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Hi Ben,

Thanks for this. It was discussed at our full council meeting and the following points were made by Councillors:

Overall, we are understanding that there are not perfectly placed solutions for you, in terms of community buildings in the right place

Haverhill West 1 & 2

The concern with the rugby club proposal to put 1&2 in with 3 is the additional traffic movements at school beginning/end times. It is chaotic there already when the parents come to collect their children, we wonder whether injecting yet more vehicle movements is a good idea.

Would it be better to consider the ATC HQ in Withersfield Road to host Haverhill West 2 as well as the Haverhill North polling station?

Haverhill East 2

Councillors advised that voters were put off by thinking car park charging was in place, and it was difficult in the evenings when the football was in full swing.

Haverhill East 1

The room used in the Chalkstone Community Centre is apparently rather small and wheelchair access is very difficult?

Town Councillor John Burns referred the meeting to his email to you dated 8<sup>th</sup> May, which covered some of the above points and more. I can forward you that email if it is useful.

Councillor Mason also raised the growing number of dwellings within Haverhill North 1 on the Persimmon development which is a long way from the Cangle school, which is awkwardly situated for these voters who are likely to drive to the school to vote.

We were very conscious that we've raised issues without offering many solutions. If it would be useful to meet up in Haverhill and look around for solutions, I'm happy to do that.

Regards

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