

| APPENDIX 3 - Blenheim Park Pavilion Consultation Responses   |                |
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| The Proposal - 1 Comments  | - Timestamp    |
| It is amazing  | 15/07/15 14:09 |
| As long as residents can continue to walk dogs on the football area and the remainder of the park has the rose beds, pond and longer grass area with short cut walks running through it, I think the building would be an improvement to local facilities. Having watched the vandalism of the previous building, however, I wonder how security will be maintained?   | 16/07/15 17:49 |
| I live opposite the park and believe that it wouldn't be suitable to build it here due to many things: 1, There is very limited parking in the area due to the School and Children Centre putting parking restrictions in School way so we always have parents parking and blocking the road so that even Residents are unable to park near their house. If the Pavilion went ahead it would increase the need for parking and that just isn't possible. Also the fact that it is near a School concerns me a great deal. I am also concerned about the noise that we as Residents will have to put up with and that just isn't fair, Why not build a changing facility like the one in Jones Memorial park of Victory sports Ground which would be much better for the residents and community as a whole.  | 16/07/15 22:12 |
| 1. Is this a planning application? 2. The 'working drawings' are a developers sketch scheme and do not show sufficient detail. There is a larger detailed layout which is evident from the site plan. Why is that not shown? 3. Please publish the large scale layout drawing. 4. What proportion on the proposed development is the club room? Does it contain a bar area and if so is there or will there be a licence application? 5. Is it a coincidence that substantial work has just been completed on reducing the ground water levels of the park prior to this proposal? 6. Who is the club that wishes to undertake the development and has there been any negotiation prior to this survey. 7. What were the usage of the football pitches in percentage terms for the previous three years. 8. I estimate the the previous usage of the pitches were in the region of 30/40%. Parking was a problem then with the car park at the rear of the fire station and along Blenheim Chase being full at times when the pitches were in use 9. What arrangements would the council make to satisfy the greater demand in parking if the development goes forward and what guarantee is there that no other pressure will be put on the green park area to provide extra facilities or parking. 10. At present when the existing pitches are used there considerable litter scattered around the edges. How will the council ensure the site is left clean? 11. The proposed layout show the complete 'manicured' cut grass area of the park taken by the pitches. The remaining area of the park is left to long grass. The general public use the park for their own leisure activities but in the proposal there be will be no area left for them to enjoy. 12. People walk in the park with their dogs throughout the day and this proposal would mean that they would walk across the proposed pitches. I can see a situation arising whereby the club would protest against dog walkers with regards to fouling of the pitches (I sympathise with them) | 17/07/15 21:27 |
| Whilst this is an exciting development for all the footballers who use the park, I am concerned about the impact it will have on the local residents. Particularly regarding noise during evening functions and people leaving the venue late at night. When you live near a public park you do not expect there to be a public building which can host parties with loud music and possibly anti- social behaviour. This park is not just a load of football pitches it is also used by a great many dog walkers as it is a welcome open space which is peaceful and quiet in a built up area.  | 19/07/15 23:12 |
| THE PROPOSAL SOUNDS AN EXCELENT IDEA AND WILL HELP REGENRATE A PARK WHICH IS SADLEY NEGLECTED. HAVING PLAYED FOTBALL AT THE PARK FOR MANY YEARS THE LACK OF CHANGING FACILITES IS A BIG ISSUE AND HAS LEAD TO MANY TEAMS REFUSING TO PLAY THERE. THIS IDEA WILL PROVIDE GOOD FACILITES AT GRASS ROOTS LEVEL  | 20/07/15 13:13 |
| The park has been left without changing facilities for a long time now and so something needs to be done to change this. The plans look excellent and will not have any great affect on the park itself. Siting next to the existing school building means there will be little impact on the park visual from the road. I think it's about time this was done and would fully support this proposal.  | 20/07/15 13:48 |
| Great idea, as a frequent park user its been sad in recent years to see the demise of park facilities for sports. This would seem to provide a sustainable answer that won't cost the council and will benefit the local people.   | 20/07/15 14:17 |
| I am a local user of the park and am fully supportive of this. It would bring back more sustainable football facilities and the plans look good  | 20/07/15 14:17 |
| I went to school previously at Westcliff High School for Girls and used the field for sports activities during lunch times / after school. It has been in need of some development for some time and in partnership with local sports teams seems the perfect opportunity for this   | 20/07/15 14:20 |
| I am a football player living in the local community and have played at Blenhiem park many times over the years. In recent years the facilities have been poor making it not a great place to visit or play. These plans can only enhance the park and quality of facilities for all around. It will also make a more positive impression on people who visit the Southend borough   | 20/07/15 14:23 |
| Seems like a good idea. Since the old facilities burnt down there is nothing in the park for any sports teams. If the club are funding the facility it seems like the Council have nothing to lose from supporting the development.  | 20/07/15 14:23 |
| I am a local user of the park who enjoys walking around many of the parks in the area. Although we have moved further away I still visit and wander through this park from time to time. I will not benefit directly from the facilities but looking at the location of the building it is in a very quiet corner of the park and I don't think it will effect the enjoyment of the park for walkers so I support it   | 20/07/15 14:26 |
| I am a former pupil of Westcliff high school for boys and local resident. The plans look great, a number of the local parks require renovation and updating of the buildings. This is a great shout to get back to the level the park had previously if not make it even better I a completey support this   | 20/07/15 14:28 |

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| I am a local school teacher at Westleigh primary school and have many kids living in this local area. In the modern world, I don't feel that kids spend enough time doing activities outdoors. This park and the improvements may go a small way to encouraging them to use it more. I hope these plans go ahead   | 20/07/15 14:31 |
| The proposed clubhouse and facilities would be a fantastic addition to the park.   | 20/07/15 14:35 |
| I am a regular park user at weekends with my children and the current inadequate changing facilities for footballers is a huge problem with adult men changing pitch side and although not deliberate there has often been occasions of indecent exposure in a public place. I read the article in The Leigh Times this week and one objector was making it sound as though there was going to be nightclub on the site. My understanding is that is is new changing facilities with a bar for after match hospitality. There were also objections to the parking but outside the proposed venue there are no houses and plenty of natural parking spaces. I think it is admirable that a private club is looking to improve council facilities for the good of sport within the borough.  | 20/07/15 14:40 |
| Having played football locally for some 25 years and previously watching my father do the same I think this will make a hugely positive improvement. The standards of facilities have been declining in our borough for years which has led many teams to pursue private dwellings. The fact that a local team wishes to pay for this privately means no outlay, a long term tenant for the council and facilities for many generations to enjoy sport locally. Brilliant!   | 20/07/15 15:06 |
| Great idea. Changing facilities at Blenheim Park are currently very poor. If someone is willing to fund it the Council should gran it with both hands.   | 20/07/15 15:24 |
| As someone who has recently returned to the area, I feel it would be great to have something like this close to where I live. The ground could be put to such good use with a new pavilion and football club making this their home. I would fully support this and would even attend matches.   | 20/07/15 17:41 |
| First of all I have to say I am a member of CUFC and in my football career I have played many times at the venue, so I may be biased in my thinking. However it would seem most appropriate and indeed civilised in now the 21st century to build a pavilion with proper washing and changing facilities for sports people that engage in sporting activities. The social side which may worry local residents would be low key, and only in the interest to help enable the club to generate some income to pay and maintain the facilities. So the fear of late night drinking and noise would be remote if not non-existent.  | 20/07/15 19:21 |
| I live locally and believe that the proposed development will be positive for the park and will be of benefit to the local community, providing facilities that will rival and exceed similar facilities in neighboring boroughs.  | 21/07/15 07:56 |
| This is a great idea, Blenheim desperately needs these new facilities. In addition these facilities can only help grass roots football development. I welcome this proposal.   | 21/07/15 08:15 |
| Building a licenced premises in a park that has no restricted access is ridiculous. The previous changing rooms were set on fire due to a window being left open for a week by the groundsmen, allowing vandals to enter. Lessons to be learned.   | 22/07/15 08:49 |
| I have lived opposite the park for nearly 20 years,so experienced the noise,vandalism,drunks(in the door way of the old pavilion)in the park when the original pavilion was there&was hugely relieved when finally taken down.The park became peaceful&pleasent to go to.Who is to say that this will not all repeat itself?I use the park everyday to walk the dog and when my children were younger into the playground.My concerns are the following; NOISE-late of an evening,I presume functions will eventually be held,so music,people leaving late at night etc.PARKING-it is a nightmare at present to park at weekends along the road.I regularly get my drive blocked(that I paid for)by the footballers now!It is the main route also for ambulances/fire engines etc. DELIVERIES-Lorries/vans delivering supplies etc,how are they going to deliver unless a concrete path is laid and an entrance made.That will mean more space being taken away for public use.VANDALISM,need I say anymore.SPACE-loosing part of the park&landscape.It may appear to just be a field,a few trees etc to others,but not to me!I strongly oppose this building going ahead.Going ahead with this would cause untold problems&also be a complete eye sore however sugar coated you make it.I am completely baffled why anyone in their right mind would wish to spoil the now traditional peaceful park used by so many into what it seems a money maker&a building of convenience for people that do not even perhaps live in the area&will not have to look and put up with it everyday like us the 'residents'.I think you need to get a perspective&remember that we are talking 'Saturday&Sunday' league football here- the premiere league which is why I do not trust this plan&I can see it eventually being used more as a function suite in the future.If this is not the case smaller portable changing rooms could easily be put in the existing car park(where the bottle&clothing banks used to be)&could easily be taken away after the season has finished | 22/07/15 12:27 |
| It sounds interesting, but the outline provides too little detail to enable me to give an informed view.   | 22/07/15 15:48 |
| I have played football and ran football teams in the area for a number of years. It is essential to encourage local clubs to provide a means for the youth to play organised sport locally. It takes them off the streets and out in the fresh air. Catholic United should be encouraged in this great enterprise. The previous facilities here and in other locations around the borough have been abused and vandalised by non playing youths for years. A new facility will be an asset to the area and of use to the local population.   | 23/07/15 14:43 |
| ITS ABOUT TIME THE PITCHES HAD CHANGING FACILITES. ITS EMBARRASSING TO HAVE ONE OF THE BIGGEST PARKS WITH TRADITIONALLY SOME OF THE BEST PITCHES AND MEN CHANGING IN THEIR CARS. CANT HAPPEN TOO SOON TO ENCOURAGE LOCAL FOOTBALL...WELL DONE  | 23/07/15 16:05 |
| To many football pitches. Dont like the idea of the two pitches on the left of the plan behind the fire station/Houses   | 25/07/15 14:18 |
| We live at XXX Blenheim chase (which is directly opposite the proposed building) and are concerned about the implications to our parking, outlook and noise levels. We have lived here for 20 years and in that time we have had the school community centre built opposite reducing parking, we have had the airport expanded increasing noise levels as we are on the flight path, recently bollards were erected at the start of the access road to the rear of our properties with no prior warnings or communications to any residents, that issue has now been resolved after complaints from the residents. We now feel that again with no prior communications or meaningful discussions with the residents who will be effected by this, our quality of living here is being diminished once more. We strongly feel that some consultation with residents along Blenheim Chase should take place before any plans affecting us are allowed to go ahead! We look forward to your comments on this matter.  | 27/07/15 10:17 |

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| I object strongly to the building of a clubhouse in what should be a protected open parkland space. I do not object to the building of changing rooms and toilets, but a clubhouse is a whole different thing. This will involve the loss of parkland and will create noise, disturbance, additional parking problems etc.  | 27/07/15 11:26 |
| I formally request an extension to the consultation period since not all affected residents ie not all of Blenheim Ward ( ie Stonehill Road) have been informed and that it is now the school holidays and many will be away. 1) This is too close to younger children, both the schools and the childrensâ€™ centre. 2) Parking would be a major problem. There are two entrances to the park so there would be parking problems in Mountdale Gardens as well as Blenheim Chase. 3) Parking would also clash with events and lettings at St. Christophers School. 4)Parents collect their children from Blenheim School via the park and would not be able to do this. 5) Walkers/cyclists can at present go through the park directly from one side to the other. What are the plans for the public footpath. 6) The size of the project is far too large for the space. A pavilion such as is planned is not appropriate, it is a change of use and not available to all. 7) This is too close to the childrensâ€™ playground and would be too noisy for the small children. 8) I see that Trees would have to be removed â€œ I also object to that. Far too many are being surrepticiously removed around the area as it. 9)The playing area that would be left for children is unsuitable as it is not level and badly maintained. 10) This project will deny the majority for the benefit of the few. 11) What is the planned use for the summer. 12) There are other suitable places such as the park opposite Belfairs Park which would also appreciate an improved Pavilion for other users. 13) The clubhouse/pavilion adds yet another large building on what is green space.  | 27/07/15 14:54 |
| I have lived in the neighbourhood (SS9-4) all my life coming from originally the Stonehill council estate and then moving to Avondale Drive. I even went to the Blenheim Primary school. I have no association with the football club Catholic Utd whatsoever! I have played in this park growing up playing football, and now use the park for my children to have fun. I remember the old decrepit pavilion that was never maintained and attracted vandalism. Having a "community" pavilion where other clubs can use the facilities and even other sports such as cross-country, cricket etc can only be a benefit to all those involved. The things that would need to be taken in consideration is to make sure that this is built for the â€œlongevity of the communityâ€œSo I'm assuming if Catholic Utd potentially grow as a football club and rise in the football leagues then they would need to think "long-term" and make sure that this is not a quick fix. In essence, have they considered flood-lights? 3G all weather pitch so the community could hire the pavilion for sports such as hockey too? Also would they need to have a barrier around their main pitch? Car-parking at the moment is very limited, so what will be done to make sure that this issue is improved for the community? For me personally I think this is a fantastic idea and is something I have been bemused why itâ€™s not been down earlier. I think the idea of a community clubhouse to hire is also excellent and is something "North Leigh" has been yearning for a very long time. I'm supportive that is anything for the grass-roots level of any sports! I would just like to see this used as the first multi-sports pavilion to allow more people use for the community so sports such as Athletics, Cricket (it use to be played at Blenheim Park years ago). A local resident extremely keen for this project to go ahead and see the local community come together and for all to benefit whether it be sporting or social. | 28/07/15 00:44 |
| I object to this proposal due to the loss of playing areas for the children that utilise this area - the top of the park is used for all sorts of activities and this will reduce the areas in which they can play. Also the park entrance is widely used by Blenheim Primary school and i can see this impacting this entrance.  | 29/07/15 10:15 |
| Great idea, the park has been lacking such a facility for some time. Even when there used to be a pavilion there it was rundown and unattractive. As a local resident and park user I feel that having a local organisation looking to develop a new facility is a really positive step as it will make far better use of the space. This will benefit local sports people and other park users alike.  | 30/07/15 09:37 |
| Excellent idea and a proper facility that is sadly lacking in local sport. I have read too many negative comments in the press about plans to take away public parkland and turn it into football pitches. The pitches are already there. They are used every Saturday and Sunday. There is additional need for parking because the pitches are already in use. This proposed development is to give players a changing room and shower which is not available at the moment. I cannot understand the residents complaints who are not even on the same side of the road. There are already sporting clubhouse in other public parks - 2 in Chalkwell Park, 2 in SOuthchurch Park, 1 in Belfairs and I don't here of any adverse publicity regarding these. Well done Catholic United and the Council for having ambitions to improve current facilities  | 30/07/15 11:52 |
| I am a local resident to the park and believe this would be a positive build. This would provide much better facilities for the club and also outside football clubs would hire the pitches more if they had use of the pavilion.   | 30/07/15 15:49 |
| Personally I think this is so simple. It's a resounding yes from me. As a local resident and user of Blenhiem Park, this is a great addition to the local area. As a mother of football playing boys, it's a beacon that Grass Roots football can still exist in Southend. I say yes, lets keep moving forward.. give local clubs the chance to use a fantastic new facility. Well done to the club who has put this forward. A great idea.   | 03/08/15 09:24 |
| GREAT NEWS FOR THE PARK, AND ALL USERS. GOOD FOR FOOTBALL, GOOD FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS AND GOOD FOR PARK USERS.....ITS ABOUT TIME SOMETHING WAS DONE AT BLENHEIM!!!  | 03/08/15 14:57 |
| if the facilities are for all users of the park i.e. the other teams who currently play there or want to play there then I think this is a very good idea. ideally I think the council should pay for and build a pavilion and changing rooms for the park but if they cant do it or are unwilling to and require a joint venture then so be it... just be nice to see something  | 03/08/15 15:04 |
| The erection of changing facilities to replace those removed is acceptable. What would not be acceptable is the provision of a clubhouse for the sale of alcohol or use un-associated with playing of football eg weddings etc. Also any fencing around the proposed change to the pitch/pitches for sole use. A fence could be erected around the changing rooms only to protect the structure. The working drawing is in no way drawn to scale and is misleading in representation.   | 03/08/15 22:53 |
| Great idea. Facilities for local sport in this area are greatly needed and this looks an excellent proposal.  | 04/08/15 11:57 |
| Great idea. Sports facilities are greatly needed in this area and this proposal looks excellent. Positioned in excellent location and will be greatly welcomed by all sports enthusiasts.   | 04/08/15 12:16 |

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| Great idea. About time there were changing facilities for players after the old pavilion was vandalised and eventually knocked down. This is the 21st century you can not expect people to use a portacabin. Also a park with no toilet access or running water. Also I can't see it being a problem to the nearby schools as there would be no overlapping times when both were being used. Also the parking is ok as they still park on the road in Blenheim Chase on Sundays when 5 of the pitches are in use without problems. This would be a great enhancement to the park. Make it happen. Leigh Ramblers FC have done it at Belfairs without trouble....  | 04/08/15 14:24 |
| IF IT WERE ONLY A PAVILLION AND CHANGING ROOMS THIS WOULD BE OK IT IS NOT REPEAT NOT OK TO BE ANY MORE THAN THIS THEREFORE NO BAR, NO MUSIC, NO DUGOUTS, NO LOSS OF SPACE. THIS IS ALL THAT IS NEEDED WHEN CONSIDERING THE AMMOUNT OF TIME IT WOULD BE USED BY THE FOOTBALLERS WHO ARE ONLY SAT/SUN PLAYERS SO WHAT MORE WOULD BE NECESSARY, CERTAINLY NO HARDSTANDING OR DUGOUTS, EATING INTO THE PARK SPACE WHICH WAS GIVEN TO THE PEOPLE (NOT THE COUNCIL TO MAKE PROFIT), AND IS WELL USED BY CHILDREN,DOG WALKERS AND MANY OTHERS WE ALREADY SUFFER FROM A LACK OF PARKING AT WEEKENDS AND TO INCREASE THIS WOULD BE INTOLERABLE IF THIS IS ONLY CHANGING FACILITIES THIS IS OK BUT IF IT IS WHAT WE SUSPECT A BACK DOOR ROUTE TO ESTABLISHING A FUNCTION SUITE THEN THIS IS TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE IN SUCH A BUILT UP AREA. THE NOISE AND PARKING MAKE THIS A NON STARTER, WE ALREADY SUFFER A GREAT DEAL OF NOISE AND POLLUTION FROM THE AIRPORT WE NEED A MUCH CLEARER VIEW OF THE TOTAL PLANS NOT A SILLY DRAWING AND MUCH MORE DISCUSSION YOU SHOULD REMEMBER YOU ARE IN OFFICE TO DO WHAT THE PEOPLE WANT. NOT TO PLEASE THOSE ONLY INTERESTED IN PROFITS  | 04/08/15 16:43 |
| I am concerned that, being located in a corner of the park, the proposed new building obstructs an established pedestrian access and would not be surrounded by the pitches it serves. I am supportive of provision of replacement sports pavilion facilities where there is a need, providing their siting and other fundamental building design aspects follow established principles.  | 04/08/15 16:47 |
| Although we are not in favour of green spaces continually being eroded and built on, basically we have no objection to the above proposal, provided the pavilion does not have an alcohol licence. There are plenty of other places where players / spectators can have an alcoholic drink if desired. Unfortunately, alcohol, loud music and rowdy behaviour late at night seem to go together. We would not want this spilling over into Blenheim Park. There is also the problem of parking if the pavilion were to be used for functions. We would make the following comments:- As you say, the previous pavilion was subject to vandalism, mainly due to the fact that it was left vacant and unmanned when it wasn't being used. Will the new pavilion be protected and manned? Whilst writing, we would point out that there is a problem with litter in the park. Not just general littering, but particularly after football matches from players and spectators. What doesn't help is that the litter bins provided are 'open' and subject to foxes removing litter from the bins looking for food. A solution would be to provide the square type metal bins with slits on each side which can be easily used by people but not by foxes. We look forward to hearing from you.  | 05/08/15 11:21 |
| This would send a positive message to the community at varying ages and levels that's there are facilities fit for purpose for the people of the community to use. Reflecting interests and reinforcing the notion of a healthy lifestyle and impacting of the togetherness of not only the teams but also to the general population with whom this building would serve.   | 05/08/15 12:29 |
| Good idea, something positive needs to be done.   | 06/08/15 13:32 |
| This be excellent for a variety of reasons both on a sporting and community basis. I am a local citizen and teacher and feel the area is a perfect location. Additionally the actual park is a historic park and not to have a football changing facility is a really a shame considering it used to be where Southend United trained. The thought that my children can now play and use a local facility with a community hub would be amazing. The building looks a good addition to the primary school building and is in keeping with the area. The multi function use of the bar would benefit not just sport but multiple areas which is great. It would also for me encourage more children to participate in sport and increase local spirit. Great to see a facility that will benefit both males and females from youth to adult. In summary it looks great and I hope it happens.  | 06/08/15 13:46 |
| Great idea. It will encourage people to get involved with football and physical activity  | 06/08/15 13:43 |
| Contents from a letter to Sir David Amess MP:- In brief the main objections: 1) Construction in a "Public Park" of a Private Club facility including a bar and function room! If it goes through sets a precedent for other clubs & further loss on Blenheim and/or other parks in the town! 2) Parking. Already a problem for residents with current usage by clubs using the existing pitches at weekends but we get by. However, the "Football Club" referred to has a 1st & 2nd team in a league. This suggests a higher than usual weekend hiring we now experience - games in the week, training sessions? 3) Bar/Function Room will undoubtedly increase the level of parking and not just at weekends. No provision in the proposals for any additional parking? Also siting of the Pavilion the "opposite side of the park" to the existing inadequate car park near the Fire Station defies logic! Potential (Bar) for antisocial behaviour in a residential area and near to several local schools, primary & senior. 4) An exclusive use pitch complete with hard standing, fenced off, thus excluding access to not only local but all residents of the town, 365 days a year, a sizeable portion of the "public Park". (The fencing etc. was not mentioned in any council information including the 14th July letter to residents - I wonder why?) 5) R A Jones. I have been told by the son of a former Blenheim resident (now deceased) that a similar proposal for the middle of the park by Old Westcliff High Football Team sometime around the early 1970s, following research by their solicitor was thrown out because the land was passed to the council under covenant from RA Jones stipulating no development on the land. I have not had time to look into this. I would stress that residents I have spoken to so far are incensed at the lack of consultation the associated underhand manner and contempt for local residents and in the town for even considering handing over to a "Private Club" to their exclusion in a public park | 06/08/15 14:03 |
| Great idea, no changing since the old changing rooms were demolished and the current situation is a disgrace. About time we provided better sports facilities for the people of Leigh. The building only takes up a small area right in the corner of the park so will not have any major impact on the use   | 06/08/15 13:48 |
| Great idea. Local area is sadly lacking good sports facilities. This proposal is in an ideal central position and will serve the sports community well.   | 06/08/15 13:57 |

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| Dear Mr Amess, I am writing to object to the plans for Blenheim Park which will restrict use for the many in the benefit of the few. The proposed pavilion and four full football fields are not appropriate for the site. The intended remainder of the park is not suitable for everybody else in that it is not a level site and is badly maintained. It is too near smaller children in both Blenheim School, St Christopher's and the small paly area for smaller children. I am also objecting to the fact that not all Blenheim ward residents were informed of the plans either before or after the council's first passing the plans i.e. here in Stonehill Road, which obviously has small children who would use it, have not heard - only finding out from the Echo which not everyone buys on a regular basis. The consulting period is during and ends during the school holidays which is sneaky - most people with children obviously will be on their holidays. The parking in both Mountdale Gardens and Blenheim Chase will affect all residents both sides of the park and also event that are help at all the local schools, in particular St Christopher's & St Thomas Moore. I have put these and other reasons for the plans not being passed in the consultation which was not easily found online. There is a more suitable area opposite Belfairs Park for the proposed 4 full football fields and Pavilion which would be used as a clubhouse holding events. | 06/08/15 14:15 |
| This is truly fantastic idea. It would bring sport to the park on a regular basis through a successful local team with a good reputation as family orientated club. It would also mean an additional facility for the borough and perhaps for local youth and children's teams.   | 07/08/15 14:31 |
| This proposal is unacceptable. As a local resident I object to the development on the grounds that: 1) It restricts the size of the park available to current users 2) The development will be for the use of the football clubs only and local park users will not have use of the facility 3) It will reduce the green space of the park 4) this development is being proposed in an nderhand way. Local residents including my neighbours are largely unaware of the proposal. 5) The Council should be open in their dealings with any such proposals and local residents should be made aware by all means of any proposed developments or changes of use of any open spaces.  | 10/08/15 13:10 |
| Good idea. I live in Leigh and restoring the facilities has got to be good for the community / encouraging sport. In my youth I played and changed at Blenheim / in the old Pavilion.   | 10/08/15 19:00 |
| I don't think much of the proposal because the description tells me so little and therefore I 'object' to it. The 'consultation process' is flawed as I assess that most users of the park and local residents don't know about the application. I live near the park, (Treelawn Drive) and was told about it by a neighbour - there isn't enough information easily available to evaluate the application but that could be intentional I suppose. Where's all this openness and transparency we hear about?   | 15/08/15 11:45 |
| i believe this is a good project that benefits the local community, my 2 sons play football in the area (one for catholic united) and investment in such facilities would be most welcome.  | 17/08/15 10:53 |
| I object to public land being set aside for private use. I object to any area being fenced off. I object to a clubhouse for social gathering being built as this would constitute a change of use and is in a residential area. It may be of use by other clubs but obviously not for general use. There is a perfectly good park area opposite Belfairs Park which is further away from houses.  | 17/08/15 21:07 |
| Sounds like a great idea to encourage sport in the area, so long as they can keep from disturbing local residents.  | 18/08/15 15:42 |
| A very good proposal  | 18/08/15 15:43 |
| Great proposal. Local sport needs more of pavilions of this type. This proposal is in a sensible position which will not disturb local residents but will offer sporting opportunities to all. Has my full support  | 18/08/15 15:56 |
| This is a great idea and I think it can only be a good development full of positives. The fact the pavillion will be available for all teams to use before and after games is excellent. It provides a safe and hygenic place for teams to get changed prior to a game and also provides shelter for those who are spectating. Developments like this will help attract more players to the sport of all ages as it provides a vocal point and a common ground for all abilitys and levels.   | 18/08/15 16:04 |
| Looks like a good idea and a needed facility as the old block in the middle of the park is in a state. A fility on the edge of the park would have better protection from vandals. Further if a local club and local residents are regularly attending the facility the upkeep would be better protected. I am in favour of this development.   | 18/08/15 16:10 |
| Seems a very good idea and will benefit the Park and all involved, with no cost to the community.   | 18/08/15 16:32 |
| I believe that this is a great opportunity to help youth teams & adult teams to have a nice facility for all to use.  | 18/08/15 16:54 |
| It is a great idea and a development that will only benefit the area. The fact that a private organisation is willing to do all the work and stump up the majority of funds and then open up the site to external use is admirable & I think the council would be mad not to accept such an offer   | 18/08/15 17:58 |
| I am a resident in Leigh on Sea and have played local football all my life. Around 15 years ago I played at Blenheim Park, which was one of the better football facilities in the town where all pitches were used every Saturday and Sunday. I regularly drive past the park and since the pavilion was lost, I have noticed a decline in the use of the park for football, and indeed I have seen teams changing on the side of the pitches before and after matches. It therefore seems completely logical to replace the previous facilities with new updated changing rooms to help bring football and other sports back to the park and town.   | 18/08/15 21:28 |
| As a football player taht has played at bleinheim park myself, I think this is a fantastic idea! The "facilities" (if you can even call them that are poor and this definatley needs to be done   | 19/08/15 04:15 |
| I think it will be very beneficial for the local community.   | 19/08/15 08:42 |
| I am against the proposed development. A public park is in severe danger of becoming a private sports ground. The exchange of park for use of changing facilities has less wisdom than Esau used when he exchanged his birth-right for stew (Genesis 25). If the development takes place residents opposite the park will have to put up with increased parking problems, noise, nuisance, and the facility bar and function room being used 'Into the night'. This will be exasperated by future developments. If this proposal is allowed in Blenheim Park then how long will it be before similar proposals are made for other parks in the Borough. Blenheim Park is pleasant as it is for all who use it. Please leave it so!  | 19/08/15 11:17 |
| As a local resident, I think this is a fantastic idea.  | 19/08/15 12:48 |
| I think it's a great idea to have a clubhouse/changing installed. Have played at this venue for many years & this would be a welcome addition to the outdated facilities now in use.  | 19/08/15 13:02 |

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| Would be very happy to see any kind of permanent, well designed building in Blenheim Park. This could be of great benefit to many football clubs, including clubs with many youth teams, as facilities have been very poor there for many years. With the proximity of several schools the facility might also have the potential to be utilised for school sports events e.g the annual cross country events.   | 19/08/15 21:55 |
| I think it is a great idea, Blenheim Park, for years, has been used by local football teams and since the former changing rooms building was knocked down, the park has been left wanting. I for one support the idea completely.  | 20/08/15 12:22 |
| 1) I am against any plans for a club house with alcohol and music licences as I think this will bring additional noise and disruption to the area. 2) I am also against any proposals to fence-off any part of the park so that it is no longer accessible to general park users.  | 20/08/15 16:52 |
| I THINK THIS IS A GOOD IDEA; 1 NEW CHANING ROOMS FOR PUBLIC AND A CLUB 2 NEW PUBLIC WC'S 3 LIFE IN THE PARK AFTER DARK 4 IMPROVMENT OF FACILITIES FOR THE PARK USERS 5 BUILDING IS NEXT TO COMMUNITY CENTRE AND CLOSE TO ROAD 6 BETTER USE OF THE PITCHES AS A USER OF THE PARK I WOULD SUPPORT IT   | 21/08/15 08:43 |
| The more facilities the better. We need to encourage people to keep active. This is an ideal opportunity to do just that. Also the pavilion will provide an excellent place to hold functions in a safe non intrusive location away from residential areas.  | 21/08/15 15:53 |
| With reference to the propsals to build a replacement football pavilion in Blenheim Park I would make the following observations/objections:- 1. I understand the park was for the use of all local residents and their families. This to my mind includes older people who wish to walk in the park, local dog walkers, children who want to play in the park as well as sportspeople such as footballers. 2. The proposal would appear to take approximately 25% of the park available for these people, and while better changing facilities and showers/toilets would be great for those playing football, it seems to include provision for a surfaced surround for spectators which will no doubt be fenced off from the remainder of the park. A smaller facility would be better to provide these facilities while still allowing access to other park users. Future propsals may even try to include stands for spectators encroaching further on the public space. 3. If the proposal is successful and other football clubs are encouraged to use the facilities, what proposals have been made regarding parking. At present parking can be a problem at week-ends during the football season. With increased usage this will be exacerbated. 4. With these things in mind I would propose a much smaller facility be provided with access to the whole park still be available to the general public. | 21/08/15 21:38 |
| What provision for parking is there? Will the building be used for functions in the evening? If so, what will be the terms of the lease and any restrictions. Will the building be seeking an alcohol licence? Without further details it is difficult to make informed comments.  | 22/08/15 17:27 |
| I have lived in Southend all my life and have played football for many years within the Southend Borough Combination. Over the years the standard of the facilities in the town has deteriorated and along with the reducing number of teams in the town I have experienced a weakening in the standard and level of participation in local football and sport generally. Blenheim Park is a good example of the deterioration of the facilities. When I originally played football Blenheim Park provided excellent pitches and changing rooms suitable for several teams to play each Saturday and Sunday. Since the demolition of the facilities, even though I understand changing rooms are provided in and around the Fire Station, these cannot be considered satisfactory for the amount of teams and players that could be using the Park each weekend. The proposed new changing facilities are therefore a breath of fresh air to both Blenheim Park and the town in general and will allow first class changing and shower facilities for several teams, which I would hope would both breathe life into local football and sport and indeed the park itself. Provided they are in-keeping with surrounding buildings, I see this as an extremely positive result for the Borough and for local football teams who desperately need first class facilities. This is an excellent proposal.             | 24/08/15 15:28 |
| I wish to comment on the proposal to provide new changing facilities at Blenheim Park. I am very much in favour of this initiative. Sports changing accommodation in the area is primitive and inadequate and any way youngsters are assisted in physical sport is to be applauded.  | 24/08/15 14:56 |
| By providing more high-quality changing facilities, the investment will attract new players to the game and improve the experience for regular players. The new changing and shower facilities will serve to strengthen the connection between football clubs / sport and their local communities with huge benefits to local communities, allowing more schools, clubs and casual players to enjoy their sport. We want to encourage as many people as possible to get involved in the game.  | 24/08/15 16:08 |
| I refer to your notification of this proposal and have the following objections:- 1. The drawing supplied does not clearly identify the proposals 2. Erosion of green land. I understand that there may be a restrictive covenant against building on the park 3. Parking - considerable increase in parking on the overcrowded Blenheim Chase Roads 4. Access -increased risks from additional road access to the pavilion 5. Noise / Light - disruption to local residents from extent of use 6. Screening - if as with the adjoining centre there is no screening from the road 7. Design - it is unsightly 8. Consultation - I understand the proposal has been on the table for some while and residents are only now being consulted 9. Other residents - I broadly agree with the comments raised by xxxxxx. Other thoughts - if the pavilion has to be built why not by the fire station where there is car parking and vehicle access. I look forward to hearing more about this proposal but would like to be sure my objections are put forward before the local MP, planners and main council / planning committee.  | 26/08/15 13:49 |
| It seems that the council is thinking of allowing private enterprise to take over a large chunk of Blenheim Park, which was left to the citizens of the borough in perpetuity. When I went to school perpetuity meant just that. If the council allows this it should be ashamed. Parking in this area is bad owing to the community centre next to Blenheim Park. I need to get close to home to unload shopping etc. form people who are kind enough to help. I cannot get close! It will be a thousand times worse if this build goes ahead. Why must a bar accompany everything these days when drinking is such a problem! Noise usually comes with drinking - we can certainly do without that! If changing rooms are needed then build small ones and use them for changing only. Do not close off pitches - and exclude most of the visitors in the park. Please leave our park alone!!! Your circular asked for opinions and these are mine.  | 26/08/15 17:44 |
| Enclosed is a photo of the last pavilion, how that ended up in Blenheim Park and cost the council a lot of money to have the building removed. We are both opposed to this project.  | 26/08/15 17:46 |

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| <p>On the face of it this proposal appears to be for a basic pavilion with changing rooms. However, it has only just been sprung upon Blenheim residents, despite being under consideration by the Planning Dept for a year, and the cabinet approved it! The land was bequeathed to the town by RA Jones under covenant which prohibited building and development of the land. It is there for the benefit of dog walkers, children and anyone who enjoys the peace and quiet of a park but plans may entail it becoming more of a sports area with less space for the general public. The proposals may well entail eventual music and alcohol licences with all the disruption that would entail, which would be totally unacceptable to the residents nearby. Once or twice a year, noise and music from the local school is accepted with good grace. There is already disruption to residents from the many cars that need to park all around us when there is football being played. No doubt the volume of cars and length of time they are left on our roads would increase, unless you have a car park in mind in the future. If so, where would this be? Your letter to residents was very vague and short on detail so how can we make an informed judgement?! Have you deliberately chosen a time when a lot of residents will be away on summer holidays, to ask for opinions on this proposal? As for our park being fenced off, is it intended that this will prevent us entering the park at that point? I sincerely hope that views of the residents who do get an opportunity to respond will be taken into account, and that this is not considered to be a fait accompli. Below are names &amp; addresses of residents of homes bordering the park who are unhappy with the above proposal.</p> | <p>26/08/15 17:58</p> |
| <p>****PLEASE NOTE - THIS WAS RECIEVED AFTER THE FINAL CONSULTATION REPORT WAS WRITTEN ON 27th August 2015**** NOT ON OUR DOORSTEP As residents we find ourselves in agreement with the many concerns raised by Mr XXXX and belatedly several local councillors. "Letter to residents" (14th July) shows the contempt with which locals and the general public are held in by the planning committee. There has been no provision for additional parking (as this would take more land) a long standing headache for residents and emergency services alike and with the increased activity created by the bar / function room, this problem will only be intensified. The bar/function room - the means by which this ill conceived proposal will be financed and future profit made, will produce a significant increase in noise and anti social behaviour, something none of us want and an increased burden on the police. Dictionary definition of a park is : "A large area of land in natural state preserved for recreational use". Whilst there may well be a need for improved changing facilities in the park, enough is enough, encroachment on public parkland, major parking, noise and anti social behaviour issues must surely consign this proposal to the waste bin, where it belongs.</p>  | <p>27/08/15 17:14</p> |