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Consultation Results Analysis and Summary

Consultation:

Proposed Increase to the Parish Precept to Fund a
Public Works Loan for the Sports Pavilion Extension and
Remodelling

14th February – 28th March 2026

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1. Overview

Between 14th February and 28th March 2026, the Parish Council undertook a public consultation on the Proposed Increase to the Parish Precept to Fund a Public Works Loan for the Sports Pavilion Extension and Remodelling. The consultation was widely publicised via all four parish notice boards, the March edition of the Bisley & West End Parish Magazine, the Parish Council website, and the local Facebook community page, which reaches around 4.5k members.

The item was also placed on the Parish Council agenda's from 14th February, giving members of the public the opportunity to attend, ask questions, and seek clarification directly from councillors. This ensured that residents had both written and in-person routes to raise queries about the project and the proposed Public Works Loan.

A total of 48 responses were received, out of which 34 included written comments. Responses reflect a broad spectrum of views, ranging from strong support for the project to concerns about cost, priorities, and clarity of financial information.

2. Themes Identified

Strong Support for the Project

Many respondents expressed clear support for the extension and modernisation, highlighting:

- The Pavilion as an essential community asset.
- Benefits for sports clubs, WI, social groups, and village events.
- The need for improved facilities, heating, lighting, and accessibility.
- The project being long overdue.
- Desire to see the project delivered without further delay.

Comments include:

- "The extension and modernisation... is absolutely essential for the community of West End."
 - "Long overdue improvement to a great village asset."
 - "This is a small amount of money per household representing a huge asset for our village."
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Specific Support from Regular Users

Groups such as SWETT (Social West End Table Tennis) and the WI highlighted:

- The need for a larger hall.
- Improved lighting and heating.
- Better storage and access.

Comment from SWETT member:

- “The proposed remodelling will provide a much-needed larger main hall... and attract new membership.”
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3. Concerns Raised

Financial Concerns & Precept Impact

Several respondents questioned:

- There had already been a recent increase in the Parish element of Council Tax.
- Whether the full £120,000 loan is required.
- Whether the precept would be adjusted if less is borrowed.
- The fairness of all households contributing when not all residents use the facility.

Key comments:

- “If the Parish Council does not need to borrow the full amount... will the Parish Precept be set at a lower figure?”
 - “Council tax in Surrey Heath is already crippling many households.”
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Requests for Greater Financial Transparency

Respondents asked for:

- A clearer breakdown of project costs.
- Explanation of contingency and additional contingency.
- Current usage and income data for the Pavilion.
- Clarity on alternative uses of CIL funds.

Examples:

- “You need to provide a better breakdown of where the costs are being spent.”
- “It is unclear... what other uses of the CIL money had been considered.”

Alternative Priorities Suggested

Some residents felt other facilities should take priority:

- The Scout Hut.
- Playground improvements.
- Tringham Hall as an existing alternative venue.

Comments included:

- “Money would be better spent on the Scout Hut.”
 - “The funds deserve to go towards improving the park for the children.”
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Concerns About Fairness & Competition

A small number of respondents raised concerns about:

- Fairness to Tringham Hall, which is self-funded.
 - Whether hirers should contribute more.
 - Reliance on football teams.
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4. Neutral or No Comment

A small number of respondents provided:

- “No comment”
 - “None”
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5. Summary of Opinion

Category	Number of Comments	Summary
Supportive	Majority	Strong support for modernisation; desire for improved facilities and quick delivery.
Financial concerns	Several	Questions about precept, loan amount, contingencies, and fairness.
Alternative priorities	Several	Suggestions to prioritise Scout Hut or playground.

Category	Number of Comments	Summary
Operational concerns	Few	Usage data requested; concerns about reliance on football teams.
Neutral	Few	No additional comments.

6. Consultation Engagement Visuals

Parish Residency

All 48 respondents confirmed they live within the parish of West End.

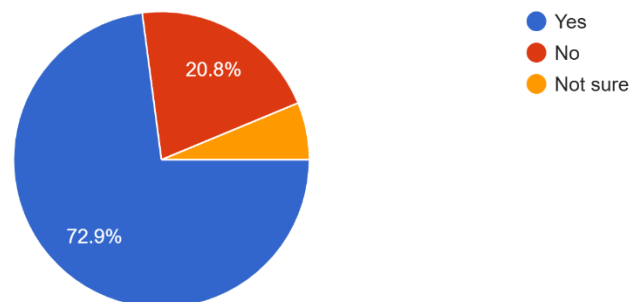
Consultation Document Understanding

97.9% of respondents confirmed they have read and understood the full consultation document, with a small minority unsure or not having read it.

Community Investment Support

72.9% of respondents believe the extension and remodelling of the Sports Pavilion represents a worthwhile investment for the community, with 20.8% opposed and a small percentage unsure.

Do you believe the extension and remodelling of the Sports Pavilion represents a worthwhile investment for the community, taking into account ...cted of a contemporary community sports facility?
48 responses

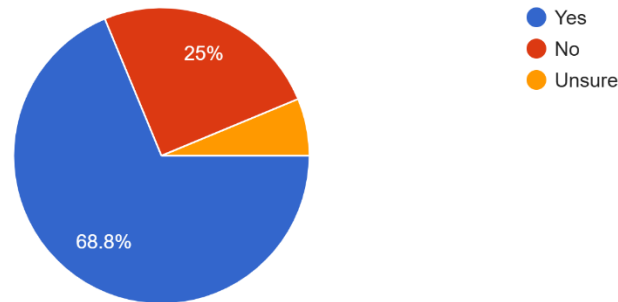


Loan Application Support

68.8% support the Parish Council applying for a Public Works Loan of £120,000 to be repaid over 10 years, with 25% opposed and some unsure.

Do you support the Parish Council applying for a Public Works Loan for £120,000 to be repaid over 10 years, which would increase the Band D equivalen... first year, reducing over the subsequent 9 years.

48 responses



7. Mitigation to Some of the Concerns

Financial Transparency

A resident queried the presentation of the contingency and additional contingency figures. The Parish Council identified that the original table showed these as two separate percentages, which created the impression of duplicated allowances. This was a formatting error only. It was corrected immediately, with the contingency shown clearly as a single combined figure of 20%, and the total project cost remaining exactly the same. The Business Plan reflects the correct presentation.

Investment in Scout & Guide

The Scout & Guide have received full funding via a local donation and no further money is needed for this project.

Playground Investment

Significant investment was made in the two playgrounds in 2011 and 2014. Two items have been replaced in Rosewood playground in March 2026. One large item has been removed from Benner Lane playground and will be replaced using earmarked funds. CIL money has also been used in 2021 to install a skate park and MUGA facility. Future upgrades for play equipment will be funded by securing money through the precept in future years to build a sinking fund for these upgrades.

Tringham Hall

Tringham Hall is a completely different facility offering a badminton court and much larger hirer space. The two facilities do not compete but complement each other.

Pavilion Usage

Football is not the only user of the Sports Pavilion. Regular hirers, local clubs, and individuals will benefit from the remodelling of the Sports Pavilion, as will users of the playground, gym equipment, MUGA and skate park, who will have access to an outside toilet.

8. Conclusion

The consultation demonstrates clear and broad support for the proposed remodelling of the Sports Pavilion, with the majority of respondents recognising the building as an essential community asset and welcoming long overdue improvements to accessibility, storage, heating, lighting, and overall usability. Regular users and community groups provided particularly strong endorsements, highlighting the positive impact the project will have on participation, local activities, and community wellbeing.

The Parish Council will now consider the consultation findings, and determine whether to proceed with submitting an application to the Public Works Loan Board.