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## Save the date

### Annual Town Meeting – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 7pm

#### 'A Greener Westerham'

#### We Asked, You Said, What Next?

##### We asked:

for your views on the draft masterplan for King George's Field. We welcomed responses from everyone: residents of all ages; community groups and organisations; and users from outside the town. We asked you specifically for your views on the facilities proposed within the draft masterplan and for any comments you might have on the overall draft masterplan.

##### You said:

We received over 500 responses:

- 97% of respondents supported the draft masterplan.
- 95% of you supported the refurbishment of the pavilion,
- 90% of you supported a Multi-use Games Area (MUGA)
- 89% of you supported improving the childrens' playground
- 87% of you supported the creation of a new skatepark – not just for skaters, but for cycles, scooters, in fact anything with wheels!
- 80% of you were in favour of installing a path around the edge of the Field

You gave us lots of suggestions too and understandably had some concerns about how the Field can be protected from anti-social behaviour.

But your overall message was that you valued the size and openness of the space and that it was



important to protect the peaceful character of the site, including local wildlife, trees and plants. Indeed, 79% of those of you who pay Council Tax said that you would be prepared for a small increase in your Council Tax to make the project a reality (*we wouldn't do this unless and until other sources of funding had been tried and we had consulted further with you*).

Based on these responses, your Council feels confident in moving to the next stage of this exciting project.

### What Next?

In the light of what you said, we'll be making some minor changes to the Masterplan: including additional seating/benches around the site; looking to use recycled materials; and seeking further areas for wildflower planting. Then it's down to finalising the Masterplan, agreeing the order in which we can deliver the scheme (we can't do it all at once!) and involving you in the detail of each phase. As ever, we'll Keep You Informed!

Full consultation results can be found here: KGF Redevelopment Consultation Results - <https://www.westerhamtowncouncil.gov.uk/kgf-redevelopment/>

## Thanks to Squerryes

Many of you may not know that your Council does not own all the land we regard as 'King George's'. We have for many years leased the northern part of field (the part opposite the WSA building) from the Squerryes Estate. On hearing of plans for the field, the Estate offered to gift the part it still owns to the Council and we are currently going through the legal process of transfer. It will mean that the entire field will be maintained in perpetuity for the Community's use for sport and recreation.

## FORTHCOMING TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council committee meetings are now taking place in the council chamber however places are limited due to social distancing. Please contact the office if you wish to attend a meeting.

All meetings start at 7 p.m. - except Planning which is held at 9.30 am - in the Town Council Chamber in Russell House.

### **April 2022**

4<sup>th</sup> Youth and Community  
11<sup>th</sup> Highways and Lighting  
14<sup>th</sup> Planning  
28<sup>th</sup> Planning

Members of the public are very welcome to join those meetings that take place. **The first ten minutes of every meeting are available for members of the public to raise any issues with Councillors.**

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