

Questionnaire for Wickham CofE Primary School

Dear Ben,

The Wickham and Knowle Parish Council (W&KPC) wishes to gather more and updated information regarding the development of facilities at the proposed Mill Lane Sports and Recreation site. We are hoping that you will be prepared to answer the questions below in what we hope will take you little more than a few minutes.

Background

Pupils at the school have contributed to surveys regarding options for the site that have been discussed to date. A final community-wide survey is planned to take place once data has been collected from clubs who have expressed an interest in use of possible facilities at the site.

In the past 12 months or a Forum of "stakeholders" has been debating possible facilities and two options have been selected and presented to the Council.

A final community-wide survey is planned to take place before the Council makes final decisions.

Purpose of this questionnaire

To ensure that residents can be provided in the final survey with accurate and useful information, the Council wishes to obtain quantifiable and up to date views of certain interest groups regarding some of the facilities that have been proposed in the Forum.

This questionnaire has been designed for completion by the staff at Wickham Primary School.

Many thanks for your help,

Nic Holladay

Chair of Recreation Committee
Wickham and Knowle Parish Council

Privacy declaration: all personal data collected via this survey will be kept confidential and none will be divulged to any third party for any purpose whatsoever. Data will be aggregated and anonymised for the purposes only of analysis stated in the "Purpose of questionnaire" statement above.

Interview with Ben Davis conducted 09/10/23 by Nic Holladay. Responses and comments from the interviewee in red font.

Background

A number of options have been suggested for Mill Lane that it is hoped will be of interest to the School. When answering the following questions please bear in mind that:

- I. unless otherwise stated it is proposed that facilities would be offered for school use free of charge
- II. it is proposed, in addition to the possible elements outlined below, that car parking, pavilion and changing facilities for users of the site will be included
- III. it is expected that the facilities outlined below, if supported, will be installed in a phased manner.

FOOTBALL: two options have been proposed. They are either of:

- a) A full sized, floodlit, fenced all weather football pitch that would be marked into different pitch sizes for different age groups, OR
- b) Two (or more) well-drained grass pitches dedicated to age groups up to 12 years, unfenced, no floodlights

It is envisaged that either option would be available to the school free of charge during school hours and for after school club use (there may be a reasonable charge for this use)

	Not at all	Possibly	Unsure	Probably	Definitely
1. To what extent would the school envisage using a full-sized all weather pitch during school hours for organised games?		√			
2. To what extent would the school envisage using a full-sized all weather pitch for after school clubs?				√	
3. To what extent would the school envisage using grass pitches dedicated to age groups up to 11 during school hours for organised games?		√			
4. To what extent would the school envisage using grass pitches dedicated to age groups up to 11 for after school clubs?				√	

	Autumn	Winter	Spring	Summer
5. If the answer to Q1 and/or Q2 (all weather pitch) is “probably”/”definitely” roughly how many hours per week during the school day do you think the school would want to use the pitches at different times of the year?	2	1	2	3

	Autumn	Winter	Spring	Summer
6. If the answer to Q1 and/or Q2 (all weather pitch) is “probably”/”definitely” roughly how many hours per week after school hours do you think the school would want to use the pitches at different times of the year?	2	2	2	2

	Autumn	Winter	Spring	Summer
7. If the answer to Q3 and/or Q4 (junior grass pitches) is “probably”/”definitely” roughly how many hours per week during the school day do you think the school would want to use the pitches at different times of the year?	1	0	1	1

	Autumn	Winter	Spring	Summer
8. If the answer to Q3 and/or Q4 (junior grass pitches) is “probably”/”definitely” roughly how many hours per week after school hours do you think the school would want to use the pitches at different times of the year?	2	0	2	2

Explanatory note: currently the school is part of a local cluster of schools who organise between them tournaments for various sports. Wickham would like to host football. This would entail hosting as many as 7-14 teams for ages up to 11, utilising the school field and the MUGA. The school is also progressing a “high performance” club for talented players. The school would also like to develop a fixture list of matches with other schools.

The school would like more than the two (3?) pitches offered in Forum Option 2. Preference is for the grass pitch option because it would be difficult for staff to justify using the full-sized artificial pitch of option 1 when it has the MUGA available on site.

The school won the inter-schools football trophy in 2022/23.

A key consideration would be how the Mill Lane facility is managed: would there be full-time grounds attendance? Would there be a pavilion? Would there be security against vandalism and unwanted use of the site by older children?

RUNNING TRACK: it has been reported that the school would like access to a running track at Mill Lane. Please assume that there would be no charge for use of this track during school hours but there may be a nominal charge for after school club use.

	Not at all	Possibly	Unsure	Probably	Definitely
9. To what extent would the school wish to see an athletics track included at the site for the school's use?	√				

	Not at all	Possibly	Unsure	Probably	Definitely
10.If you answered "probably"/"definitely" to Q 7 to what extent would a grass running track be acceptable?	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
11.Would you use the track in:					
Autumn					
Winter	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Spring					
Summer					

	Autumn	Winter	Spring	Summer
12.If the School would like to have use of a running track, roughly how many hours per week during the <i>school day</i> do you think the school would want to use it at different times of the year?	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

	Autumn	Winter	Spring	Summer
13.If the School would like to have use of a running track, roughly how many hours per week <i>after the school day</i> do you think the school would want to use it at different times of the year?	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

	60m	100m	200m	400m	Other?
14. What distance(s) would you like the track to include?	√	√			

Explanatory note: The school would not see a need for a running track as proposed in Forum Option 2 – i.e. a circular/oval track of say 400 metre dimensions. All that would be needed would be straight line marked out tracks for use on Sports day. The grass football

pitch area would be suitable for the sports day activities (morning 7- 8 events such as egg & spoon through to welly-wanging and wet sponge racing...the afternoon would be for the finals of the running races (hence the need for a straight running track) and for teacher/parent informal fun races.

The school would want to make use of perimeter welking/running track

There are 268 pupils in the school (excluding pre-school) and so a large field with room to include all these activities would be valued.

RACQUET SPORTS: to encourage children from the School to play racquet sports a number of options have been suggested for inclusion at Mill Lane.

- Tennis
- Padel (see <https://youtu.be/rSlvS-Skg28>)
- Pickleball (see <https://youtu.be/kqLRRNOpe8U>)

	Not at all	Possibly	Unsure	Probably	Definitely
15. Would the school be interested in using these facilities for pupils during school hours? <div style="text-align: right; padding-right: 20px;">Tennis</div> <div style="text-align: right; padding-right: 20px;">Padel</div> <div style="text-align: right; padding-right: 20px;">Pickleball</div>		√			√
16. Would the school be interested in after school clubs using these courts? <div style="text-align: right; padding-right: 20px;">Tennis</div> <div style="text-align: right; padding-right: 20px;">Padel</div> <div style="text-align: right; padding-right: 20px;">Pickleball</div>		√			√
17. Would the school like to enable pupils to receive coaching at these courts? <div style="text-align: right; padding-right: 20px;">Tennis</div> <div style="text-align: right; padding-right: 20px;">Padel</div> <div style="text-align: right; padding-right: 20px;">Pickleball</div>		√			√

Explanatory note: the school already has 6-week blocks for different sports to be played by different classes and age groups in the school. This amounts to 60 hours tennis in the months April to July. Currently tennis is played in the school playground, but it is not ideal for a number of reasons. Coaching is by the PE master, Ben Davis. Courts at Mill Lane are

desirable but instead of junior courts, full sized courts would be preferred. A tennis wall would also be useful.

NETBALL/BASKETBALL: netball is growing in popularity locally and nationally. It has been suggested that a netball court that could “double-up” for basketball, be included on the Mill Lane site

Please would you answer the following:

	Not at all	Possibly	Unsure	Probably	Definitely
18. Would the school be interested in using these facilities for pupils during school hours? Netball Basketball					√
19. Would the school be interested in after school clubs using these courts? Netball Basketball				1 hr/ wk 1 hr/ wk	

The site is large enough to allow provision for other activities that might be of interest to the School. These activities could take place inside a circular running track (should the school wish to have one) or elsewhere on the site.

	Not at all	Possibly	Unsure	Probably	Definitely
20. Would the School like to use the site for other activities such as: Rounders Cricket Touch rugby Field sports Other (please state) Orienteering					√

Explanatory note: the idea for cricket would be to have an artificial single strip wicket in an area between the football pitches and use the football pitches as outfield. Cricket is not

currently played at the school but there is the ambition to add it if facilities could be available.

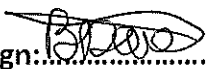
The school already runs orienteering within the school itself. To do it at the Mill Lane site would be an exciting development.

Please add any observations, requests, concerns you may have in the box below:

The school has embarked on the "School Games Award" programme. It has 4 levels starting with Bronze: the school was awarded bronze status last year. So, encouraging sport during and after school is high on the agenda.

There is also ambition to develop holiday clubs for school children at Wickham and beyond – these would be on a commercial basis.

Many thanks for your time and your responses. They will be invaluable in informing the facilities that are developed at Mill Lane.

Please sign: 

Print name: Ben Davies Position: PE Lead & Sports Coach

Date: 11/10/2023