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To: [Neighbourhood Planning \(MBC\)](#)
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I refer to the recently published Otham Neighbourhood Plan which is out for consultation.

I was pleased to see that the plan has fully addressed the views and desired outcomes of Otham Residents which were identified through survey and other interactions.

There is only one area which I would like to comment on:-

The Neighbourhood Plan includes plans for a new village hall/community centre to replace the current one which is not fit for purpose being small and without car parking. However, I feel this would be in contradiction with other parts of the Plan for the following reasons:-

- 1) A new village hall with increased capacity and presumably popularity would generate more traffic along the narrow lanes which are already dangerously busy and has been identified as a grave concern of Otham residents. The argument that a new centre could be accessed on foot does not convince me as the current Hall could also be accessed in that way but not many do so.
- 2) It would also be required to be built on a green space which other parts of the Neighbourhood Plan seek to preserve.
- 3) There are two Community Centres nearby namely Senacre and Downswood which are within a short distance. The one at Senacre could even be accessed on foot/bike if a footpath was made between Gore Court Road and across the playing field to Senacre Community Centre for those who desired to do so.

Otherwise I commend the Plan.

Yours sincerely

