



## SALFORDS AND SIDLOW PARISH COUNCIL SIDLOW COMMUNITY SPACE SUPPORT

<a href="#">25/02197/F Planning link</a>	Land Adjacent To Sewage Works Ironsbottom Sidlow Surrey	The proposal is: Construction of new single-storey community hall with Cafe, parking, cycle storage, sustainable drainage and renewable energy systems.	Support - see below
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Salfords and Sidlow Parish Council expresses strong support for the proposal for the construction of new single-storey community hall with cafe, parking, cycle storage, sustainable drainage and renewable energy systems.

Councillors are aware there is currently no permanent, accessible venue in Sidlow that serves as a central meeting point in this part of the parish particularly since the only pub in Sidlow closed. Opportunities for regular social interaction, organised activities, and support services are very limited, in reality only to the church, which is on the opposite side of the busy A217 which has no road crossing, with lack of support from Surrey County Council to obtain one and is some distance from most of the houses.

Salfords and Sidlow Parish Council are working with Surrey Local Resilience Forum (LRF) and National Consortium for Societal Resilience (NCSR) to be part of a pilot for the development of a Community Emergency Information Hub (CEIH) in the parish. As part of the process Salfords village hall has been selected with Community Resilience and Data Officer advising the lack of meeting space in Sidlow.

There is a vital need for community space, so the proposed community hall is very close to the main residential area, which is why this site, which is being given to the residents on a long lease with a peppercorn rent by [what name to put here?] has been chosen.

The provision of this sustainable, long-term solution is supported.

We agree with the points made by Sidlow Community Association in that It will re-establish a much-needed focal point for the community and create a welcoming space for residents of all ages. The hub will support social inclusion, reduce isolation, and encourage stronger community cohesion.

In addition, the new Village Hub will deliver several important benefits:

- A permanent community meeting space for clubs, societies, parish meetings, and local groups.
- Facilities for youth engagement, providing safe and constructive activities for younger residents.
- Support services and outreach opportunities, particularly for elderly or vulnerable residents.
- Flexible multi-use space for classes, workshops, health and wellbeing activities, and cultural events.
- Opportunities for local enterprise, including small-scale markets, pop-up services, or community-led initiatives.
- Improved community resilience, offering a central coordination point during emergencies or adverse weather events.
- Sustainable design principles, ensuring the building is energy-efficient and financially viable for long-term operation.



- Enhanced sense of identity and belonging, strengthening the long-term vitality of the parish.

Salfords and Sidlow Parish Council is developing our Neighbourhood Plan and Councillors consider this new village hub to be an essential component for Sidlow

The Village Hub represents far more than a building; it is an investment in the social infrastructure of Salfords and Sidlow. It will restore a sense of shared place that has been missing since 2019 and help ensure the parish remains vibrant, connected, and supportive for future generations.

Salfords & Sidlow parish councillors respectfully urge the planning authority to approve this proposal.

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