

Email of 7 September from Sue Pickwood to RCC Planning

Re 2020/0891/FUL

Replacement of existing Village Hall, Community Shop and Doctors Surgery, with new and improved facilities on their existing site in Barrowden, including car parking and new landscaping to improve access.

We have lived in Barrowden for 34 years and very much appreciate the facilities provided by the Village Hall, Shop and Doctors Surgery and wish to see their futures secure. The current Village Hall is nearing 100 years old and is in much need of improvement and updating. The current application for combining all services on the current site as a village hub would be a valuable asset to the community. In particular to have space provided to continue to receive medical services from Uppingham Surgery would be of enormous benefit.

The current planning application comes about as the result of 5 years of information gathering, professional advice and much consultation with residents and users of the services. Comments and suggestions made throughout the process have been incorporated into the current application.

The design of the proposed hub meets the requirements of the Barrowden and Wakerley Neighbourhood Plan 2019. See BW6 Design Principles for Barrowden and Wakerley, BW13 The protection of community facilities, and BW14 The provision of new community facilities. Improved access and parking facilities are also a much needed part of the plans.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Susan Pickwood