development site at Faraday Road is what is proposed (even though aborted planning consultant costs have already been accrued by the local authority, in addition to proposed costs to relocate the football club to Monks Lane.	Yes, the proposed additional parking will attract additional miscreants in the persuance of illicit recreational activities, the residue from which can be seen distributed across the existing car park. Both the existing litter bin and "dog poo bin" are emptied irregularly creating a health hazard for current users of the facility. Additional traffic will be generated at this site, taken in conjunction with the additional traffic movements from the new development at Coley Farm. Has a full traffic survey been carried out with regards to the safety of traffic that can be handled by the existing roads and specifically the junction between Waller Drive and Stoney Lane. Currently traffic exceeds the speed limit going in both directions along Stoney Lane.
Individual resident	Very important	Important to have appropriate places for all sports to be undertaken, but should not be at the expense of open green space for access for all. Also, a bit of a leading question to the desired outcome of this consultation. Not sure how this is entirely relevant to the question of if this site is suitable for a proposed playing pitch.	Strongly disagree	Open access to green space should be available to all, and not restricted by sports requirements. There is limited green space in the Clay Hill ward, and with further development expected in close proximity, Walled Drive development and Coley Farm development. Flood Impact - This land is a natural part of the SUDs in the local area, and was mentioned in the planning app approved for Coley Farm as part of the SUDs. This land is continuously boggy and well needed to absorb water run off that will only increase with increased development - Coley Farm. Has there been a cumulative flood risk assessment completed? Have the local lead flood agency been made aware of this consultation? Increase in road use and traffic, speeding traffic, a quick check shows this junction of Waller Drive and Stoney Lane already exceeds 3 of the WHO pollutant level limits: Pollutant one: PM2.5 At this address, the annual average of the pollutant PM2.5 is 10.59mcg/m3. The World Health Organization limit is 5mcg/m3. This study shows 19.9% of strokes were attributed to exposure (for a year or more) of PM2.5 concentrations exceeding 10mcg/m3. PM2.5 can also cause asthma, jeopardize lung functions and promote cancer. Pollutant two: PM10 The reading for PM10 at this address is 16.98mcg/m3. The limit is 15mcg/m3. Cardiovascular mortality increases by 0.76% and respiratory mortality by 0.58% for every 10mcg/m3 increase of PM10. PM10 can cause wheezing, bronchitis and reduce lung development. Pollutant three: NO2 The reading for NO2 at this address is 14.43mcg/m3. The limit is 10mcg/m3. Long term exposure to even low levels of this toxic gas increases mortality rates and contributes to the development of asthma, and other respiratory issues. Lack of active travel infrastructure to the site - no cycle ways, no cycle storage, on the side of a large hill Cost of leveling the site - there is a great flat site, already with grass that could be used in the ward - Faraday Road, site of the old football ground.	Yes	Reopen Faraday Road - much better access, much better active travel links, flat, well drained, majority of infrastructure in place.	Yes	Faraday Road,	Open access to green space should be available to all, and not restricted by sports requirements. There is limited green space in the Clay Hill ward, and with further development expected in close proximity, Walled Drive development and Coley Farm development. Flood Impact - This land is a natural part of the SUDs in the local area, and was mentioned in the planning app approved for Coley Farm as part of the SUDs. This land is continuously boggy and well needed to absorb water run off that will only increase with increased development - Coley Farm. Has there been a cumulative flood risk assessment completed? Have the local lead flood agency been made aware of this consultation? Increase in road use and traffic, speeding traffic, a quick check shows this junction of Waller Drive and Stoney Lane already exceeds 3 of the WHO pollutant level limits: Pollutant one: PM2.5 At this address, the annual average of the pollutant PM2.5 is 10.59mcg/m3. The World Health Organization limit is 5mcg/m3. This study shows 19.9% of strokes were attributed to exposure (for a year or more) of PM2.5 concentrations exceeding 10mcg/m3. PM2.5 can also cause asthma, jeopardize lung functions and promote cancer. Pollutant two: PM10 The reading for PM10 at this address is 16.98mcg/m3. The limit is 15mcg/m3. Cardiovascular mortality increases by 0.76% and respiratory mortality by 0.58% for every 10mcg/m3 increase of PM10. PM10 can cause wheezing, bronchitis and reduce lung development. Pollutant three: NO2 The reading for NO2 at this address is 14.43mcg/m3. The limit is 10mcg/m3. Long term exposure to even low levels of this toxic gas increases mortality rates and contributes to the development of asthma, and other respiratory issues. Lack of active travel infrastructure to the site - no cycle ways, no cycle storage, on the side of a large hill Cost of leveling the site - there is a great flat site, already with grass that could be used in the ward - Faraday Road, site of the old football ground.
Individual resident	Not at all important		Strongly disagree		Yes	Don't spend and waste my council tax money on such stupidity if the council has money to spend on the project we the council tax payers are paying too much. I believe this project smacks of back handers.	Yes	Do your own dirty work	The are parking issues 30 car parking spaces is not enough when you count in team mini busses, disabled parking and parking for medical support such as St Johns Ambulance. Parking in the surrounding roads. Vandalism of the proposed toilet block and the up keep of it such as cleaning it. The proposal seems to discount the planning prediction already granted for the Coley Farm Development. Noise, Vandalism, Rubbish. I think the people who thought up this idea have been on whacky Backey.
Individual resident	Not at all important	Complete waste of money to develop such a site that is not suitable and will cost far more than you anticipated. The ground is extremely boggy all year except the summer and flattening a large enough area for a pitch and facilities will be expensive and very destructive to this beautiful area of grass and trees. The disruption to local residents will be enormous. I frequently pass football pitches which are not being used. Why should this be considered an acceptable project just because a couple of matches more can be played at a weekend? When will people realise that football is not the be all and end all of sport, just because they shout the loudest!	Strongly disagree	Far more useful things the council could spend the money on.	Yes	Yes spend the money on fixing the infrastructure such as pavements on the walkways around Newbury which are used by hundreds of people not just a few football players.	No	There are enough already not being used	Don't do it. Leave this beautiful area alone. If you must do something put a childrens play area on there.
Individual resident	Not at all important	I believe that there are enough sport facilities already, without tearing up a park green space.	Strongly disagree	It's not needed. People use the space for dog walking and general children's play etc.	Yes	Do not put an unwanted football pitch in this area	No	It's not needed anyway. The money could be used elsewhere.	I think the idea of this new sports pitch is a disgrace. It's not what I want to pay my council tax for.
Individual resident	Somewhat important	I understand that children especially need somewhere, however the manor park site is used by families every day for multiple activities, and many enjoy the relative peace of the field.	Strongly disagree	The manor park site is used by families every day for multiple activities, and many enjoy the relative peace of the field. If this site is developed from its natural state, it will disperse wildlife that also enjoy the space. Local families that already use this space will likely not be able to undertake their usual activities if a pitch is being used. As the area has a lot of elderly residents who also use this field for walking their dogs, they may feel that they are unable to/uncomfortable in using the field. Stoney lane and manor road junction can already be dangerous to cross the road so having even more vehicles would be unwise. Also I fear a larger parking area will invite more antisocial behaviour and therefore put more pressure on the police. The development required of this site would cost more money than other sites, money which would be better spent on other services.	No		Yes	Fields near shaw house, field near Newbury hospital, field on love lane	Find a different site that will cost less to develop, saving money which could be used for other services such as improving childrens facilities at other parks.
Individual resident	Not at all important	I don't believe there is a shortage and you should make use of school sports fields and other accessible fields which don't need money spent like the one at the bottom of the robinhood roundabout for example	Strongly disagree	This is an open space for everyone including dog walkers. There is no need to spend vast amounts of money in drainage and flattening let alone a toilet block which will undoubtedly get vandalised. There is already going to be two new housing estates which will draw in traffic without the addition of more. Furthermore it is the last bit of non farm open space for everyone to use not just some kids who want to play football occasionally	Yes	Don't waste the money and look elsewhere	Yes	Bottom of Robin Hood roundabout, the existing pitch at faraday road	I don't think there is a lot of support for this scheme. It is a waste of tax payers money and will bring nothing but hassle to the nearby residents

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Individual resident	Not so important	There are many pitches in the area and if clubs partnered with school facilities and we're flexible with their timetable instead of all wanting to play at weekends I am sure demand could be met	Strongly disagree	Manor Park recreation ground is a peaceful green space and wildlife haven amongst a forever developing suburban area. Hundreds of families, individuals and dog walkers get much enjoyment from this space on a daily basis not just at weekends which the organised clubs require. Only this morning I enjoyed the bird song and sight of a wild deer as I walked my dog. Many councils, including West Berkshire, are spending money on rewilding areas to help biodiversity, this space already provides this without additional expenditure. I can recall when we were free to walk our dogs on the Henwick playing fields but now this is no longer possible even though this massive field sits empty and unused for much of the week. My wife and I also used to enjoy walking our dog, on a lead, through the local cemetery, this has now been prohibited as well. So when the council says dog walking will be permitted at all times under this proposal we don't trust them to honour this imperpetually. To level the pitch will undoubtedly require embankments due to the current natural slope of the site, this will make full use of the space far more difficult for the many older people who walk there. A new housing development is about to start behind the field off Stoney Lane, why could a sports pitch not have been incorporated there as a condition to the planning consent. As a resident of Kiln Road we already suffer heavy polluting traffic during the week as the road is used as an alternative to the A4 and this proposal will now add to weekend traffic as well. I fully agree that healthy activity is good for all, physically and mentally, but this does not have to be an organised thing. Informal activity is equally if not more important and this proposal will be a detriment to more peoples current informal exercise than it will benefit organised users.	Yes	About the proposal and allow the status quo to prevail. Things do not always have to change. You have just spent millions on cycleways and are planning to spend more but so far the routes do not seem to get much use. The cost of living crisis is seeing many people struggle so I am sure the council could find far better ways to spend the money	Yes	The old Newbury Football club Greenham common Behind the Swan on the A4	All provided previously
Individual resident	Somewhat important	I realise that sport should be encouraged for all age groups but what I would like to question is the location of this proposal. We have Henwick fields approximately one mile away from this site, we regularly take our grandsons down there to play football, however of late the goal nets are turned together and secured so that the children that we see wanting to practise their game cannot do so. I take this as an indication that there is an amount of vandalism for such action to be taken, one of my fears is that is exactly what will happen at the new proposed site. We do also currently take our grandchildren across the road to play on the field as do many other families.	Strongly disagree	In my opinion the area is not large enough to accommodate all that has been proposed. We are shortly to have a further development of 75 houses further up Stoney Lane and I was under the impression that part of that development is going to encroach upon this proposed site. I also feel that the 30 space car park will be insufficient, causing hazardous local on road parking, especially around the junction of Waller Avenue and Stoney Lane. There will be additional traffic when the new housing estate has been built and this will put added pressure on local roads especially at the weekends when residents are more likely to be at home, also between September and May we will have the worst of the dark nights, all this should be taken into consideration.	Yes	Seek an alternative site that is more suitable to these proposals ie London Road, Dorneywood Way. Or reinstate the Newbury Football Club site at Faraday Road.	Yes	See question 4	My concerns are for the disruption it will bring to this area as previously mentioned. Concerns for anti-social behaviour some of which already occurs but goes unnoticed and unaddressed. Currently it is an area which attracts many local residents to use to walk their dogs, families and friends to meet up, play games, exercise and I feel that it will be very much missed if this proposal goes ahead. All these pursuits are providing residents with the sense of health and well being, this was very evident during the recent pandemic. The other aspect is that it is home to a large variety of wild life and bird life as witnessed living so local to it.
Individual resident	Not at all important	The proposed location of the pitch will likely ruin a very important facility for dog walkers and as quite family recreation area. There will be limited or no benefit to local residents and will certainly cause an increase in litter, anti social behaviour and generally ruin the peaceful nature of the location.	Strongly disagree	For the reasons stated previously and consider the location as unsuitable for this type of facility	Yes	listen to local residents concerns. None of the local people I have spoken with support this proposal	No	Not specifically but would suggest that some existing facilities could be expanded, or other areas within West Berkshire would be more suitable and likely cause less disruption / opposition from local residents and impact less on the destruction of a local quite and peaceful amenity.	No as a regular user I have expressed my lack of support for the proposal
Individual resident	Somewhat important	Sport and recreation is an important part of community welfare, mental and physical wellbeing. However I do not believe that all green spaces should be gradually surrendered to this effect, on land not intended for this use without the proper infrastructure to support it.	Strongly disagree	This space is not setup for this purpose. It is a thriving green space used for a variety of local community purposes such as dog walking and socialising, children playing and grassy space for families to gather on a sunny day for a picnic. Turning this into a football / sports field changes the intention of this space and as a result shrinks the demographic and range of people who will be able to enjoy it, in addition to Local residents no longer being able to walk dogs or enjoy this space. It will also increase the traffic and number of cars circulating in the area, along with more noise and rubbish being left behind afterwards.	Yes	Keep the space as it is currently intended, or create new green space nearby to replace it. In addition do not allow cars to park in that spot and ensure all roads nearby are double-yellow lined to prevent parking on the pavements.	Yes	Not land already setup to accommodate but there are plenty of derelict places that could be knocked down and repurposed.	
Individual resident	Extremely important		Strongly disagree		No		No		The proposed sight is not suitable. Firstly it is in the wrong place and it is not a flat sight of dogs. This couldn't be used by dog walkers if football is played there as sight wouldn't be suitable.
Individual resident	Extremely important		Strongly disagree		Yes		Yes		
Individual resident	Very important		Disagree	It is hard to review without being able to see the actual plans other than the brief text that is on this page, however, numerous concerns around drainage (the area never drains well and nearby houses already struggle with standing water after heavy rain), volume of cars (30 additional spaces, with pitch in use for 6 hours every sat & sun) adds an extra 240 cars a day (assuming 1 hour kids soccer sessions and 40 cars) over the weekend, this is on top of the extra cars from the new development on the nearby farm	Yes	show the strategy for the fu west berks area - what about pitches in the middle of town for example where there are few to be found....	Yes	Old football club/ Victoria park	
Individual resident	Don't know	I don't understand why existing pitches (eg Faraday Road) were sold off if there is a shortage of pitches.	Strongly disagree	It will change the character of the area and the increase in noise and traffic will affect my mental health. I chose to live in this area because it is green and quiet but this will add to the increase in the amount of traffic already expected due to the development at Coley Farm and the other proposed development on the scrapyard at the bottom of the hill. The park is the only green space open to all in the area and is used by locals and dog walkers and, while you say in your proposal that dog walkers can still access the field when it is in use for sports, but that is hardly a suitable time and place to let your dog and children run. The existing car park already attracts anti-social activity especially at night and a bigger car park and toilets will only encourage this. Why are existing residents concerns not of more importance than the need for sports pitches which could be located anywhere in the area. There are many new developments planned, why are sports pitches not included in these developments where they can be properly integrated in the community from the start rather than just added in because it looks convenient.	No	I can't see a way that the council can address my concerns if the proposals go ahead but I look forward to hearing your suggestions.	Yes	Anywhere a new development is planned, include this from the start so it can be properly integrated into the community.	I feel residents have and are being ignored in this whole proposal. I live close to the park and have received no notification or information about this at all from the council. I have walked past the sign in the car park but it is so small and badly placed that it is not obvious unless you are looking for it. I had to hear about this from a neighbour who is on Facebook which I am not. You shouldn't be kept in the dark because you are not on Facebook which many people chose not to be (and I am not old!) Why is this proposal being conducted by the Sports and Leisure department in whose interest it is to get this approved? Why is there no change of use or impact statement on how this will affect residents? Why are the planning department not involved?
Individual resident	Not at all important		Strongly disagree	This is not an appropriate location for the pitch.	Yes	Please consider a more appropriate location for the pitch, e.g. brownfield or industrial estate location.	No		
Individual resident	Not so important	We have other important and pressing issues which need immediate attention. Reducing pollution including noise in the area and Newbury. Sources of green energy to reduce the impact on the environment and improvement in life which is disease/trouble free.	Strongly disagree	It is residential area with elderly people living. The quiet neighbourhood is the attraction for the area.	Yes	Find other places for the purpose just outside the Newbury.	Yes	South east of Newbury at the outskirts of Newbury will have many options. People with car won't have problem to travel extra few kilometres.	Please leave the Manor park with quite neighbourhoods.
Individual resident	Somewhat important		Strongly disagree		No		No		
Individual resident	Not so important		Strongly disagree	This is not the best use of council money, we do not want our green spaces taken away as we regularly use these areas for play and dog walks - especially at the weekend. We do not want our road to become busier with cars parked all over the place because I guarantee more than 30 cars will be coming to these games, making it busy and dangerous on this corner. The residents immediately next to the green space want to enjoy their weekends/evenings without people screaming to their team mates. We live so close to Henwick that this is a shock to consider this space might also become sports fields. Completely against it	Yes	Put up signs around the area to inform others of their plans so more people have the opportunity to object	Yes	Yes. The old Newbury ground that had the fire	Our house prices may fall or we may find it difficult to sell our properties if the area encourages anti social behaviour
Individual resident	Somewhat important	While there may be a shortage of sports pitches, providing extra sports provision shouldn't come at the loss of other green recreational space. This field is used by walkers, foragers, dog owners, and lots of families and children who wouldn't be able to use it as they do now if it was turned into a dedicated sports pitch	Disagree	This field is entirely unsuitable for a sports pitch being on a steep slope and getting waterlogged several times a year. There are areas for sports near fir tree lane and at Henwick which are close walking distance from manor Park, there is not another comparable green space for residents to use	No		Yes	If an a weather pitch is needed could the existing pitches by fir tree lane be converted to all weather pitches?	
Individual resident	Somewhat important		Agree				No		
Individual resident	Not at all important	There are sufficient areas designed for Football central to the Town.	Strongly disagree	It is the wrong area to create such pitch, where there are no nearby amenities.	Yes	Please look at alternative areas already designed for Football use.	Yes	Sandleford - Build within the New Development. Maintain / Keep Newbury Football Club	What other places / sites have been identified by the Council & why have they been dismissed?
Individual resident	Not at all important	There is already good facilities nearby which are under used, e.g. Henwick playing field.	Strongly disagree	The site is not well maintained currently (e.g. overflowing dog mess bins, litter etc.) and increased use will only exacerbate the problem. Also, parking is a major concern and likely to cause major issues with traffic flow due to cars being parked on the road and outside the homes of local residents.	No		Yes	There are plenty of other unused areas on browside land elsewhere which would not involve local residents losing a valued green space.	

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Individual resident	Not so important		Strongly disagree	It's a quiet housing estate, nice field for kids, dogs and families to go. Putting a sports field and toilets etc is taking that away from the residents and filling it full of chaos! Parking will be a nightmare and massively impact how busy it is along our road, specially as they are looking to build more housing off waller drive. People will use it as a teenage hang around. It's not needed!	Yes	Leave the field alone and not put a sport field and toilets there.	No		Don't do it
Individual resident	Not at all important	I want to relax at the weekends. I don't want hear some idiots banging drums and blowing whistles like they do at the thatcham football ground whilst yelling at other idiots kicking a ball around!! THIS IS A RESIDENTIAL AREA. THIS IS A GREEN SPACE FOR EVERYONE NOT JUST SOME SELFISH, LOUD INDIVIDUALS WHO WANT TO KICK A BALL AROUND!!!!	Strongly disagree	ABSOLUTELY INAPPROPRIATE TO ALL THE RESIDENTS WHO LIVE HERE!!! WHO WANTS TO LISTEN TO ALL THAT NOISE AND PUT UP WITH THE MESS AND DISRUPTION AND HAVE THE SPACE WE ENJOY TAKEN AWAY FROM US SO A FEW PEOPLE WHO DON'T LIVE HERE CAN ENJOY THEMSELVES	No	DON'T GO AHEAD WITH THIS RIDICULOUS AND THOUGHTLESS IDEA	Yes	THERE'S A PITCH NEAR THE GARDEN CENTRE IN THATCHAM FOR GOODNESS SAKE AND ONE IN LOVELANE HOW MANY DO YOU NEED!!!	IT'S A THOUGHTLESS AND COMPLETELY INAPPROPRIATE IDEA AND UTTERLY SELFISH!!!
Individual resident	Very important		Strongly disagree	While I agree that sports pitches could benefit the community, I do not support it being built right behind my house.	Yes	Noise, cleanliness, safety.	Yes	In other industrial areas/brown field building areas.	
Individual resident	Somewhat important	Henwick is and already established place, which may be thatcham but could be used if required	Strongly disagree	It is a beautiful green space for locals to walk dogs, sit, picnic, exercise, kids to play, wildlife to live, plants and trees to thrive. The fact that the council wants to get rid of this amenity is outrageous. Why not develop at newbury rugby club, or out by newbury athletics track, behind northcroft leisure where there are already cricket grounds, near newbury college and the new primary school, so many options which are already used for sports and can be extended.	Yes	Yes scrap the plans for good	Yes	Northcroft leisure centre, newbury rugby club, newbury athletics track and field, newbury college	
Individual resident	Not so important	In current times it is not the most pressing thing, there are other priorities - social care, pot holes etc.	Strongly disagree	I do not agree at all. The grass area is used for the locals for walking and children playing. It should not be taken over by a sports pitch. It is a relaxing area for all locals to use, not just those wanting to play sport. It will increase traffic and parking congestion in the area. The toilets will incur costs and not something I would want my council tax to be spent on. There are sports fields at Henwick.	Yes	Stop your plans	No	There are already sports pitches in Newbury, I don't feel we need more.	Yes I am local and I like to walk in the field and I will be extremely disappointed if these plans go ahead. It is a nice walk for local residents to use and something that appealed to us when bought the house. To have the field used for sports would be disruptive - traffic, parking and the noise of people playing sport. I am not against sport, but I don't like the change of use for our local peaceful field. I am 100% against this proposal.
Individual resident	Somewhat important		Strongly disagree		No		Yes	Wash common field, Vicky park	
Individual resident	Not so important		Strongly disagree		No		No		There is already too much traffic on Waller Drive. It is used as a cut through by non residents avoiding the speed restrictions on Turnpike Rd. The council is already incapable of maintaining even small green spaces in Newbury - take a look at our grass verges, especially in Manor Park. How on earth would the council be able to maintain a playing surface. As you should know, any public toilet block attracts undesirable behaviour. There is already a problem with drug abuse on the recreation field, we have often found hypodermic needles there.
Individual resident	Not so important		Strongly disagree		No		Yes	Empty business parks!	
Individual resident	Don't know	This should not have been a problem if existing pitches were retained and not sold.	Strongly disagree	I exercise and walk my dog in the Manor Park field in the evenings and weekends. It is the only large open space in the area and I would be very upset to lose access to it when sport is being played. Also I feel it is an unsuitable proposal as it will increase traffic, noise and anti social behaviour in a residential area.	Yes	Find a more suitable location for the pitch due to the reasons above.	Yes	Any brown field area away from housing.	I only found out about this totally unsuitable proposal through a concerned neighbour. I now see there is an A4 printout tied to a post which is not visible from the gate I enter and leave the park. Why has there not been more publicity to learn of the local residents opinions as we will see our fairly quiet neighbourhood utterly changed (and not for the better). You should be sending out proposals to all Manor Park and beyond residents.
Individual resident	Very important	It is important to encourage sport and fitness for our children, however locations require serious consideration.	Strongly disagree	Living on xxx this will have a major impact on congestion in a built up area and parking will no doubt spill into neighbouring streets at weekends. This is the only close green area for dog walking and I am sure once pitches are there it is a matter of time until dogs are banned like Henwick. Many of my fellow dog walkers are elderly and rely on the short walk to the field with their dogs. There is already a drug problem on the field which will increase once facilities are installed attracting anti-social behaviour at all hours. There are oil pipes running through the centre of the area and I can't begin to think about the cost of levelling the playing surface to make this playable, plus the costs of changing facilities. We cannot walk our dogs there in the winter due to the bog and flooding so drainage will be extortionate to implement. This cannot be the best use of council funds in such hard cost of living times. It is frustrating that the council had a perfectly good ground in Faraday Road, green space around Northcroft and under utilised grass pitches like Trinity. We need to protect our green spaces. Please take careful consideration and consider alternative options, but not at a time of austerity where are council tax can be better spent.	No		Yes	Northcroft where the Fair resides, use of Trinity grass weekends as most activity is now on the astro turf.	There are a lot of objections to this from people I have spoken to. It is beyond me that Coley Farm got planning for 75 houses adjacent to the field so this is just another step to taking away our green spaces. No doubt with all this development our house prices will plummet too. Please listen to the people.
Individual resident	Somewhat important		Strongly disagree		Yes	Look for another place for this project. probably outside any residential area. we already have many playgrounds in thatcham, also Fir tree has a grass pitch as well which is 3 mins walking distance from the proposed location, this can be easily transformed to the target development without upsetting too many people who are already living beside the primary school.	Yes	Near fir- tree school, as already explained.	Please consider my opinion here, having this development means that I have to move and find another quiet place!
Individual resident	Very important	The lost of the Faraday Road ground has been of huge loss to the community.	Strongly disagree	The slope of the site and clay soil would mean that a huge amount of work would be required to redevelop the site.	Yes	Find another location, either one with preexisting facilities that can be expanded or incorporate it into the proposed housing development on Waller Drive.	Yes	New housing development on Waller Drive. They are having to keep a large area of open space due to the pipe lines why not use it as a pitch.	I'm struggling to understand how somebody has been onsite and still believes it is worth spending the funds to redevelop the site into a pitch.
Individual resident	Extremely important	At the moment there is not enough room for people who want to play recreational sports within the Newbury and thatcham area	Strongly agree	This will mean people from Newbury and thatcham can go and play sports if henwick is already in use			No	No manor park is just enough out of the way to be quiet and out of sight but is still close enough that people can travel there easily	Hopefully the new car spaces that are being proposed are not pay and display as the people of Newbury already pay enough for parking
Individual resident	Not at all important	We don't want all of the extra noise, the extra traffic and we don't want our field ruined. This will encourage more youngsters, more drug use & more litter in our nice quiet area.	Strongly disagree	We don't want all of the extra noise, the extra traffic and we don't want our field ruined. This will encourage more youngsters, more drug use & more litter in our nice quiet area.	Yes	Leave our field alone.	No		This will bring extra noise, extra traffic and take away our field where children play, couples walk and sit on benches. This will encourage more youngsters, more drug use & more litter in our nice quiet area.
Individual resident	Very important		Agree				No		
Individual resident	Not at all important	I do not agree with the assessment that there is a dire need for additional pitches. I regularly use the Northcroft Centre and am well aware of the level of utilisation of one of our area's existing sports facilities, which is very low. Given the cost of living issues we will be suffering, I believe this is a time to make better use of, and invest in, our existing facilities rather than spread ourselves even thinner.	Strongly disagree	Manor Park is situated in a small residential street. Improving other, better connected, existing parks with existing parking facilities would be a better use of money. Stoney lane itself hosts many parked cars, often reducing traffic to one-way. Either the 30 proposed carparks represent a very low number of people helped by the change, or many cars will be overflowing onto a street which will not cope. Manor Park has a significant slope and buried gas pipelines. The extra cost of earthworks relative to other, simpler sites represents poor value for money. The immediate area is home to Red Kites, which are a protected species. They can be seen circling above the park any day of the week. It will be critical to assess the impact of reducing the diversity of the current green space on their hunting and breeding habits. Converting any green space to a new sports facility will reduce the diversity of the area in away that this country can ill afford. Completely modifying a park and limiting usage to 6 hours a week is poor value for money. The usage restriction is clearly to appease residents, if the shortfall is a bad as claimed it will only be a matter of time before it is increased. The area's issues like traffic throughput, parking availability, etc. won't have been solved in the mean time. In this cost-of-living and biodiversity crisis, I would ask that you consider making better use of spaces that have already been converted to sports facilities. In this proposal, we have not heard anything about the sacrifices that sports teams will be making. Sharing multi-use pitches, playing on weekdays, travelling further, etc. should be assessed before spending valuable funds and damaging the environment.	No		No		I do not agree with the premise of the report or proposal. The position that we 'must' have new sports fields appears to me to have entirely skipped an assessment of efficiency or compromise on the part of sports teams. We will be in a cost-of-living crisis for the foreseeable future, I find a proposal based on the foundation that sports teams 'must' have more facilities incredibly tone deaf. How did we reach this point? Red Kites 'must' have their habitats preserved. The Newbury Soup Kitchen 'must' have more funding. Why am I not reading a proposal today to rewild one of the 84 football fields in West Berkshire.

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Individual resident	Not so important	Don't play sports	Strongly agree	This is a green space for recreational use used by children to play, people to relax and exercise, dog walkers. Disagree due to increase of traffic and parking and overspill parking in local estate roads. Due to a large parking area it will attract Anti-social behaviour/litter, possible more drug use. Toilets will attract a place for people to hang around possible trouble beyond the pitch open times.			No		Traffic and parking problems. Anti social behaviour. Loss of another green space. Loss of trees.
Individual resident	Not at all important	Think the council should not be spending money on this project!!	Strongly disagree	It is totally the wrong area to have this, it will mean anti social behaviour in a nice housing area, creating more cars, not to mention the prospect of dirty toilets! that the council tax payer with have to foot the bill for cleaning them, we pay enough council tax without adding more to our bills, it seems that councils continue to waste our money on such projects like this.	No	Apart from stopping this stupid idea.	No		Just don't do it, there will be a lot of angry people in this area should you chose to go ahead with this.
Individual resident	Not so important	There are several sports facilities in the local area and this proposed development is not appropriate in this location	Strongly disagree	This is not a suitable area for such a development, there is little free green space around as it is and to develop this site is wholly in appropriate. For example, when events are being held at Henwick on the A4, the traffic is appalling and the same thing would happen here. Cars parked all over the place and the associated rubbish that is left behind let alone all of the extra noise and inconvenience that would be cause to local residents make it unacceptable.	Yes	Not to create this recreation ground and just leave it as a free green space for all to enjoy	Yes	How about the old Newbury Football Ground. A much better location that would not effect local residents...	To develop this site would be a disaster for local residents, it has the potential to devalue properties and cause yet more traffic and parking chaos which in my opinion is totally unacceptable. A much more suitable site should be found that doesn't effect local residents yet provides a suitable facility
Individual resident	Not at all important		Strongly disagree		Yes	Don't build the proposed facilities here.	No		This quiet area is loved by the neighbourhood, and strongly desire an alternate location to be selected. There is neither the space nor the support for it to be placed here.
Individual resident	Somewhat important		Strongly disagree	Absolutely the wrong place to bring traffic and disturbance into this area	No	This is already a high crime area with drug and rubbish here do not impose more on us.	Yes	Stroud Green	A ridiculous decision which will have a major disruption on local residu
Individual resident	Somewhat important	All west Berkshire council is concerned with is building flats, flats and flats...oh and houses - Why cant you put it down where the old football club was (how much did that land sell for btw?)...I hear you almost gave it away! This is probably some deal you have with a developer to get more houses through planning. This is a Dog field...where will the Dogs go for their walks?	Strongly disagree	Noise, extra traffic and parking problems -	Yes	Stop building flats and Houses everywhere - You have ruined a small little market town - Leave Dog fields alone!	Yes	Yes the old football club (which you will probably be building flats and houses on - This could be an extension of Vicky park	Its is almost criminal how you have over developed Newbury, stole land for flats and houses -
Individual resident	Somewhat important		Strongly disagree	Noise	Yes	Prevent groups gathering in carpark	No		Lack of fields in the area to walk as they're all being sold to property developers
Individual resident	Not so important	I'm not entirely convinced that there is a shortage and other than being told that there is one I've not seen a lot of credible evidence to suggest that there is. On the assumption that there is a credible shortage I would be in favour of addressing it.	Strongly disagree	I see a number of issues with the chosen location in Manor Park: 1. The space is a commonly used and safe space for dog walkers in particular. While assurances are given that access will still be allowed precedent suggests we'll likely see requests for dogs to remain off the pitch at all times and therefore make the space broadly unwelcoming to dog walkers. I cannot see a scenario which makes dog access at all times and sports usage compatible. 2. The slope of the field will make any installation of a pitch difficult and likely require significant works to level. 3. The field often holds a large volume of water during wet period and I would be concerned as to where this water would divert to after a pitch is installed and if no remediation were to be done would likely make the pitch unusable during these periods. Unless the pitch is installed high up the field and thereby see point 1 for making the space unwelcome to dog walkers by leaving only the wet/boggy areas. 4. Inadequate road and parking capacity. Tearing up green space such as the grass area in the current car park does not do anything for the green credentials of the project and even with this additional space I'm not convinced that the local area will not suffer significant overspill from the car park. Particularly as sports teams often use buses, for which I see no provision, and so the buses would take up multiple parking spaces. If the pitch were to be successful then I fear for the volume of additional road traffic that would impact the area.	Yes	Consider other sites such as the old football club space in central Newbury which is already available, prepared, level and has adequate parking. Regarding this space, no I do not think the council could offer appropriate address for my concerns.	Yes	The former football club site in central Newbury	
Individual resident	Extremely important	Children need more facilities especially in this area, netball courts would be great to, to get more girls in sport.	Strongly agree				No		This would be amazing. Please include a netball court facility for girls sport
Individual resident	Extremely important		Strongly disagree	I notice that your description of the site makes no mention of the fact that it is an area downhill of the Coley Farm Development which was passed with the knowledge that the site of the pitch is in the drainage area designated for Coley Farm. I had reservations about Coley Farm which were held in check by the fact that this site would help to absorb any flooding that may ensue from heavy rain in the future.	Yes	Please inform my insurance company that living on a hill that you have put our house at risk of flooding!	No		Please keep to what you tell your residents about your planning approvals.
Individual resident	Very important	There are not enough sports pitches within easy reach of where people live.	Disagree	Dog walking and field sports are incompatible for health reasons. The proposal is that dog walking will be allowed. The area is currently valued for informal recreation, which doesn't include a dedicated dog exercise area - of which there are very few. Dogs should be banned from areas where children (especially) play and it is irresponsible to allow the same land to be used for sports like rugby and football and for dog walking.	Yes	Insist that all new developments provide land dedicated for sports pitches or the funds to enable the Council to acquire it. If land prices are too high, the Government should amend the law so councils can acquire by compulsory purchase at agricultural value - cutting out the land speculators.	Yes	Do not build on the existing Faraday Road football pitch. You are only proposing this pitch because you have contrived to prevent Faraday Road continuing to meet much of the need for sports pitches in a highly accessible location.	
Individual resident	Not so important		Strongly disagree	As a dog walker the weekends and evenings are very important to me to go to the lovely green space near me, I cannot see how football snand d dogs can go together at the same time? Also worried that this will devalue my property if I decide to sell in the future, this would discourage any buyer!	Yes	Find a different location that's not on a quiet 'residential' housing estate as Manor Park	Yes	Use Farraday Road again. Put goal posts in the large area in Victoria park where football is already played. Also schools which need the revenue from hiring out to clubs	It will make the roads more busy which in turn can make this more dangerous especially for children who play in that area and senior citizens walking their dogs
Individual resident	Not so important	There are already over 75 green pitches in the Newbury area, mostly either in non residential areas or in schools	Strongly disagree	Choosing a quiet residential popular area to live is very important especially when retired. Not to have a noisy football pitch on your doorstep. Especially at weekends and in the evenings. We would definately not brought a house here if this was the case	Yes	Find a alternative site away from a quiet 'residential' area like Manor Park! We have no other green space for the amount of houses here other than Newbury's Victoria park.	Yes	I'm sure many school's would welcome more paying football teams to play on their fields at weekends and evenings! To help with their costs.	Parking would be a huge problem, even with a further 30 spaces provided, there would be parking along Stoney Lane, Waller Drive and indeed encroaching on private roads also. We have attended football games at the Henick field and know how very boisterous and noisy it can get, imagine this right outside your back garden?
Individual resident	Not so important	This is the only green space for the hundreds of houses on Manor Park for their use. The nearest green space would be Victoria Park	Strongly disagree	THIS IS A RESIDENTIAL AREA Car Parking With the designated 30 spaces you would still have cars parking on Stoney Lane, Waller Drive and the 10+ cul-de-sacs in this area and there are no yellow lines to deter this Noise Level This would create Noise in a quiet residential area and would cause a big impact especially to the houses nearby This can affect the house value in the nearby area This will affect recreational use and dog walkers at weekends and evenings. The largest number of pitches (10) is at Henwick Worthy which is approx only one mile away from Manor Park.	Yes	ABANDON THE PROPOSED IDEA OF ANY FOOTBALL PITCH ON MANOR PARK	Yes	There are at least 74 grass football pitches in or around the Newbury area already	Overall, we believe that this proposed idea is unacceptable for our environment.
Individual resident	Somewhat important	Should improve the ones we've already got	Disagree	Poor access, would be worse in dark evenings	No		No		
Individual resident	Very important	It's not just a lack of sports pitches but a lack of sports venues. Thames Valley ABC is currently without a permanent home as well, this could help with them and others that maybe want to start.	Disagree	You had a sports pitch and decided to get rid of it, I'd love to see where ALL the money went for that and what happened to the Arson investigation	Yes	Publish a report on why one pitch was demolished only to have another proposal put straight after. Have a completely open view of all finances related to the council included wages and expenses and any fees paid whilst in office.	Yes	Where the old pitch was, could have one in Victoria park (even a 5 a side next to the Tennis Courts)	It's a bit of a farce really
Individual resident	Extremely important		Strongly agree						
Charity or social enterprise	Very important	There is a terrible shortage for grassroots football. Clubs are under pressure to find spaces	Strongly agree	We need to promote all levels of outside sport for the Health and Well-being of our community. Many teams at all levels of football are struggling to find pitches			No		I would strongly recommend floodlights. The biggest challenge is finding winter pitches. All schools are totally full and new teams and clubs struggle to find floodlight pitches. I would also consider 3G/Astro facilities.
Individual resident	Extremely important		Strongly agree				No		All sports pitches need flood lights it is dangerous if not and children can't use them in the week for their football clubs etc when it is winter so it affects their football and learning. They have to go elsewhere when shouldn't have to as west berks should supply it, especially as west berks got rid of a perfectly good pitch at Newbury football club which was pointless and mean. Flood lights or don't bother. Children train in the week and at weekends

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Individual resident	Extremely important	There is a shocking lack of sports pitches in West Berkshire	Strongly agree	It is desperately needed. It is about time the health and well being of the masses is put ahead of the moans and groans of a couple of local residents of these proposed developments who just don't want things in their back yard...			No		The site needs floodlights. That is where the lack is okay desperate. This country needs to be able to play sport all year round, not just the few short summer months. Without the floodlights it's just a pile of grass adding little value. People need LIGHT to play sport in England - it's hardly rocket science...
Individual resident	Very important		Agree				Yes	Victoria Park	
Individual resident	Very important	We need extra recreation areas for the ever expanding population of West berks to keep healthy	Strongly disagree	It's on a 20 degree slope. The cost in levelling out the field would be huge as well as the disruption it would cause as it would require heavy plant machinery and a lot of time.	Yes	Utilise the area at the bottom of Turnpike. An already flat field with easy access. This would keep the cost and disruption down.	Yes	The field at the bottom of Dorneywood way or heaven forbid on the old NFC site	I cant understand why this is even a proposal. I have played football for many years and if my team turned up to play on a field as sloped and wet as manor park we would probably forget the game. It's dangerous.
Individual resident	Not so important	The location chosen is not a good one. It is heavily used by local residents and is a site for our wildlife. With the extra traffic already set to increase due to more housing, it will destroy the current environment.	Strongly disagree	See previous answer	Yes	Cancel it.	No		I strongly disagree with the proposal. It is just not the right place for it.
Individual resident	Not so important	There are already a number of available sites eg Henwick Fields and Northcroft.	Strongly disagree	It is a quiet and pleasant site for dog walking. The disruption required to create a sport pitch would be very intrusive. The ground is very boggy during the winter and there are many houses which may be affected.	Yes	Don't let it happen.	No	Off hand no	I think the increase in traffic and car parking spaces would be detrimental to the area and environment.
Individual resident									
Individual resident	Very important	Not sure why we 'lost' a perfect pitch in Newbury Town center	Agree	Although local access and parking should be considered			Yes	The old football pitch site!!!	
Individual resident	Not at all important	Plenty of pitches already available	Strongly disagree	No requirement for a pitch. Green space is used regularly by dog walkers & children. Road infrastructure not suitable for increased traffic.	No		Yes	If it's that important it should be made a requirement to include one in new housing developments. Already have henwick nearby & the ground on faraday road was recently closed which indicates there is no demand for such facility.	Simply not required. Faraday road site was closed so clearly not needed
Individual resident	Not so important	Faraday road football club there is a perfect football ground.	Strongly disagree	Not many open green places in the immediate area to walk dogs and get fresh air the green space can already be used for recreational football as it is. Thatcham has football fields not too far away.	Yes	Not go ahead	No	Faraday road.. Thatcham bath road already had them	
Individual resident	Extremely important		Strongly agree				No		
Individual resident	Extremely important	Sports and healthy living need to be encouraged.	Strongly disagree	Football pitch should have been left at Faraday Road.	Yes	Locate the football ground back to where it always was - Faraday Road	Yes	Faraday Road	The football facility should never have been moved. The perfect site is still available.
Individual resident									
Individual resident	Very important		Disagree	The location you have earmarked does not provide for suitable use by clubs, 30 parking spaces? Thatcham residents around Henwick fields regularly suffer with blocked roads and driveways when competition matches are being played	Yes	Reconsider a better location where residents will not be adversely affected.	Yes	The two sports field areas of Trinity school one of which is overgrown...why not go into partnership with the school?... Alternatively there is the Vodafone site which I hear they are considering leaving. Or why did you not insist on such a facility as part of the newbuilds around Love Lane?	Yes DO NOT allow dog walking around or on sports fields, nothing worse than getting smothered in dog poop as a player of sports. If you do insist of letting the inconsiderate dog owners use the facility, then at least police & issue meaningful fines to owners of dogs that foul and do not pick up and take home.
Individual resident	Not at all important	There are plenty of sports pitches in wb already	Strongly disagree		Yes	Not built a sports pitch on a clay hill which gets waterlogged all winter and also consider the residents where we will have people block our roads to attend these events	Yes	Wash common	
Individual resident	Very important	Be good to have the field actually used for something. Been hoping for something like this for years.	Strongly agree	Yes, the field is never used for anything since I was a child. Be good to have sports / football there.			No		
Individual resident	Extremely important	Young people need to have a place to go and socialise in a productive way. This will benefit them as well as the community	Strongly agree				No		
Individual resident	Very important		Strongly disagree	It's a clay field on a slope that becomes a swamp with any rain!!	Yes	Build it elsewhere!! How about faraday rd?	Yes	Faraday road	It's not been thought through. Parking would be ridiculous too, it's not equipped for it.
Individual resident	Not so important	Adequate pitches are available	Disagree	Flood plain surely, slope no scope for cars to park unless in resident roads.	Yes	Show how the flood water will be managed	Yes	Faraday road?	
Individual resident	Not at all important	You could use the old Newbury football ground. Lots of people use the Manor Park field to meet up and walk their dogs. It's the only bit of green space for us residents. Also the area is older people. Children don't use the space now. Their is Hendrick sports field but we can't walk our dogs there.	Strongly agree				Yes	Old Newbury football club	It needs to be scrapped. There are a lot of old people living here who can't give their opinion as they can't use the internet. Please give a postal option.
Individual resident	Somewhat important		Agree				No		
Individual resident	Somewhat important		Neither agree nor disagree	There are already playing fields near by to Manor Park like Curling Way Turnpike					
Individual resident	Not at all important		Strongly disagree		Yes		Yes	you can look at the north croft sports centre and green area the fields next to the hospital and garden center the old football pitch in faraday road	yes this would decrease access to all usr and flemleys the amount of cost to sort out the land for different use would not be visiball high nose and cars with in the arair this is a resedechill area and not fit for this yous
Individual resident	Not at all important	What about other sports? The WBC provision for non-football sports generally is woeful. Being a resident in Thatcham, I frequently walk past the unused pitches at Kennet school and driving past Trinity every weekend, again, their pitches always seem unused.	Strongly disagree	There seems to be plenty of provision already in place - it is more a question of how to improve the use and access to existing facilities.	Yes	Open up the school playing fields on the weekends!	No	Not relevant as there are already plenty of pitches around.	WBC doesn't seem to put any priority on other sports such as gymnastics, squash, badminton, even swimming or cycling. The existing facilities at Northcroft and Kennet are so old now - even the new lido doesn't really do the area justice. It would be nice to actually have some sports facilities to be proud of.
Individual resident	Very important		Agree	Will add to local facilities			Yes	Area behind Newbury College	
Individual resident	Very important		Agree				No		With the rapidly expanding population of Newbury these facilities are going to be in great demand
Individual resident	Not so important		Strongly disagree	This is one of the only sites that can be truly called natural in this area. It is on quite a steep incline which is going to cost a great deal of tax payer's money to level and drain. This is a natural drainage area for the surrounding farmland and stoney lane. I know you have said you will drain the land (again huge expense) but you are not considering the impact on the local wildlife. There are foxes, badgers, hedgehogs, roe and muntjac deer who make this area their home along with frogs and newts in the dew pond at the bottom of the field and tawny owls inhabit the woodland surrounding it. Wild orchids and snake's head fritillary grow amongst the vast variety of wild flowers seen throughout the grass areas. Early in the morning a variety of moths can be seen having fed on the nectar overnight, these, in turn, feed the bats to be seen there in the evening. I also believe a pitch and toilet block will decrease the value of local housing and encourage vandalism and unsocial behaviour. If you are considering an artificial pitch this will increase the level of pesticides entering the water table and finally, during competitive match days even the car parking you say will be provided will not be sufficient and this will lead to cars being parked on the roadside along Stoney Lane, Waller Drive and all the local cul-de-sacs. This is a totally unsuitable site from every angle.	Yes	Abandon the whole idea and consider using the local school football pitches at weekends. I'm aware that some of the secondary schools are already used for this but there are many primary schools in the area which have already got pitches or land suitable, e.g. Robert Sandilands, Winchcombe, Fir Tree, Speenhamland to name but a few. This would save the council a great deal of money and may be a good way for the schools to raise additional funds. It will also minimise the impact on wildlife. After all, WBC does profess to be a 'green council'!	Yes	As previously mentioned - school playing fields. I forgot to mention Castle School which has a large amount of land unused at weekends and plenty of parking.	This area is not only a wildlife haven it is also a haven for local people. Joggers and dog walkers of course but it is also used by families for play and during the summer lots of people gather for picnics. Late summer sees many people gathering berries and some more intrepid foragers collect the mushrooms which grow all over the site. As you seem to have spare cash to build yet another sports pitch on totally unsuitable land could I make a suggestion please. Use a small part of the field to put in a community orchard, this will not only help with drainage but will encourage even more wildlife. You could then consider laying a path (only a couple of metres wide so not too destructive) around the field and into the orchard so that people with sight or mobility issues can access this lovely area. Maybe do a spot of birdwatching or collect some of the fruit from the orchard. Kicking a ball about is not the only way to get some fresh air and exercise!
Individual resident	Very important		Strongly agree	The area between Thatcham and Newbury is accessible to many residents and communities. Hennick Lane sports pitches are over-subscribed			No		The facility should provide adequate car parking. As well as changing rooms, the facility could include a modest hall similar to that at Echinswell (Hampshire) for indoor recreational use and social events.
Individual resident	Not so important	I would think in times of money shortages, this would not be a priority at all.	Strongly disagree	This is a beautiful parkland area used by many local residents for walks and recreation which will be totally subdued by the addition of a football pitch. Between November and March the area becomes extremely boggy.	Yes	Use the existing ground and rebuild.	No		It will be another naturally beautiful part of Newbury gone forever.
Individual resident	Very important	Young people should be given every opportunity to have access to all sports, especially the more popular ones like football.	Neither agree nor disagree	The Council has not provided information about other sites that may be considered alongside this one. The old town ground site would make an ideal facility. Pitches at Henwick rarely seem to be in full use now. Could facilities at local schools be improved with separate toilets/changing rooms for weekend use? In Wiltshire, it seems that every town with new housing developments also has new purpose built sports facilities nearby. Where is West Berks strategy for this too? Manor Park may seem piecemeal if other options were clarified.			Yes	Playing fields at Fir Tree School and Speenhamland School which are not used by the schools largely because of lack of changing rooms/toilets. Either of these would also become a good base for the long-running Newbury District Primary schools FA which needs an appropriate home for matches on Saturday mornings, but could also be used at other times by other organisations.	As said before - what other options are there to compare? And how busy is Henwick? There is a real shortage of floodlit Astro pitches for winter training too - would it be better to spend money on provision of a dual purpose, modern facility? St Gabriel's School have long been looking for a partner for a floodlit Astro pitch on land adjacent to them - could the Council begin a conversation with them - this would benefit an even greater number of residents.
Individual resident	Extremely important		Strongly agree				No		

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Which of the following best describes you?	How important do you think is for the council to address the shortage in supply of sports pitches in West Berkshire?	Please tell us the reasons for your response.	To what extent do you agree with the council's proposal to provide a new sports pitch at Manor Park, Newbury?	Please tell us the reasons for your response.	Is there anything the council could do to address your concerns?	If yes, please tell us what could be done to address your concerns.	Do you know of any other sites in Newbury, or elsewhere in West Berkshire, where a new sports pitch could be located?	If yes, please provide details.	Are there any other comments you'd like to make in respect of this proposal?
Individual resident	Not at all important	There are more football pitches available then accessible areas for families and dog walkers	Strongly disagree	The park is used frequently throughout the day by the residents - without a general area for dogs and children it makes services very limited and will increase car use as we will have to travel further to be able to visit the same facility.	Yes	Leave the field as a enjoyable green space for all	No		Please consider other areas of Thatcham/Newbury as the housing development behind this field and in the centre of Manor Park will mean an increase in population and an increased need for this field as it is.
Individual resident	Very important		Strongly agree				No		
Individual resident	Not at all important		Strongly disagree	xxx. I feel this is will ruin our area and destroy the nature and wildlife we have. A lot of deers, Owls, Hedgehogs, Maggies nesting and many more. You have Henwick sports not far from here.	Yes	Put it somewhere else.	Yes	Plenty of other places. Not near a residential area.	We moved here because this place was so special. We should have the right to not have our lives ruined by the noise and disruption that this would cause. Put it somewhere else, not on residents doorsteps.
Individual resident	Extremely important		Agree				Yes		Long time coming
Individual resident	Somewhat important	There seem to be more important issues at the moment to be focusing on and the range of sport that should be included these days.	Disagree	There is the Henrick pitches close by and Trinity School , who lease their pitches to clubs aswell, it seems too many facilities for the same thing in a small area.	Yes	Rethink the facilities already available and actually canvas the schools to the sports/leisure activities that future generations are involved with. Although football and rugby will always be popular, there are a number of other activities that families enjoy rather than sport which is just as active.	No	I would seriously consider where the schools are based and whether contracts can be drawn with them. This creates income for the schools and less need to build more.	There are other active pursuits that families do, than basic sports. I would rather see a more diverse selection of outdoor activities other than another sports pitch.
Individual resident	Not at all important		Strongly disagree		Yes	Please leave natural grasslands alone to help wildlife	No		
Individual resident	Not so important	There is an unused pitch at faraday road	Strongly disagree	There will be more traffic, parking in all residential roads close by. A park would be a better use for this field.	Yes	Use the pitch that is already in Faraday Road.	Yes	Faraday road could be revamped.	
Individual resident	Somewhat important		Agree				No		
Individual resident	Somewhat important		Agree	Local area for children to play football would be good as current grass too long. however would want to see adequate parking and flood risk consideration as field becomes very wet in autumn and winter and forms part of manor park flood defence. Also need to ensure local residential roads such as Preston place not used for parking by football users.			Yes	Make better use of and invest in school playing fields such as Trinity, winchcombe which could then be used at weekends whilst having positive benefits to local school	
Individual resident	Extremely important		Strongly agree				No		
Individual resident	Extremely important		Strongly agree				No		no comments
Individual resident	Not so important		Strongly disagree		No		No	I am sure you could look into other areas where there are existing sports pitches.	
Individual resident	Not at all important		Strongly disagree		No		No		There seem to be quite enough sports facilities in the town. These pitches cause parking disruption and noise when in use. Could the council not use school grounds if we need extra sports pitches? Schools have carparks and grounds and are empty on weekends.
Individual non-resident									
Individual resident	Not so important		Strongly disagree		No		Yes	back at faraday road	
Individual resident	Not at all important	I seldom see them being used. The pitch at City Park, for instance, seems to be used about once a week. It's a waste of space for 90 minutes a week.	Strongly disagree	Schedule time on existing pitches. Use this space for other interests that can use it all year. Or return it to nature.	Yes	Stop wasting public space on, let's be honest, niche activities. All the schools have pitches. Use those. St Barts has a field on pitches that are never used.	Yes	Every single secondary school	It's a stupid idea and a waste of space.
Individual resident	Somewhat important		Strongly disagree		Yes	Use Faraday road which already exists as a football venue.	Yes	Faraday road	
Individual non-resident	Somewhat important		Disagree	Traffic volumes along Stoney Lane, a single track road. Parking and congestion. Sloping site with poor drainage is unsuitable for a pitch.	Yes	Find a more suitable site!	Yes	Stroud Green. Racecourse.	
Individual resident	Not so important	There are plenty of facilities already available, and WBC should have kept the existing pitch in Faraday Road	Strongly disagree	There are plenty of other facilities, if there is a shortage the WBC should not have closed the site at Faraday Road	No		Yes	Faraday road	Totally against, leave the space as is for use by families and dog walkers
Individual resident	Somewhat important		Neither agree nor disagree				No	But I will be looking into this	Not right now
Individual resident	Extremely important		Strongly agree				No		
Individual resident	Extremely important		Agree				No		I live close to Speen rec and the football pitches and they are most welcome
Individual resident	Not so important	The question doesn't allow for thoughts about location. It is more important to consider the location, is the space for pitches really available?	Strongly disagree	People already use this space for free recreation, placing a new pitch here is an extremely bad idea for multiple reasons. Families picnic here, play rounders, ball games. It is a harmonious community space. A designated playing pitch is going to disrupt this through "turf wars" resentment to dog walkers, children, families and those that use the benches at the top who just sit, look at the view and listen to the bird. What about the trees and the wildlife? A major consideration is the new housing development. This field becomes very waterlogged after rain, where is the water going to go? If you install a grass pitch it will be too boggy.	No	Find a more appropriate location!	Yes	There is more space in goldwell park. Will there be space at any of the new housing developments? Faraday road. Victoria park	Please don't do this. The town is becoming too concrete as it is, flooding is a concern for a lot of people.
Individual resident	Not at all important		Strongly disagree		No		Yes	Newbury football ground.	Flooding will be a problem. Parking will be a problem. Noise will be a problem.
Individual resident	Extremely important	We need to encourage and support young people into healthy and good activities to avoid getting into trouble	Strongly agree	More opportunities for young people			Yes	Old football club by nwn	
Individual resident	Somewhat important	Rising obesity levels in the U.K. making sport more accessible will help combat this.	Strongly agree	As previous reasons. Specifically this location seems reasonable			No		
Individual resident	Somewhat important								
Individual resident	Somewhat important	There are more important things, but it is still good to have open spaces. However organised spaces aren't as important as just spaces.	Strongly disagree	Its not straight forward to level the site as there are two oil pipes running under it and it forms part of a suds system protecting Wansey Gardens and further down the hill. And the existing dry suds in the southwest is getting totally overgrown and is slowly filling in. Also it is used by many locals as it is.	Yes	Provide detailed costings for all candidate sites and alternative sites recognising the complications for each.	No		The proposal seems very optimistic considering that parts of the site are already earmarked as part of the Coley farm development and there are existing suds elements and national oil pipes running across the site.
Individual resident									
Individual resident									
Individual resident	Somewhat important		Disagree		Yes				
Individual resident	Very important		Agree				No		
Individual resident	Extremely important	My son grew up through newbury football club and now plays semi pro	Strongly agree				No		
Individual resident	Not at all important		Strongly disagree		No	This is a communal park where many people meet up with their dogs	No		
Individual resident	Extremely important	The number of teams is increasing. Exercise and team sports are essential for physical and mental health.	Strongly agree	Large population north of Newbury town centre - and growing with the new housing.			Yes	On the original football pitch in the centre of Newbury. As a floodplain it would be a good use for the site.	Please provide the new site and the finance for essential maintenance
Individual resident	Somewhat important	I believe it is a good idea but to offer sporting facilities but Manor park is a precious green space in what is fast becoming a very built up area Coley Farm houses and the Pasy Scrapyard building proposal. It is a popular place for dog walkers. We are just down the road from Henwick sports field.							
Individual resident	Somewhat important	I do think it is important for all the reasons listed in your report - but not at the expense of existing green areas and places used by the community	Strongly disagree	Erosion of our public open spaces. It's hugely popular with people for dog walking and one of the only areas near here that you can freely and safely let your dog off the the lead. It is already losing space for a playground as part of the development behind it. It's gets hugely flooded in winter Displacement of the nature there	No		No		
Individual resident	Not at all important	Football and rugby pitch is 1 mile away -Henwick field.	Strongly disagree	This feels is very important for local community as field to go for a walk, train dog and enjoy a quite green area which houses much of wildlife. This field is unique in Newbury and it is not fair for local community and nature to take it away.	Yes	Leave the field alone! And please leave more green spaces for nature and people to enjoy.	Yes	I don't know. But as I have 2 teenagers who enjoy sport, I do not see the need for it as there is plenty of sporting opportunities in Newbury.	It would be big shame if you destroy peace and nature.
Individual resident	Not at all important	Some people including children don't like sport and find it bullying, there is enough of that at school	Strongly disagree	It is the only local area nearby. The local wildlife including deer would be put off a crowd of people - It is unsuitable 1) It is not level for a pitch. 2) It is used by a lot of dog walkers so unsuitable The green area is going to be reduced in size by a number of things: a) Coley farm development is taking some area. b) This pitch would also reduce the green area with toilet block and additional parking	Yes	Use a local school field	Yes	Local school fields and pitches	
Individual resident	Extremely important	There are precious few community facilities in the east of the district	Neither agree nor disagree	Newbury seems to have a monopoly on spending when it comes to community sports' facilities			Yes	Cotswold Sports' Centre has pitches which are in dire need of refurbishment	
Individual resident	Very important	keeping open spaces for residential use & enjoyment	Strongly agree				Yes	east of Thatcham	
Individual resident	Not so important	We have plenty of football pitches in this area, most schools have one that is not used fully	Strongly disagree	This area is used by dog walkers, families for picnics and playing sports and what about the wildlife there I have personally seen foxes, badgers deer many different owls all of these will suffer by developing this area	Yes	don't do this its not needed we have henwick for playing football this area is a natural wildlife area	Yes	schools and the old Newbury fc ground	
Individual non-resident	Somewhat important		Disagree		No		No		I feel the site would be better placed as wildflower meadows and focus on linking areas for wildlife.
Individual resident	Very important	Ensuring people have accessible facilities to promote health and fitness.	Agree	I agree that it would be positive.			No		My parents live on Stoney Lane close to where the proposed pitch will be located. It will be good to be able to take their grandchildren up to the field to use the pitch along with playing in the field.

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Individual resident	Not so important		Strongly disagree	This site is in a very quiet residential area. Many of the residents are older people who won't use this facility. There is poor access as Stoney Lane is a narrow one lane road not suitable for extra traffic. It will make my life a misery if I have to hear constant screaming from football games. This is a hugely inappropriate site, 30 spaces isn't enough parking, and adding more will reduce the size of the green space. It's not a big enough area.	No	This cannot go ahead. The added traffic and noise will be intolerable.	No		I request you actually speak to the people who live locally and will be affected as most of them are elderly and not online.
Individual resident	Not so important		Neither agree nor disagree				No		No
Individual resident	Very important		Agree				No		
Individual resident	Somewhat important		Neither agree nor disagree				No		The proposed area for the pitch is used regularly by dog walkers including a monthly dog community event. I would be concerned if the new pitch were to have any detrimental impact on this. The land itself currently has very poor drainage and is sloping. Regardless of the proposed pitch, it would be fantastic to improve the drainage to serve community usage.
Individual resident	Somewhat important		Neither agree nor disagree				Yes		
Individual resident	Very important	Sport is the key to health and wellbeing of our population and in order to encourage people of all ages to exercise, fit for purpose facilities must be available to all. Sport in my view, not only helps with health and wellbeing, but it helps with mental health and with anti social behaviour by giving young people a purpose and keeping them off the streets	Strongly agree	We need fit for purpose facilities to encourage people to exercise and to take part in physical activity.			Yes	There has been a proposal to locate a sports pitch in Monks Lane in Newbury on the same site as the rugby club. This in my opinion, is not the correct site as it is too small, is located too close to other facilities such as a care home which will inevitably lead to congestion in the area. The proposed site cannot provide sufficient parking and does not have the potential for growth.	The proposed site is in a good central location where it could be accessed by most.
Individual resident	Extremely important	Children are being encouraged to do more sport but facilities locally are lacking, especially with all the additional housing going up it's just going to get worse for kids.	Strongly agree						
Individual resident	Extremely important	Sport is important for the wellbeing of children and there is currently limited availability of sites to support this	Strongly agree	Ideal location not currently used to it's full potential.			No		The proposed changes will make this underused site more useful to the community. Just need to ensure that dog walkers clear up their mess as I have found this is a problem at other locations more than before the first lockdown.
Individual resident	Somewhat important	There are more pressing matters	Strongly disagree	Site is impractical & is already a valuable asset as it is. The Coley Farm development is going to have a negative impact on the site without the added ruination of a sports pitches & toilet block.	Yes	Build sport pitches on either browfield or agricultural land.	Yes	End of Hambridge Lane for starters.	As said before the site is impractical - it is on a relatively steep slope, get water logged & is in constant use for dog walking & other recreational uses. Parts are also going to be lost if and when the Coley Farm development takes place.
Individual resident	Not so important	There are sufficient sports pitches in the area that are not being fully utilised. To take away further green space, close to a large housing estate, that benefits wildlife, children, as well as our dogs, who also need space to play & run, would be detrimental to the area. Not everyone has a car to drive to other areas to exercise their dogs & children.	Strongly disagree	As previously mentioned this is a great space for young and old alike to enjoy open countryside, close to a town, especially for those who are unable to drive to get exercise. There are more than sufficient sports pitches in West Berkshire that are not being fully utilised.	No		No	There is sufficient pitches in the area that could be fully utilised before any new green spaces are taken away.	
Individual resident	Not at all important	There's Old Football club pitch which would be perfect. You also have Henwick lane which already has football all weekend as it is.	Strongly disagree	Add some play equipment for kids, we don't need yet another football pitch.	No		Yes	Faraday Road, already has a pitch available and ready to use.	You also have to take in to consideration the noise levels. There's lots of homes all around that park. Not everyone is going to want to hear Football all weekend long!
Individual resident	Very important		Strongly agree				No		
Individual resident	Very important		Strongly agree				Yes		
Individual resident	Very important		Agree				No		Local residents directly or through Parish Council be involved in the management of the facility
Individual resident	Extremely important	Sport is essential	Strongly agree				No		
Local sports team / club	Extremely important	Citizens deserve high quality facilities to encourage participation in sport and to raise aspirations	Strongly agree				No		Drainage must be good...pitches locally are in short supply and many are poor(City Playground, Battery End...)
Individual resident	Very important	It's very important to give every opportunity for people to be active and to have sufficient facilities to enable wide participation in sports	Agree	I don't think this is an ideal location, as it's a beautifully tucked away recreation ground in a lovely quiet spot, but if options are limited for pitches then this venue should be used			Yes	Faraday Road would be an ideal location (where the football club used to be). Could space for new pitches be incorporated into any of the new developments being built, e.g. near Vodafone? Could any town centre locations be used, e.g. Northcroft or Victoria Park (I know there used to be pitches here, but I'm not sure if they still exist?). How about Shaw Gardens, the park opposite Shaw House? Is there sufficient space there (and then the Shaw House parking could be used)? Is there any land at Newbury Racecourse that could be used?	Perhaps make it a condition of planning for future new developments that they include space for sports pitches within their site plans.
Individual resident	Extremely important	Increasing obesity in adults and children is a serious problem. Any resource that encourages or gives local residents more opportunity to exercise will help. (Clearly this strategy does need to have joined up thinking to make the difference - educational material etc)	Strongly agree	For the reasons given to the last answer and the fact that it seems a reasonable location and one owned already by the council			No		
Individual resident	Don't know	Being honest, I am not a sporty person and therefore have not researched the facilities in the area. What is lacking are individual exercise classes where you do not have to join a gym to participate in one.	Strongly disagree	There is no thought to the local infrastructure. Most people will drive to the sports pitch as it is easier and cheaper than getting a bus. There will not be enough parking, so the residential roads will be impacted. The roads to get to the sports ground will become congested. Looking how the council have mismanaged Turnpike Road, I KNOW this will also be mismanaged. Looking how all 'new great ideas' regarding the roads around Newbury, the roads have been made worse, so I am under no illusion, this too will be mucked up. The speed bumps on Turnpike road, are awful. My friend's car now makes a noise. When I drive I have to do between 12 and 15 miles per hour otherwise damage will be done to my car. They are ridiculous, again, not thought out. In my experience, this too be a cock up	Yes	Use common sense. Put yourselves in the residents shoes (walk a mile...). Think about the infrastructure needed and implement said infrastructure beforehand. Think about the possibility of crime/antisocial behaviour.	Yes	The field by Hutton close (although parking would be difficult, it is closer to town. Faraday road Northcroft park and parks near there Racecourse? Rugby club Perhaps use a school field? Trinity School for example	Please use common sense. Actually think about all aspects- transport- parking and getting to the place- Turnpike Road is horrible to use.
Individual resident	Somewhat important	West Berks Council closing the local football ground	Disagree	The required earthworks to create the proposed space and parking will ruin the current park and encourage the town boundary to creep further north with no investment in relevant infrastructure.	Yes	Improve the roads and public transport offering to manor park. With Coley farm also proposed there should be better services into the area. Its ridiculous that the majority of bus services serve the A4 and motorists are penalised with awful speed "calming" measures that you have to drive over at a fraction of the speed limit.	Yes	Faraday road, Newbury	There should be more detailed proposals and/or artist impressions of the pitch. For it to be a reasonable pitch the area would surely need to be levelled and with buildings and an increase in parking it would be good to see where the access will be.
Individual non-resident									
Individual resident	Not at all important		Strongly disagree		Yes	Find somewhere else, this pitch is wet and very boggy and is used for dog walkers. Which is much needed as well as a soak away	Yes	Hermitage garden centre fields	
Individual resident	Somewhat important		Strongly disagree		Yes	Yes scrap the plans	Yes	By Northcroft leisure centre	
Individual resident	Not so important		Strongly disagree	The field is not level, it floods badly. What about the loss of habitat for wildlife. Too many cars will be in the area with the added traffic from the Coley farm development.	Yes	Leave the field as it is. There will be a playground put into the field as part of the Coley farm development and I'm sure it will get to a point where dogs will be banned from the area as they are on Henwick playing fields.	Yes	Faraday Road.	To say that it will be available for other recreational activities and dog walking at all times is ridiculous. Obviously dogs will not be able to exercise while a football match is going on.
Local sports team / club	Extremely important	There is a lack of sports pitches in the area, particularly all weather pitches for both football and rugby	Agree	Is this a large expense for 6hrs a week and I see that it'll be open for dog walking - is this not putting players at risk with dog mess left on the grass. Who is responsible for clearing it up (assuming the owners don't do it!)			Yes	All weather pitches could be installed at Henwick, particularly a rugby pitch and football pitch - possibly dual use	Just the lack of availability at weekends and the potential for dog mess
Individual resident	Extremely important		Agree				No		
Individual resident	Very important		Strongly agree				No		
Individual resident	Somewhat important		Disagree		Yes		No		
Individual resident	Extremely important								
Individual resident	Not at all important	Sport and leisure facilities are plentiful in and around Newbury and they are a luxury. We do not need to spend public money on luxuries, when so many other pressing issues need to be addressed first.	Strongly disagree	As a local resident, this will cause myself and my neighbours unnecessary disruption. Currently the park is used for local dog walkers (I'm not one myself) but I appreciate the fact that it is well used by dogs and is a safe area for them to enjoy a walk.	Yes	Explain why the local football club stands empty with a perfectly good football pitch ready to use and yet the council wants to waste my hard earned money on an unnecessarily development.	Yes	We have several pre existing sports sites, we do not need to waste local tax payers money on developing more of them. If it is only for use at weekends, then why can't a school field or pitch be utilised? Stopped wasting our money on new developments, utilise what we already have. It will be better for the local economy and for the environment to use a pre-existing field or pitch.	If this money is being provided by a grant, rather than local tax payers then use it to improve the old Newbury Football ground which currently lies empty. Stop developing areas that already have a purpose and that people enjoy using.
Individual resident	Very important		Agree				No		A good idea
Individual resident	Not at all important		Strongly disagree		No		No		

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Individual resident	Not at all important		Strongly disagree	There multiple sports areas within West Berkshire, but no open area to allow dogs of lead. Especially in an area that is un level and has open drainage issues.	Yes	Not build a sports pitch and ruin a beautiful relaxing location	No	You already have, henick, trinity, northcroft, donnington.	Please don't proceed with this idea
Individual resident	Extremely important		Strongly agree				Yes	Newbury Town FC Football Ground	Sport extremely import for young people never enough facilities for them!
Individual resident	Somewhat important		Disagree		Yes	Utilise other nearby pitches (eg a land hall cold ash , rarely used)	Yes	Behind the sizzling pub on a4	The field is already being made smaller as some given to a new housing development the rest should remain a usable walking field for locally residents
Individual resident	Very important		Agree				No		
Individual resident	Very important	It is important but access to green space countryside and routes is more important. sports pitches do cater for a slightly younger and more mobile generation and we need to ensure we are providing better leisure facilities for more vulnerable and older population and those that are more isolated and don't wish to join clubs.	Neither agree nor disagree				Yes	Faraday road site.	Please limited Astro or articulate surfaces! Consider other uses which are more inclusive for society. Places to relax as well as watch so not all geared to sports. We are really lacking parks for all people to enjoy. It needs to be place rather than a facility. Options for a community building / hall should be included please in the plans so other groups of Society can enjoy .
Individual resident	Somewhat important		Strongly disagree	If some of the other public recreational facilities are anything to go by....it will probably won't be long before it gets vandalised. If 30 more parking spaces are being made available that means more noise for the local residents. There is also the problem of drug dealing in the car park now.....this would probably increase. The whole proposal is asking for trouble unless it is maintained properly.	Yes	Look elsewhere!!	No		
Individual resident	Not so important		Strongly disagree	It is a very quiet area although and encouraging more traffic and people into the park will discourage people walking dogs and just playing casually or sitting in the field	Yes	Stop with this process	No		
Individual resident	Extremely important	To encourage young people to keep fit and to engage in team sport to encourage socialisation and deter anti-social behaviour.	Agree	More facilities are welcome but not sure what facilities are available on the other side of Newbury and Manor Park is close to Henwick			No		
Individual resident	Extremely important		Strongly agree				No		
Individual resident	Very important	Sports in the area are an excellent way to promote well-being in all groups of people. It brings together both a social aspect as well as overall health. Adding to sports facilities in the area and making these accessible to more people could potentially increase the number of people taking to sports or simply giving them somewhere to walk/run.	Agree	If there is space for this new facility to be added to an existing built-up area then it would be preferable over building more homes and for reasons given to a previous question, may increase peoples' chances to improve their health and well-being.			No		
Individual resident	Not so important		Strongly disagree		No		No		
Individual resident	Extremely important		Strongly disagree	It's on a Hill, after a day of rain it's a mud bath, Adders have been known to nest in the bushes	Yes	Release any tests and findings that prove the actual ground is suitable and safe	Yes	Faraday Road or any land that is not private owned or awaiting more housing	The back of Henwick seems really under used. Either make it usable for Dogs or for more Sport.
Individual resident	Somewhat important		Disagree		No		Yes	Henwick Newbury football ground	
Individual resident	Not so important	Henwick has ample space to be able to use a pitch there and invest in already available ground instead of wasting more residents money developing a space that no doubt the council will toy and monetise at some point.	Disagree		No				
Individual resident	Extremely important	It is well known around the area that there is a shortage of pitches for grassroots football. This coupled with the removal of Faraday Road Stadium leaves the area in a very sorry state of affairs when it comes to pitches. Especially at a time when we should be encouraging more exercise.	Strongly agree	The area is out of the way of the main town but in a good location and is on the edge of the Manor Park estate so wouldn't cause major upset to neighbouring residents.			Yes	Not sure if there is one already but either Kennet Heath or the park behind Kennet/Agricola way.	
Individual resident	Not at all important	What about Faraday Road? Henwick is also a short distance away.	Strongly disagree	Inappropriate location - the noise generated by the use of the proposed facilities not to mention the additional vehicle movements fills me with dread. There is also an issue with the speed and manner in which some motorists use Stoney Lane and Waller Drive which neither WBC or TVP are interested in addressing - there is no direct transport link to this location so users will have to drive to / from the proposed venue.	Yes	Locate the proposed facility in Faraday Road or increase the facility at Henwick Lane where much of the infrastructure is in place and there are public transport links.	Yes	Faraday Road, Riverside Centre or Henwick.	Yes - I strongly object to this proposed location - quite frankly it's completely ridiculous and a waste of tax payers money when there are already such facilities in the area.
Individual resident	Very important	The development of sport is an essential for team and social interaction	Agree				No		Pitch lighting would future proof the venue
Individual resident	Very important	I believe that young people benefit enormously from participating in team sports. It is important to have areas for these activities to take place.							
Individual resident	Somewhat important		Neither agree nor disagree				No		
Individual resident	Very important	Because the council has removed the main pitch at Faraday Rd.	Strongly disagree	Perfectly good space in Faraday Rd	Yes	Reopen Faraday Rd	Yes	Faraday Rd	Yes, reopen Faraday Rd. Stop ripping up the country side.
Individual resident	Extremely important	It is becoming increasingly difficult for sports clubs to find appropriate sports grounds.	Strongly disagree	It is a terrible place. Who on earth comes up with these ideas! Far to close to residential houses.	Yes	Just sort out Faraday Road ground where there was a perfectly good bit of land. In a perfect location.	Yes	As stated before, instead of throwing millions of tax payers money down the drain already. That could of been spent on updating an already great recreational hub in the centre of town.	I'd hate to be in the immediate housing backing onto this area. Also I'd hate to let any child or adult play football on an area where people let their dogs do their business.
Individual resident	Extremely important	Not every space should not be developed into houses. It is very important to get young people outside & play sport. We are bringing up a next generation of game play stay indoors square eyed loonies.	Strongly agree				No		
Individual resident	Not so important		Strongly disagree	That green space is one of the few in the local vicinity of the residents in the surrounding area. At present, it is used for multiple uses, as well as a space well utilised by wildlife and fauna. Replacing this space with a dedicated sports pitch carries significant downsides - both ecologically and environmentally - as well as causing displacement and disruption for the local residents who presently use this space to walk dogs, enjoy outdoor exercise, or interact with Wildlife.	Yes	Identify a more suitable location. There are a number of similarly sized spaces elsewhere around Newbury and the surrounding area which are not presently as used and appreciated by the surrounding residents.	Yes	Multiple empty lots / spaces in Cold Ash, Stoney Lane, Clay Hill, Speen, Shaw-Cum-Donnington, and other surrounding areas.	There is "already" an unused, derelict football club in a brilliant location in Newbury. For the cost of this proposed work, the council could subsidise works to restore and renovate this facility, which is perfectly situated and suited for this purpose - as well as appeasing the wants and requests of many local residents. Equally, we're aware that due to the diverse and dense nature of the surrounding flora and treeline, residents are keen to ensure, through direct means, that any and all ecological and environmental impact assessments will be undertaken before any work is conducted.
Individual resident	Somewhat important		Agree				No		
Individual resident	Not so important		Disagree		No		No		
Individual resident	Not at all important	There are other large issues in the area that do not get attention. Like lack of accessibility for horses riders. There are a large amount dotted all over the area and we don't get listened to or taken into account.	Neither agree nor disagree				No		Please give some consideration to other users of the area. We are being pushed further out of activities and usage. I ride through manor park at least 3/4 times a week most weeks with my friends. We haven't got many places to go. And no bridleway access up to anywhere we can ride safely
Individual resident	Extremely important	It is increasingly difficult for sports clubs to find appropriate sports grounds.							
Individual resident	Extremely important	Having struggled in the past to book pitches for youth teams at the right price I welcome any addition to the available facilities. Youth sport it is essential for character building and social bonding.	Strongly agree	I wasn't aware there was a shortage of pitches but it's always good to have more.			No		
Individual resident	Not so important		Disagree	It's currently a green, open space for all to enjoy not just those wanting to play football / rugby. It's currently a natural space for wildlife which creating a sports field would destroy	Yes	Access to green open spaces should be for all, not just those wanting to play a specific sport	No		No
Individual resident	Extremely important	Key to community and individual wellbeing	Strongly agree				No		Very needed
Other (please specify below)	Don't know		Strongly disagree		No		No		
Individual resident	Extremely important		Strongly agree				Yes	Stroud Green Newbury	
Individual resident	Not so important		Disagree		Yes	Encourage use of existing facilities, why did you close the site down Faraday Road if there is such a high demand for football pitches ?	Yes	Where the old pitch was in Faraday road	It will not get used, and disrupt it current use as a picnic and dog walking area
Individual resident	Not at all important		Strongly disagree		Yes	Use the site already at Faraday Road.	Yes	Site already at Faraday road or victoria park padworth rec	Not an important issue.
Individual resident	Extremely important	there is a shortage of suitable venues in good condition and this is preventing growth and development of grass roots football	Strongly agree	see previous reply			Yes		no

Proposal for a New Sports Pitch at Manor Park, Newbury Consultation (WBC) - verbatim responses

Which of the following best describes you?	How important do you think is for the council to address the shortage in supply of sports pitches in West Berkshire?	Please tell us the reasons for your response.	To what extent do you agree with the council's proposal to provide a new sports pitch at Manor Park, Newbury?	Please tell us the reasons for your response.	Is there anything the council could do to address your concerns?	If yes, please tell us what could be done to address your concerns.	Do you know of any other sites in Newbury, or elsewhere in West Berkshire, where a new sports pitch could be located?	If yes, please provide details.	Are there any other comments you'd like to make in respect of this proposal?
Individual resident	Not at all important		Strongly disagree		No		Yes		Strongly object in the grounds of there not being any green space! This is used for walkers and residents and it's open space provides sanctuary. I agree sport is important but there are numerous locations. Furthermore the road network in this estate is bad and already full of speeding drivers! Plus the wildlife would be impacted this is a fundamentally flawed proposal
Individual resident	Extremely important	I have two boys that play football and there aren't enough pitches	Strongly agree				Yes	Faraday road! It had one!!	CCTV would be beneficial to avoid any trouble and nets should be kept up for the kids to play when pitch not in use
Individual resident	Very important		Agree				No		
Individual resident	Very important	Doesn't really matter, with their past record it will be sold off for housing or an industrial estate in 10 years	Neither agree nor disagree				Yes	Faraday Road.	Since when has the council cared about the public?
Individual resident	Extremely important		Strongly agree				No		
Individual resident	Very important	Facilities for sport contribute to well being	Neither agree nor disagree	As a resident of Stoney Lane my concern is the volume of traffic this development will add to lower Stoney Lane. Alongside the planned housing development there is a need to review traffic arrangements before adding volume. Also the area is a popular dog walking venue and I would want to see access for dogs maintained			Yes	Faraday Road	I am not against the proposal in principle but want to see proper consideration of the impact of increased traffic in Stoney Lane. Also I hope the development will not remove additional trees, already at threat from the planned housing development
Local sports team / club	Extremely important		Strongly agree				Yes	Faraday Road. but because of Council incompetence you are going to throw away £12m of our money so your stupid executives can save face. Get a grip, get those jokers removed and put the town football pitch back where it belongs. I have followed this saga since day one and all I see is Tory incompetence and corruption.	
Individual resident	Extremely important	My sons plays for a football team and they struggle to find suitable venues for matches	Strongly agree	It would get used a lot			Yes	City Park, Fifth Road Park, wash common park all have areas which could be turned into something useable.	
Individual resident	Somewhat important	If demand for sports pitches exceeds supply then a review of what is the art of the possible insofar as repurposing alternative sites should be explored. However the considerations of non sports / established uses should be given significant consideration	Strongly disagree	The established use of this park for c. 30 years+ has been for mixed recreational and for dog walking and continues to be a rare and highly valued asset both those that continue to use it. There are significant sporting facilities available at either Henwick Fields or Trinity School to name but two. I would expect to see a compelling reason as to why said facilities cannot be used/shared.	Yes	As per previous comments, fully explore alternative options that may include negotiating a sharing of substantial nearby sporting facilities. Or eg consider using fields adjacent to the hospital (previously earmarked for BMW) or the redundant leisure bowling site at Lower Way.	Yes	As before, land adjacent to the hospital previously earmarked for the BMW dealership, former leisure site at Lower Way	
Individual resident	Not so important	In these budget driven times, capital cost must be 100% justified compared with other competing expenditure requirements	Disagree	Many areas have pitches provided by parish or Town councils with no WBC involvement. If Newbury want/need the pitches then perhaps town council should provide	Yes	Not incur expenditure	No		
Individual resident	Very important		Neither agree nor disagree	Lost of trees around the recreation ground; increased traffic to the narrow road and the area; Noising pollution; Lighting pollution in the evening;			Yes		
Individual resident	Extremely important		Strongly disagree	I believe that it would be better to redevelop the former Newbury Football Club site at Faraday road so that it can be used as a sports pitch again	Yes	Abandon this plan and instead redevelop the former Newbury Football Club site at Faraday road so that it can be used as a sports pitch again	Yes	I believe that it would be better to redevelop the former Newbury Football Club site at Faraday road so that it can be used as a sports pitch again	
Individual resident	Very important		Agree				No		Must have easy car parking
Individual resident	Very important		Agree				No		
Individual resident	Extremely important	What you are doing is not improving the situation. You have removed a football pitch and put it on a rugby pitch that you are now trying to replace. If it's neutral and just wasting money	Strongly disagree	Waste of money driven by politics of WBC makes no sense whatsoever	Yes	Stop playing politics and reopen the Faraday rd pitch	Yes	Should have made the developer of all those houses by Vodafone provide a couple of pitches	No
Individual resident	Extremely important		Agree				No		
Local sports team / club	Extremely important	I think we don't only need to consider sports pitches, but outdoor use for other sports. I live on Manor Park and run children's cycle coaching at Henwick on Tuesdays (up to 40 children) and we are very limited by having to fit in around team sports using the pitches. It would be great to have a facility such as a track around the age of the field for cycling and running groups to use too.	Strongly agree	I think it would be a great facility to have available - Henwick is overflowing on some weeknights and weekends, and backup is desperately needed.			No	Not really, but there are a number of brownfield sites where space could be used better to provide sporting facilities.	As I mentioned above, I would love to be part of the working group of this so we can really maximise the usage potential of the ground. In addition to children's coaching, we also run tandem coaching for blind/visually impaired people and Henwick gets too busy to be able to do this.
Individual resident	Very important	Keep people active and to provide green space	Strongly agree	It's a good proposal			No		None
Individual resident	Extremely important		Strongly agree				Yes	Faraday Road, Newbury Memorial Field, Thatcham Harts Hill Road, Thatcham by the skate park	
Individual resident	Extremely important	The reason I think it's extremely important both my boys play football and the lack of pitches is crazy, also meaning teams can't expand as there no where to train and play so kids and adults miss out	Strongly agree				Yes	Could be a kids pitch at Thatcham memorial park	
Individual resident	Not so important	Football is just ONE activity that can be promoted. Certainly at lower levels there is no need for the buildings and car parking. Have you forgotten that the Council has declared a Climate Emergency!	Strongly disagree	This is a much valued green space used by many local residents throughout the day. A wildlife and wild plant habitat which is broadly unspoiled. There are few such areas in the immediate vicinity.	Yes	Look Fir Tree School playing field which since the closure of Turnpike School does not need to be anywhere near as large. This has existing parking and is wholly underused at weekends.	Yes	See previous comment. Fir Tree Primary School. There is also land between the Hospital and Roundabout at end of Turnpike Road which would be better suited and more easily accessed. Either could be adopted without degrading a significant residential feature.	This is an outlandish proposal. Essentially seeking to degrade a valuable community asset - when there are existing and more appropriate alternatives. Worse, it proposes un-necessary building and surfacing work in a recognised climate emergency. It will also have a detrimental effect on traffic noise and congestion on narrow local residential roads.
Individual resident	Extremely important	Obviously we need sports pitches available to all users.	Disagree	Sloping field, boggy at the bottom. Traffic concerns for Stoney Lane. Just get on and reopen Faraday Road football ground!	Yes	Reopen Faraday Road football ground.	Yes	Faraday Road football ground.	Reopen Faraday Road football ground.
Individual resident	Not so important	There seem to be plenty of pitches around. What there isn't is simple wooden structures that you can kick a football against and have it come back. A brick wall damages the ball and annoys people inside. This would be great for fitness and practice by yourself or with the family. You have one of them in the field in Tilehurst, reading (West berks). We need some in Newbury. Thanks	Neither agree nor disagree	There seem to be plenty of pitches around. What there isn't is simple wooden structures that you can kick a football against and have it come back. A brick wall damages the ball and annoys people inside. This would be great for fitness and practice by yourself or with the family. You have one of them in the field in Tilehurst, reading (West berks). We need some in Newbury. Thanks			No		There seem to be plenty of pitches around. What there isn't is simple wooden structures that you can kick a football against and have it come back. A brick wall damages the ball and annoys people inside. This would be great for fitness and practice by yourself or with the family. You have one of them in the field in Tilehurst, reading (West berks). We need some in Newbury. Thanks
Individual resident	Very important		Agree	Thatcham ones are used / busy so makes sense. Do need to keep space as well for walkers.			No		No but have always questioned why there is no children's playground?
Individual resident	Extremely important		Strongly disagree	Why not Washcommon park?	Yes	Also have a pitch at Washcommon park. It's a great space & will benefit the kids in Washcommon.	Yes	Washcommon park	Nothing seems to be done for the kids at Washcommon always thatcham & Newbury areas. Highly annoying....
Individual resident	Not so important		Neither agree nor disagree	I am unsure where this will be sited and what impact it has good/bad on the proposed housing estate on Stoney Lane			Yes	By the hospital	Do you really need another sports pitch so near to Henwick?
Individual resident	Extremely important		Agree				No		I would like to know the proposed location.
Individual resident	Somewhat important		Agree				No		
Individual resident	Not so important		Disagree		No		No		
Individual resident	Somewhat important		Neither agree nor disagree				No		
Individual resident	Extremely important		Agree				Yes	Where the old football club was based in Newbury.	
Individual resident	Extremely important		Agree				No		
Individual resident	Extremely important		Disagree		Yes		No		
Individual resident	Very important		Neither agree nor disagree				Yes		