**TAIN COMMON GOOD**

**PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE USE OF THE WILDLIFE POND KIOSK, TAIN LINKS TO A CAFE PROVIDING FOOD AND BEVERAGES (site forms part of Tain Common Good)**

**REPRESENTATIONS AND RESPONSES**

1. **Number of responses received**

The public consultation period ended on 19 January 2021 with a total of 9 responses having been received.

These responses are broken down as follows:

* 8 supportive
* 1 is supportive in principle but raises some issues.

1. **Representations, questions and issues distilled from the responses received**
2. **Supportive comments received**

The types of supportive comments received can be summarised in the following examples:-

* Excellent idea.
* Help to rejuvenate and return community atmosphere to the Links.
* Great asset and encourage people to use the Links and stay for longer.
* Encourage visitors to the Links whilst not being a threat to other Tain businesses.
* It will open up an area of town that seems to have become forgotten.
* Currently an eyesore attracting vandalism, not in use for 20/30 years so fantastic to see it done up and become something to benefit the community.
* One supportive comment also highlighted a need to refurbish the playground and skateboard park suggesting this might be achieved by volunteers from the community.

1. **Objections or issues raised for response**

1 response supported in principle but raised issues which focussed on vehicle access. The issues raised are summarised in the table below.

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| **Questions/issues/concerns** | **Council’s suggested response** |
| There should be no parking at the kiosk, even staff parking as it will change the character of the area. Currently pedestrians, children and bikes are more important than cars. | Vehicle access will be permitted for operational business use only i.e. deliveries.  However, vehicular access will also be permitted to facilitate access for disabled customers. |
| The hardstanding track is poorly defined and surrounding grass is soft – customers might assume they can drive to the kiosk causing the ground surface to be degraded/damaged. | Vehicle access is permitted for operational business use and disabled customer access only. |
| Suggestions:   * No customer parking * Strict access management along hardstanding by tenants * No staff parking * Vehicular access for loading/unloading only | * Disabled parking only. * Yes - covered by lease terms and conditions. * No permission or space provided for staff parking. * Yes – covered by lease terms and conditions. |