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Specific consultation about infrastructure required/things residents feel are currently lacking.

A place for youths to seniors to recreational/educational facilities. It should not just be sold as land for housing. The only other consideration should be an affordable senior care which we do not have.

Please sort out access to the area

Whether a sale with planning permission or redeveloping the site, it should really be used to provide another asset to the community. There's plenty that could be done to provide value to the community that has so much more benefit in the long run than a quick cash grab sale. I'd encourage the council to think about the long term social prosperity of the town rather than the bottom line of the budget. We have more than enough housing being built on the outskirts of town.

Towards the high street

Youth centre - may help stop anti social behaviour I think the Simpson centre would be a great venue for this

Youth centre should be considered help stop anti social behaviour

There should be a higher percentage of social housing over other types in any development with strict monitoring of the development with severe financial penalties for any breaches by the developers

Leave the council tax alone !!!

what was missing in the options above that if the land is sold (which is highly likely) the proceeds should go towards reducing the precept charged to residents or, a commitment to freeze the precept for 5 years.

Not used to house illegal immigrants ever

Speed cameras down the main roads as there is too much speeding

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I think you should put commercial units on the existing site so that a proper bus station, shops, cafes, perhaps even a space for an open-banking hub can open. The community is getting large enough, owing to dozens of new houses being authorized on green spaces, to need these services. I would point out, as you have advertised, £300,000 grant money has just been spent to move the library, which has resulted in the closure of the best cafe in town and the loss of a public spaces. So the reduction in your outgoing maintenance can be used to further cover the ongoing maintenance should you obtain a new grant to redevelop the site. We do not see you offering to reduce council tax should you sell the land, so presume that money is still available from the existing budget. The community is getting larger, you are building over green spaces already, we require services not more houses.

More resources for the children's centre or facilities for young parents to access

This site is extremely tight and i can only see that it is fit for two storey homes around 3 dwellings maximum. As the pressures on good quality designed internal accommodation, decent sized gardens and sufficient parking will be compromised. The impact on neighbours will also be great if the dwellings are not designed well. Flats will not work here. The money from this development should also be ring fenced for development in Stotfold and certain projects. The developer should also be locked in to providing the maximum CIL or S106 contributions to be spent in Stotfold only. They should have to pay this half way thought the project to ensure that they do pay it!

Youth centre, as a resident of Stotfold town I feel there has been enough land sold for residential developments with no improvement to infrastructure and no consideration to youth & elderly.

Parking in that area can be difficult Some of the charging spaces need to be dual purpose

Ask the pupils of our local schools what would help them enjoy live in Stotfold Maybe a youth drop in area with access different services that can help them. Local police, employment opportunities etc

Anything that stops this town from being a giant housing estate!

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Ensure genuinely affordable buy/rent homes are built. One or two bedroom only. (No more 4/5 bedroom mansions to be built). Add provisions in the sale of such homes to prevent purchase by 'buy to let' landlords. Or build 'modern version' affordable almshouses.

Youth club, sports, community gym, teaching space for sewing, cooking etc

No more housing, we have enough now. We do not have the infrastructure or roads to cope with the current volume of people or cars.

Before selling it should be turned into a play cafe. I believe this would be well used in town due to the amount of young families in Stotfold.

Also sell memorial hall and combine funds to build new community building with more parking which can be used by lost of differnt groups

Whether the council can support core facilities such as Larksfield more with some of the proceeds.

Re opening the cafe

The site could become a community orchard, or market site for small traders, or commercial work spaces/small business start up space. Very little thought seems to have gone into the options beyond sell for houses. Another case of selling the family silver at the expense of Stotfold's future!

Improve road safety and make Stotfold safer

Permanent Tennis Court, more individual spaces at the Memorial Hall.

Indoor sporting / exercise for children and adults. Something that is not electronic where people meet.

With the loss of the Greenacre centre Stotfold is now missing a high ceiling hall for hire. The parks behind Greenacre centre and daisy lane both require some form of shade for the hotter months.

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Could consider using it as a library like everyone wanted - rather than lose a useful community hall for a unnecessary library

Affordable council run care home or sheltered housing. You demolished Hallworth house and replaced it with bungalows which can only accommodate a small number of seniors. How many of them are now occupied with Stotfold seniors??

Developing the space to be for community use. A community cafe as we have very few places like this for such a growing town.

the site could be redeveloped for community use with solar energy generation ,which the council can sell to generate income

Build and operate starter homes as council houses

While significant investment has been directed toward the newer estates, longstanding areas like The Green have seen comparatively little enhancement over the years. The park equipment there has remained unchanged for some time, and there is a growing need for revitalized facilities that benefit all age groups. Creating a more inclusive and accessible community area similar to the green space near the surgery would offer much-needed amenities for both older residents, who may prefer nearby seating or gentle exercise options, and younger residents, who may not have the freedom or ability to access the newer developments on their own. Additionally, The Green already serves as a popular hub for regular events like local football groups and food stalls. Expanding the space to better support these gatherings could attract even greater participation and bring in revenue. One idea worth exploring is the addition of a small seasonal kiosk, similar to the one in Letchworth's paddling pool park, offering light refreshments and summer treats. This could provide a modest but consistent income stream to reinvest into the site's ongoing maintenance and improvements.

A banking hub would be good

Facilities for teenagers in our town

Independent cinema facilities - couple of Screens with an Everyman style to it.

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Youth centre, a place for our younger population to be proud of and own.

Artworks around the town. More history of Stotfold signage; why not a museum? More community events such as litter picks. Enforcement action against those who ruin our verges by parking on them. Our Rangers should be tasked with finding instances of verge parking, overgrown hedges and blocked drains and reporting them to the office for action. Also our anonymous councillors should get off their arses and make themselves known to the people they represent. That way we wouldn't need this type of consultation. Many of them can't even be bothered to attend council organised events. It's an important responsibility and no longer a hobby to be used for their own self interests or favours for friends. They need to either resign or make themselves known and represent our views, not their own blinkered opinions. Please consider organising events for potential councillors in order to raise interest. Please make these comments known to the next full meeting.

Housing for the elderly similar to thosd already in Hallworth Drive

Local policing. Arts Creativity: theatre, music of all kinds - choir and bands: painting, dance etc.

Expand the GP surgery Make Regent Steet one way!

Make the site a multi public service hub, police, NHS, social care etc regularly there. A base for police in the town. Or rent it out to small business (like box of cakes before they were evicted so you could sell the land!!)

Reducing our rate contribution to Stotfold Council

A lot of rubbish being dumped in the nature reserves.

The options presented are very limited and there are no apparent options for a true community space, such things don't have to be building but could include the option to have a wellbeing garden, community growing spaces and other similar ideas, none of which are options here.

More indoor sport facilities

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Consider all the community not just some, whatever is decided.

100% The Town council should approach the MOJ ministry of justice to recruit people on licence to probation and people on RTOL (release on temporary licence) from D and C cat prisons. The individuals on licence genuinely and generally want to give back something to the community and will often do it for minimal cost. Many of these individuals are highly skilled in maintenance and development too. It would inspire prisoners and better prepare them for a smoother transition back into the community as a whole. Furthermore the Simpson Centre gets it's refurbished and renewed state to serve the purpose that is chosen after this survey is completed, all at minimum cost and it will generate revenue in terms of profit quicker because it has a cheaper repair bill.

Initially I considered spending the money on one of the playing fields but I am concerned that this would quickly become vandalised. Maybe the council could consider a structure on one of the fields for community use which maybe less prone to vandalism. The councils proposal for Riverside which was published a while ago was very interesting and maybe this money might help to achieve this.

The site should not be overcrowded. Starter homes need reasonable sized gardens, so only perhaps 3 on this small site. Consideration needs to be given to providing parking spaces, as our local public transport provision is so poor.

As above in Q7

Speak to housing Association re bungalows for older persons/disabled persons. The plot could be used for small businesses/office space.

Children's centre facility and services lacking, could provide early years hub linked to library and cafe. Need seating in parks for adults with mobility needs, also need better parking around schools to make safer to drop off children - especially around greenacres. Cars mount kerbs all the time and cut corners where no kerb which is a real safety concern

No

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Council should have kept the Cafe now that amenity is lost forever. A library that is away from the centre of town is hopeless. Stop increasing the amount of tax that the town council charges to pay for useless things like Stotfest, Town Rangers, Duck Races, Pancake Races. Do something for all rather than the few

Building that can be used for children and young people with additional needs

Could it be let out for shops or cafe space? Important to have more hub space for community

Is the approach area from Hitchin Road included in the sale? (The grassed area) it would be nice to keep a bit of green - and the lovely tree - by the utility shed.

Should have been modernised for a lovely library and the Greenacre centre kept as a community hall as the original 106 money from the Greenacre development was meant to be. The town council ignored the community's wishes on this which is totally unacceptable and has led to many in the community not trusting anything the town council has to say.

Dont build a skatepark, put in a pump track on Greenacres instead. It will be used much more!

We do need a youth club. if you want to stop vandalism and drug use, you need to provide an alternative. Thank you to the Town Council who serve our community. Much appreciated, as is this consultation.

Resident chose all 3 options for question 6

We need to see more shops opening in Stotfold - competition for thievery expensive co-op - maybe and Aldi and a greengrocer and a hardware store

Possibility of office space if there is any interest. If so, then it would not require much investment to do it. Residential old folks home. For my old age!

Chose all options for question 3. Chose only modernisation of facilities.

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Housing needs survey

Pls see above

Question 4 does not give any options that aren't housing of some description. Making the answer mandatory with no option for a non-housing option is forcing the narrative. The centre should have kept the library and been modernised in situ. Moving it to the Greenacres centre has made the community lose a hireable hall option.

Options other than housing. The roads are already congested around this area. Local amenities and services e.g. GP are already stretched without increasing the towns population further

Cafe, restaurant

See point 7

The Simpson Centre should be modernised for all, as it's in the heart of original Stotfold. Accessible to all.... A social place, perhaps a future banking hub, as all the banks and almost all facilities are not available in Stotfold!!!!....

My concern is about the access and the affects to the residents already there. The access is quite tight and how many housing would be built there.

Bigger community garden

Just stop giving resources to small minority groups that add very little to our national culture and/or society as a whole. They already claim way above their deserved resources and we (tax payers) fund them massively at every single turn. How about something for people not on a 'special' list!!?? Not SEN...not neuro diverse...not LGBTQ...not claiming benefits...just working bloody hard!!?

The land could be used for retirement bungalows like the ones in Hallworth House.

All of the play areas need updating.

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I think the Simpson Centre should be made into a safe place for teenagers, and at the same time give them somewhere warm to hang out, instead of just on the streets. Maybe part of it could have a hobbies centre as well for art classes or poetry.

The loss of the building and asset should not be a detriment to the town. Older persons or starter homes/part buy would be good use but the sale should be to a housing association who should have restrictions on the build to protect the land from more money grabbing development. The impact on parking for the memorial should be a large consideration. Other town owned assets such as Roker Park have been lost with little or no gain to the town and this must not happen again. The memorial hall is now the 1 hall under council management for the growing town with the loss of the greenacre centre. I agree it needs modernising and the back room is under utilised as it's difficult to hire out with poor access to toilets etc. Hitchin Rd rec has been forgotten and is woefully poor. It's a surprise that money has not been saved or gifted from s106 to improve this? We pay a premium to live in Stotfold, it's time something positive was done for the community and not another loss with no gain.

Youth centre and facilities there are none in Stotfold, for teens! A centre they can hang out, keep out of trouble, play games and socialise!

We have too many houses and not enough indoor communal areas. Sell it to someone to turn it into a cafe/play cafe/restaurant/...

Total lack of senior citizen accommodation in Stotfold . A warden controlled unit is necessary for seniors . My mother used to 92 and living independently - would love her to be in a warden controlled accommodation as opposed to go to A care home costing 6k+ a month !!

Perhaps a learning/creative hub, Youth club/education centre, rentable spaces with equipment that people may not have access to - printers/computers (not sure if the library has these?) A small Cinema?!

Make it something for the community to use! There are many houses both private and supported already in and around Stotfold but nowhere has had the encouragement or dedication for a community hub to be set up and promoted. We do not need more houses in Stotfold when they are being built along the bypass and between surrounding villages. Please let Stotfold have a

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community space. Additionally, have a community space at the Simpson centre (as well as greenacres) will be good in the long run as Stotfold (unfortunately) continues to grow in size without essential community areas/facilities.

Meeting place for everyone as a safe place.

Enforcing more parking regulations eg: people parked too close to junctions or on double yellows

I understand the the Memorial Hall, a prefabricated building erected in the early 60's, is in need of substantial repairs. Consideration should be given to obtaining outline planning permission for the redevelopment of the combined area of the Simpson Centre and the Memorial Hall in order to provide a new "Memorial Hall" probably positioned on STC land to the rear of the Greenacre Centre. The sale off the Simpson Centre/Memorial Hall area combined would be much more attractive to a developer than the Simpson Centre alone and provide STC with a better return.

Youth involvement, parking facilities and access to the site

Social housing is extremely needed. The building should carry on being apart of the community.

I think the Council has already decided on their option and this is just a tick box exercise and the feelings of residents are not really considered

I don't know

Improve the speed awareness especially on the High St,solar speed signs near to the lights on both sides, not 1/2 way down the street hidden by trees

Not for housing: - Mini shopping area - New community Centre - Entertainment establishment but not housing

- Additional doctors surgery - SEND education centre - Youth Group

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What action can be taken to address increasing number of potholes in roads.

Gate for accommodation for Stotfolds senior citizens so they don't have to leave their town - look after the elderly.

A place for tennis on court

Older people/families live here mainly so increasing tax is a bad idea

I don't feel I know what is available at the Memorial Hall (events + activities). Where are under 5 activities for indoor?

The centre would be useful as a centre for young people. People with disabilities. It is all on one floor and accessible.

Stotfold lacks a community hub. Its too disjointed and spread out. Focus funds and energy on one locations and make it a hub for the town.

Anything other than new housing. Stotfold has more than its fair share of new housing developments, ruining what was a very pleasant village

Only chose 'modernisation of facilities' for question 5

Limited parking for the Memorial Hall. Loss of parking at Library. Will there be sufficient parking for hall users?

Variety is important for the enjoyment of the whole town to old people in particular.

More off road parking. Hitchin Road is particularly dangerous with badly parked vehicles.

Youth club/somewhere younger people can "hang out" possibly as part of the Memorial Hall.

No more open space facilities they are not used enough.

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Cinema/Theatre Centre/ hall for hire fully fitted with kitchen.

None

Offering community groups free spaces for use.

Memorial Hall - Drop stage to hall floor level. Have some folding stage blocks for a small raised area if necessary.

Stop moving the centre of Stotfold (Not to Greenacres)

The "Box of Cakes" was a very popular cafe with good meals, the elderly people relied on. It benefited the whole of Stotfold not just a handful of people!

Bungalows that mirror the Halworth Drive development.

More local policing.

So many parks in Stotfold - don't need to spend any more money on them.

Farmers Market. Good local and surrounding organic products. Support local farmers. bread, honey, cheeses, crafts etc a healthy community is a happy community. On additional page - The Council have obviously done a good job with outside spaces, tables tennis, outside gym. However the *outside gym* near Stotfold FC is very intimidating and the equipment is too intensive. I would love to see an outside gym in Hitchin Road Rec. gd. lined up with *the walker*, and *side to side* etc training equ. These are the most accessible for all and easy to use, fun and the elders can use this to. Please research most popular ones Thank you and Well done! Comment at Question 4 - None. I do not consent to this being housing. Local community and local business only!

No more houses.