

CDS Planning Local Review Body

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Dear Ms Simpson

Many thanks for your letter with regards to the above application by Stanley Development Trust.

As a local, I am very much in favour of the development to build a much needed community hub, with sports facilities, in the village. The community is growing with housing developments underway and, on the whole, the feeling within the village and surrounding area is that the hub would be a major asset to the village for all residents.

The St Columbas Church Hall that would require to be demolished hasn't been in use for many years and is in a serious state of disrepair. It is unlikely the hall will ever be refurbished due to the cost required to do this and will deteriorate more as time goes on.

The War Memorial is of great local value but only minor adjustment to the boundary wall is required to provide access which I don't see as a great problem.

The Stanley Community Action Plan was updated last year and one theme highlighted the lack of community facilities and amenities within the village for residents e.g breakfast club/after school club, community café, lack of facilities/ activities for young people etc which a community hub would be able to cater for.

A huge amount of work has taken place to get to the planning application stage for this proposal and I think it would be really detrimental for the village and its residents if the planning application was not given approval.

Yours sincerely

Anne Sweet

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