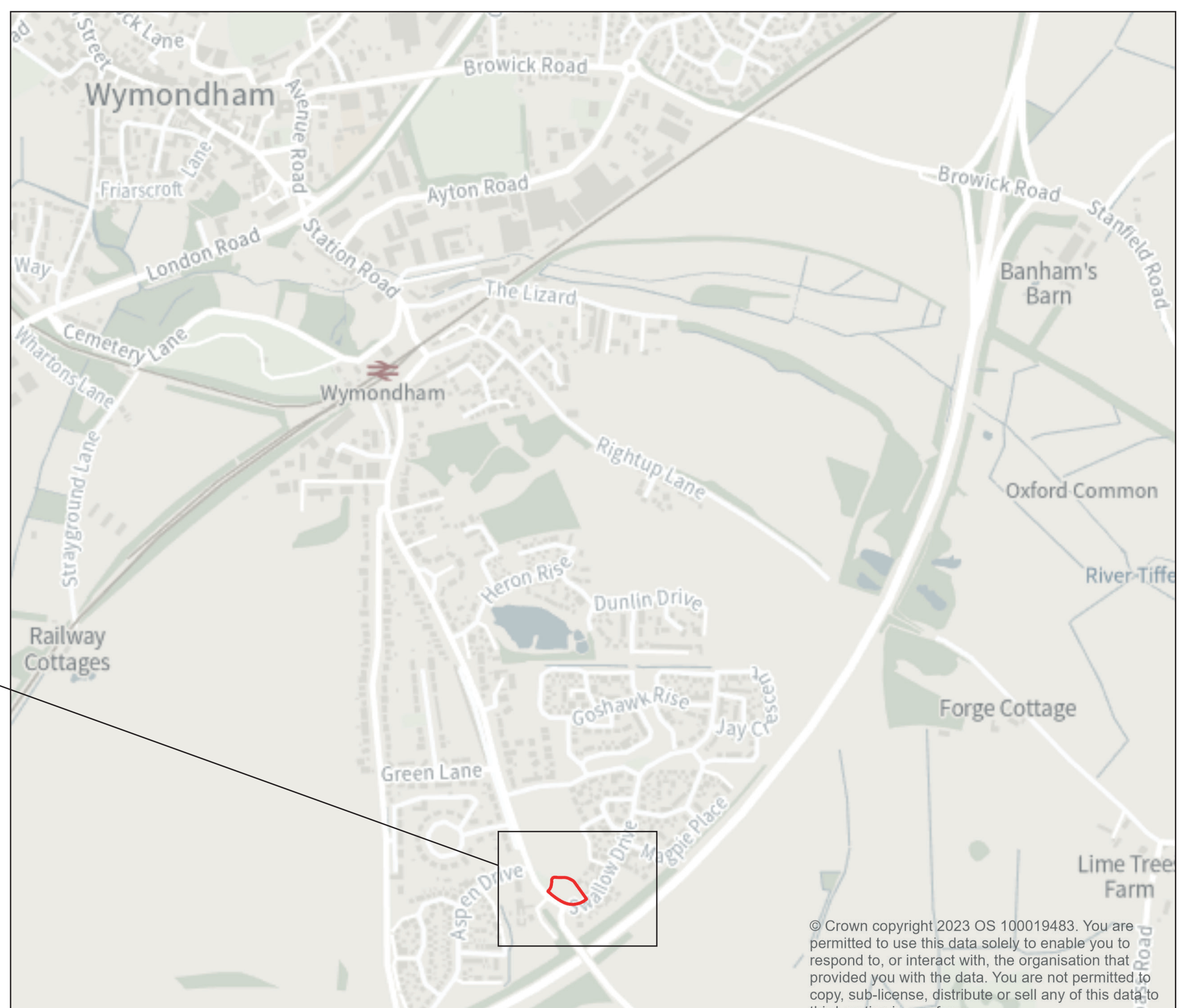
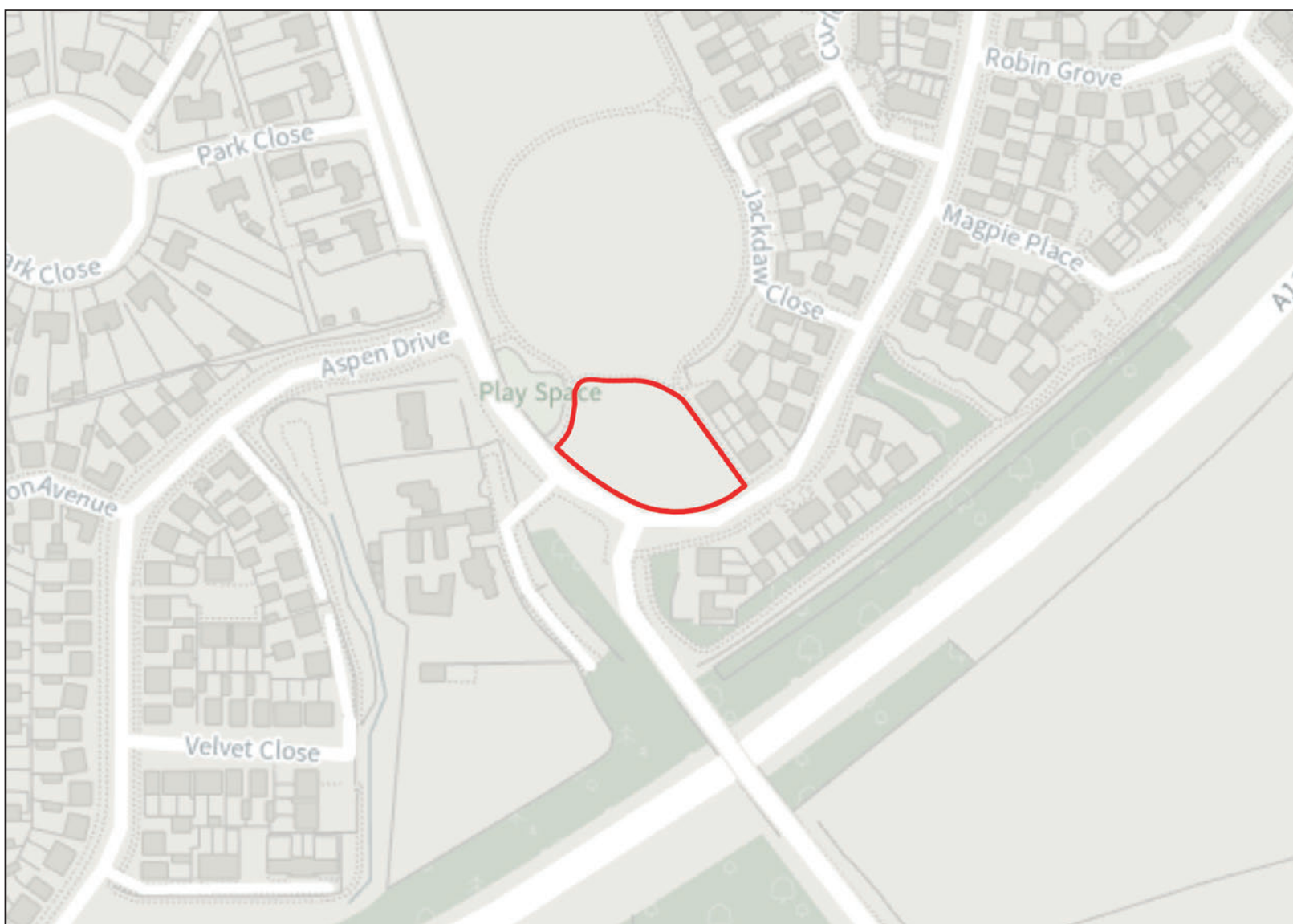


Future use of land at Silfield Road / Swallow Drive, Wymondham



Introduction

South Norfolk Council and Wymondham Town Council are currently undertaking a public consultation on the future of a piece of land which lies adjacent to Silfield Rd and Swallow Drive in south Wymondham, as shown in the maps below.



There are two options for this piece of land, which are:

- 1 Development of a new community building (already agreed through a planning permission), or...
- 2 Development of a landscaped area, along with a sum of money to be spent on improving community facilities in the town.

We are asking residents, as part of this consultation, which of these two options they would prefer to see delivered.

This consultation runs until 5.00pm on Friday 23 June 2023.

Details of how to respond are provided in the final panel of this exhibition display.



Background

Part of the original planning permission for the development of the new homes north of the A11 and east of Silfield Road in Wymondham required the building of a new community facility on this 0.2 hectare piece of land adjacent to Silfield Road and Swallow Drive.

This site forms part of the infrastructure delivery requirements for 1,000 new dwellings across two developments east and West of Silfield Road (along with other items such as road improvements, a school and open space). Following the original permission in 2014, these developments have been under

construction for a number of years and significant numbers are now occupied.

Despite positive efforts from the developer and both South Norfolk Council and Wymondham Town Councils, there have been delays in providing this facility. These have partly been due to the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic and subsequent difficulties in finding a managing body that could take on the administration of the building. It is also recognised that the needs of the local community may have changed significantly since the original 2014 permission.



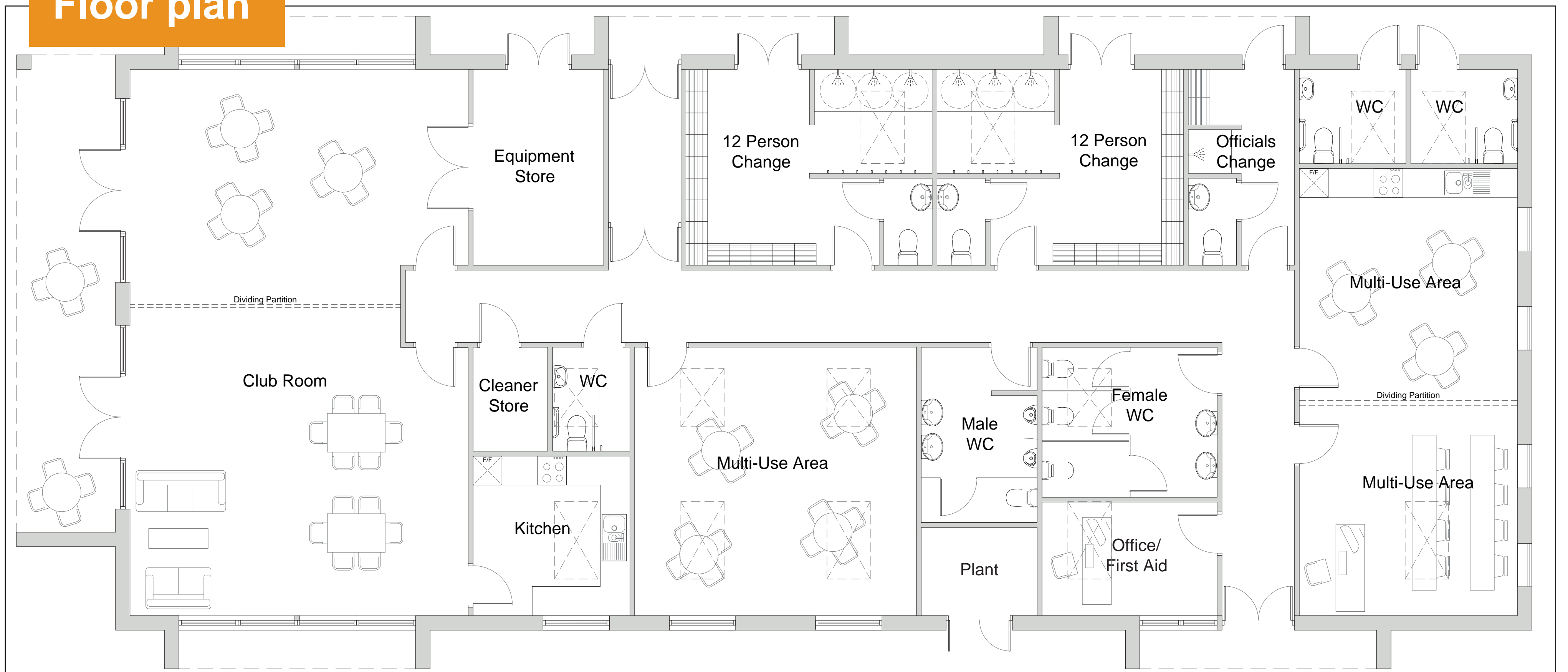
Proposal for a Community Building

The planning permission for the community building includes an agreed design and layout. The building was envisaged to be the focal point for the community, with a distinctive design in a central location within the development, comprising a hall, storage space, community rooms and changing facilities.

The agreed layout and design of the building can be viewed below.



Floor plan



Alternative proposal:

landscaping, with a sum of money to improve community facilities

As part of ongoing discussions between both councils and the developer, an alternative proposal for the land has been put forward.

This would involve landscaping the area instead and developing it as an attractive gateway to the town.

The remaining sum of money that would have been used to develop the building would be made available to improve community facilities within Wymondham.

There is some flexibility in how this landscaped area could be designed, but the images below suggest some potential layouts.



Your views



We are consulting residents on which of the two options they would prefer to see delivered on this piece of land.

Given there is already planning permission for the community building (as shown in the earlier plans) and a decision needs to be made before this permission expires, there is unfortunately no flexibility to re-design the proposed building.



We have developed a survey form which you can use to submit your views on these two preferences.

You can complete and submit the form online at the following web address:

www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/silfieldrdsurvey



Alternatively, hard copies of the form are available alongside this exhibition. Feel free to complete a survey and deposit it in the box provided.



This consultation closes at 5.00pm on Friday 23 June 2023.

If you have any difficulties in accessing this consultation material then please contact South Norfolk Council at planning@southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk

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