

Background

Our current scout hut is ageing to the point of needing replacement. We are currently working on a plan to design, fund and build a replacement hut within the next 3-5 years (2021-2023).

We want the new HQ to be something that the community will value so are keen to involve those who use it and those who live near it in our plans.

The first draft designs were shown at the Marley Lane Jo Cox street party event on Saturday 23rd June, from 2-4pm at the Scout Hut. Additional design 'show and tell' sessions for families involved with the scout group were held during the summer of 2018. In total, around 80 people had the opportunity to share their feedback and ideas. The written feedback is below. We also had many verbal conversations during the events. While we were unable to capture these, the general sentiments, ideas and questions very much reflect the written feedback.

We are now using this initial feedback to produce a next set of designs.

General written feedback

Among those who put their name on 'Like/Dislike/Unsure' sheets, there were 13 names in support of the initial proposals, 1 supportive 'with adjustments', 2 unsure, and no names on the 'dislike' sheets.

Comments

Interesting

Looks good. Roof pitch very high

Looks exciting!

Like the idea of using timber and placing solar panels on the roof

Like access to side path from upper level

Like it. The more eco features the better – great for environment, great for PR

Want as many eco features as possible, cost permitting

Looks great, better parking and more space for the children

Sounds brilliant

In principle sounds a positive idea and advantageous use of space

It's amazing

Great

Looks fantastic

Amazing

Great idea

Fantastic overall look

Great plans!

Ideas

Walkway/bridge from mezzanine level out to the slope

Solar panels / electro voltaic panels on roof? Sell electricity back to the grid?

Electric car charging points

Indoor climbing wall on near end wall (Liphook Scouts have this)

Build a treehouse with a slide

Movement sensitive lights so turn off when rooms not being used

Include space for bike racks (covered & lockable cycle hub like at the station) to discourage car use and encourage walking/biking

Can we sell the current flooring? Try and sell the whole building?

What will happen to the chair storage room? Where will we store chairs and tables?

Questions/concerns

Where will the main entrance/doors be?

Feasibility of using the building to retain the bank - concerns re damp-proofing and cost of concrete retainer.

Whether we need a lift to get to the mezzanine level.

How would you stop children climbing over/jumping off the mezzanine level? Glazed wall? Other solution?

Air con?

Wifi?

Ventilation on mezzanine level? Roof windows? How would you open?

Security of having top doors glazed rather than solid?

Fire escape - do we need a second exit other than the mezzanine? Perhaps out from the kitchen via the garage/store room?

Want kitchen to be separate/able and lockable.

Lighting in the main hall - perhaps need extra (velux?) windows in the rear roof to bring in natural light to the rear of the building?

Garage/storage area on far left hand wall - need doors from car park. Also act as fire escape route from kitchen?

Roof pitch too high? Could make shallower? Also, could raise lower edge wall height/roof. Possibly put glazing/velux in at front to bring in more light?

Loos - need gender neutral loos now under law? Label by function (ie loo/sink/shower signs rather than male/female). Loos and showers together, or separate spaces? Extractor fans needed in loos and shower rooms

All doors need to be wide enough to accommodate wheelchair access

If the new hall could attract more use, including events not related to scouting, people living nearby may want some reassurance on how this will be managed/limited, eg would there be more evening events? More events generally? Parties at weekends etc?

It would be useful to have the area for loos and showers to be separately accessed so if scout groups are camping we can retain access to the rest of the building, and the rest of the building can be secured.

Need to improve the parking and drop off situation. Very dangerous for children and local Marley Lane residents at the moment. Consider re-positioning both entrance and exit, and informal one-way around the triangle.

If there is a separate entry and exit from the car park it would be better if the entry is further up the lane so you don't have the event traffic crossing each other.

Car park needs disabled spaces?

Hedging to screen car park and make more attractive for residents who live opposite?

Would be good to have good sound proofing

How will we heat it? Currently have wall mounted fan heaters but can overheat.
Ground heat pump?

Install sprinkler system in case of fire?