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Rudloe Green & Community Centre Public Meeting at the Centre Saturday 5th March 2022 - 10 o'clock

Dear resident,

Wiltshire Council intends to dispose of the Green and Centre despite over 70 representations against the proposal.

The Centre will be demolished and the site redeveloped unless, as a community, we do something about it. By community we include Park Place, Dicken's Gate and all local housing.

Apart from the 70 pleas against disposal, 105 families supported the application to form a village green and 101 supported Camomile Café's proposal for the Centre in 2019. So there is genuine strength of feeling in Rudloe about this.

The Green has been at the heart of Rudloe since its construction in 1964 and the Community Centre is only 20 years old and in good condition. Building over the former and demolition of the latter would, effectively, be an abuse of the local community.

According to the Architect's Journal, it is a national disgrace that 50,000 buildings are demolished in Britain every year generating huge amounts of unnecessary carbon in the atmosphere.

GreenSquareAccord will be required to build a new, much smaller (at 150sqm) centre to replace the existing centre (at 525 sqm). But the potential and possibilities will be much reduced. The existing centre could host a cafe/shop, pre-school, soft play, a workhub, classes, clubs, childrens' parties, bingo, events, a gallery and so on. Only a building of this size would be able to cater for the wider community and be financially viable.

So come along on 5th March to offer your thoughts, ideas and commitment. If the weather is fine, bring bacon butties and a flask; if it's raining bring an umbrella (and a flask).

Best wishes,

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Rough Agenda

Introduction - Derek

How did we get here - Paul

Pros(!) and cons of development - Derek

Other upcoming local developments - Paul

Current situation and disposal update - Derek

Thoughts, ideas and questions from 'the floor'

Where we go from here

According to the Architect's Journal, it is a national disgrace that 20,000 buildings are demolished in Britain every year generating huge amounts of unnecessary carbon in the atmosphere.

GreenSquare would be required to build a new, much smaller (at 120sqm) centre to replace the existing centre (at 225 sqm). But the potential and possibilities will be much reduced. The existing centre could host a cafe/shop, pre-school, soft play, a workshop, classes, clubs, children's parties, bingo, events, a gallery and so on. Only a building of this size would be able to cater for the wider community and be financially viable.

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