

Marcham Community Group

Members/Open Meeting

26 Sept 2013



Tonight's open meeting



- Reminder of the background
- What has happened more recently
- The emergence of a new plan/concept
- To consult members on the concept



Alternative approaches

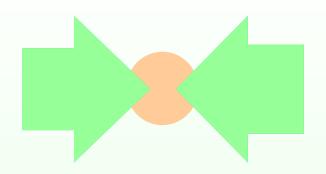


Anson Trust

- Sell half of the Anson field
- Build and endow a new facility
- Pass facility management to the community

• Marcham Community Group

- Identify the community needs and wishes
- Involve the community in design of facilities
- Raise funding for building works
- Manage and run the facilities



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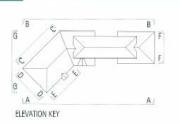




'Plan A' – as submitted









Front Elevation A



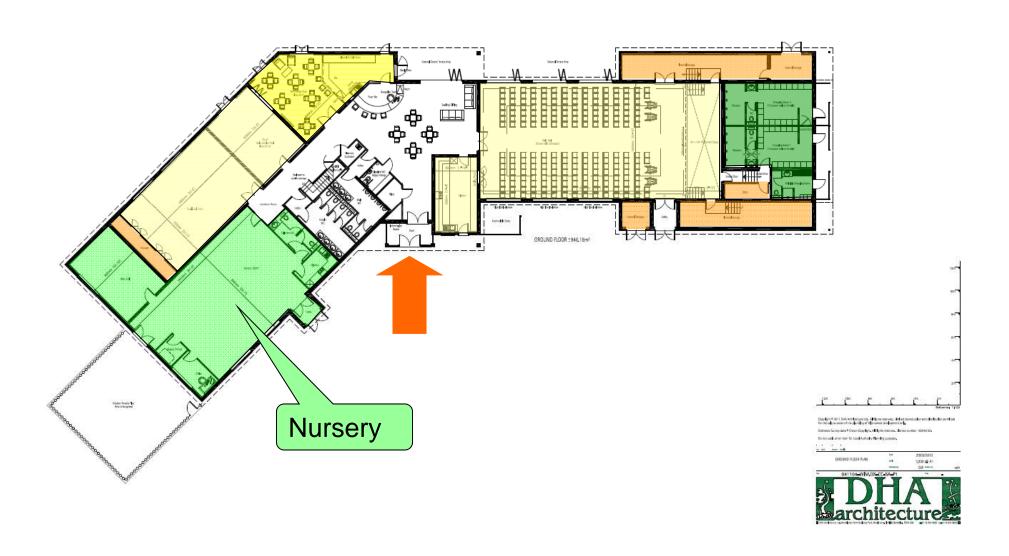


'Plan A' – as submitted





Ground floor



Plan B – Oct 2012

- House-building on the field **no change**
- Community facilities behind Anson Close
- Withdrawn shortly after submission of formal plans

Anson Trust – worst case scenario

- No viable plan to replace A or B
- No clear way forward
- Potential insolvency 'within months'
- MCG organised a JUPG meeting in May to take **legal** advice on the situation
- Community Facilities Group formed to find a way forward for the community
 - PC, MCG, JUPG, AT working together 'without labels'
 - reviewing finances and business planning

Community approach



- There are other options for providing community facilities
- All require developer, grant and/or benefactor input and/or a major commitment to fund-raising over many years

New plan concept



The new concept from TWO in outline:

- 'Reverses' Plan A
- **Preserves** the Anson field as open space
- Places new housing on the **edge** of the village

New plan concept

4 main elements:

- 92 new houses (incl. affordable housing) on land between Longfields and Hyde Copse
- New sports field area to the north of the new houses, with pavilion and bar facilities
- 2 new classrooms at the school
- New community hall facilities on Anson field with provision to improve field for public use





New plan concept



- New sports field would be leased (to PC?) for community use (no AT involvement)
- New school classrooms would provide capacity increase
- Anson field opportunities for landscaping and public/recreational activities
- Potential new youth facility

Timescales

- Plans being drawn up by TW
- Legal agreements being drawn up
- TW has committed to consult Marcham on plan:
 - leaflet round all houses in Marcham
 - exhibition and consultation in Marcham Sat 5 October am
 - detailed plans for housing and sports field
 - outline plan only for hall at this stage: further community consultation on the design
- Formal plans likely to be submitted within weeks





Management principles

- Accountable to the community
- Community facilities under community control
 - Operational management
 - Maintenance
 - Long-term future
- New arrangements and finances...to be worked out – CFG work in progress

Headline Pros and Cons



| Do | Keep the field | Major fund-raising |
|---------|----------------|-----------------------|
| nothing | | challenge over many |
| | | years |
| | Limit housing | Likely to see more |
| 3 | increase (?) | houses with no |
| | | community benefit but |
| | | pressure on school |

Headline Pros and Cons



| New | Keep the field and | Larger housing |
|-------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| plan | increase community | development (41 more |
| \ \ / | space | than Plan A) |
| | New flexible sports | Sports and hall facilities |
| | and community | separated |
| | facilities | |
| | Two new classrooms | More children |
| | at the school | |

And now...



- Your Questions
- Your views

Your overall view of the new concept

1. Do you think this new concept is right in principle for Marcham?

2. Do you endorse **MCG** directors working through **CFG** on details of the plan for community facilities and their long-term management?

