

Community value

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Rudloe has had a Community Centre since WWII. Over the years since then improvements were made and in 2002 a new building was constructed at a cost of £750,000 and this was used until 2017 when it closed, not as a result of lack of use, but due to management issues. At that point it was being used for bingo, drama, choir, playgroups, parties, sports, exercise classes, snooker, church groups.

In the next 5 years it is expected to host a café and small shop whilst offering pre-school, softplay, workhub, exercise classes, clubs, youth services including guides, church groups, bingo, knit and natter for the elderly, outreach space for welfare services, police, childrens services etc.

The Centre offers an opportunity for a local hub to the numerous new estates in the area like Park Place, Dicken's Gate, Stone Close etc. More new housing is anticipated and a large, local Community Centre would help deliver a reduction in car journeys and hence carbon emissions.

We have over 300 signatures on a petition objecting to the development. See attachments.
Over 70 people made objections to the Community Consultation which according to Council Officers was quite exceptional.

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The Green has been used by the community for recreational use since WWII when civilian workers were accommodated locally whilst working on the War Effort. In 1964 an estate was built and the Green continued being used for sports, recreation and social events e.g. Jubilee celebrations. It has been used and used well since that time and up until the present day to offer a local green space to residents. It is particularly popular because it is observable from the housing around and therefore perceived as safe. Unlike many areas of public space, it does not suffer from the levels of littering and bad behaviour that often make them no-go areas.

We have attached an extract from the 105 submissions that local people made in support of the Green. There is a list of names and addresses followed by the actual comments. It dates from 2019.

We have also attached the objections collected as part of the consultation process.

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