

DPC members of the Village Hall Working Group had a very constructive meeting with Highways department this week.

Highways showed an excellent knowledge of the area and gave their views as follows:

They would be in favour on building on the Rec. and made the following points:

- Multiple entry points to the site via current pathways will reduce the amount of vehicle traffic.
- Car park should be far enough away from the school to prevent it being used for pick-up and drop-off of pupils as the school are likely to have a travel plan in place to discourage the use of cars.
- They acknowledged that the car park would reduce parking on Hunts Road. They would accept a marked, tarmac car park, reduced from 50 to 35-40 spaces, providing we can reach agreement with the school to use their rear field as an overflow car park for major events. The car park could also be used as an all-weather training area at certain times.
- We will need to ensure in and out entrances with clear line of sight when exiting.
- We will need to ensure sufficient covered bicycle spaces provided.

Their objections to building on Brewery Field were:

- Increased congestion on St John's Street
 - a. to access the facility and
 - b. at peak time due to parents using the parking facilities to pick-up and drop-off, contrary to school policy to persuade people not to use their cars.
- No footpath adjacent to the green, nor is there County owned space to build one.
- No multi-point footpath access to the facility except via St John's Street.

They are happy with the planned change of use to a green space, provided that:

- a. No car parking spaces are provided.
- b. A covered cycle area is constructed.
- c. Raised walkways across the road from the current footpath to the entrances to the Park.

They will be forwarding some templates for highway approval.

All in all it was a very constructive meeting.

Duxford Parish Council
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