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1.	<p>As the local policing sergeant, I make the following comments based on evidence of experience in this area as opposed to my own personal views, which will remain personal. The previous site i.e. the tennis courts were located in the wrong place i.e. bordering residents gardens. The area attracted youths who played football on the courts, were often heard shouting and swearing and caused endless calls to the police in relation to anti social behaviour. Since the courts have been demolished, and the old site has now cleared, we have enjoyed a period of peace and a distinct lack of calls from local residents re ASB. I am confident that putting a MUGA in this location will fuel an increase in ASB both from within the MUGA and from associated cars and mopeds that will attend the car park, as they did before. Local residents will likely express their own feelings but purely from a policing standpoint, this is too close to local residents who have endured ASB for several years in this area up until recently and it will likely undo all of the good and hard work the police have done to get to this level. I'm not against a MUGA but it has to be in the right area. Based on the level of ASB reports historically associated with youths, this is not the right place to install a MUGA.</p>
2.	<p>This is the worst idea I have ever heard. Please do not build this. Please landscape the land and give us some peace. No MUGA</p>
3.	<p>I am fully against the MUGA being built within Portchester park. My family &amp; I live where the old tennis courts &amp; community centre were located. Since they have been removed we have finally had peace and quiet. We have a three year old and a one year old child and when we are in the garden all you can hear are youths shouting obscene language this obviously is not acceptable and is directly linked to the tennis courts and old community centre. As well as the swearing the noise of footballs hitting the community centre wall sends you insane and really does affect our quality of life. Since the tennis courts and community centre has gone it has been fantastic and anti social behaviour has stopped. Please do not build this MUGA as anti social behaviour will come back and ruin resident's lives, again. Many thanks. Clive grove resident.</p>
4.	<p>This is not supported by the local community. The tennis courts caused us so much anti social behaviour. They have been taken away and it has been lovely. Why replace something that caused so much misery with something that is noisy &amp; will cause more anti social behaviour. I have spoken to lots if people within Portchester park &amp; they do NOT support this. We feel the land should landscaped. Please do not build this &amp; bring anti social behaviour back to our door. Our quality of life will be ruined. 100% Not supported. Thank you.</p>

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5.	This is a terrible idea! Anti social behaviour will be back. Why build this when you have just removed the tennis courts and old community centre which attracted so much anti social behaviour!! The noise from when youths kicked the football against the community centre wall was horrendous and ruined our daytime and evenings. Please do not build this. This is stupid. MUGA is not welcome.
6.	The noise was really bad when the kids played football against the wall of the old community centre, why build this now as the problem has gone away and we have got rid of a big problem in Portchester? Does the Council not learn? This is not supported in anyway.
7.	As residents who have endured the last 7 years of noise, disruption after hour's foul language and general disturbances, we are naturally apprehensive at any proposals that may just spoil the peace we are now enjoying. Please take into account that we are the people who have to live with the decisions you make!
8.	I am very fearful that if this games centre is built it will bring back the vile language and youths drinking in the area. I will not go near the park if this is built and I shouldn't have to feel like this in my own community.
9.	Since the old community centre has gone the area has suffered little anti social behaviour. At last I can walk within the park and my own garden without fear of my young children hearing swearing. To be honest I will really dread the day the MUGA is built as then I will not be able to use my garden again. Why have this MUGA?
10.	The noise of the ball bouncing against the old community centre wall was awful. It made our lives hell. This MUGA will be in the same place & the noise will be back! Large groups of youths gathered by the old community centre & the noise of the ball hitting the wall woke both of our children up! The noise was so bad in our living room. Please do not build this facility; it will be HELL once again.
11.	Since the community centre has been taken, away the area has been lovely & quite. I have previously had to report many incidents to police when the tennis court & Community Centre was there = firearms (Kids with BB guns), ASB, Swearing, fighting, drugs, alcohol & general abusive aggressive behaviour.
12.	If you have a Multi complex games area built, the same trouble (noise) etc, will happen again, as with the old tennis courts
13.	Please listen to local residents. We have enjoyed peace since the tennis courts; basketball hoop & community centre have gone. It has truly been

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	wonderful. I am very worried about the new proposal for this MUGA. This will create a new nightmare for us. Why build this? There are elderly vulnerable residents who live here & if you build this it will no doubt cause them misery. Bad language & general bad behaviour. We have suffered with years of trouble over the park area, it is now fixed. Why re introduce a problem? Not supported by the community.
14.	The idea of a MUGA is totally out of the question. After years of battling to remove the job element from the old tennis courts and the Community centre car park, you propose something that will open 24 hours a day, with no control on who is using it whatsoever. we all know what will happen: there will be scooters riding around the car park again, the yobs and their bad language will be around until the early hours of the morning, and just as badly, there will be the incessant sound of the balls thumping on the concrete, penetrating the walls of all our houses, no matter how loud we turn the TV up! And of course not to mention the utter drain on police resources. There are superb facilities available at Portchester Com School for those who genuinely want to play sports and also at Wicor recreation ground. Please restore our green fields again and let the new Community Centre and Surrounding area be non-intimidating place to visit once again, for all to enjoy.
15.	The area we live in has been vastly improved since the old Community centre and tennis courts have been removed. This MUGA will attract unwanted nuisance back to our area. When will the Council learn that this is no welcomed in our area? Save your money and don't build something that nobody wants!
16.	Since the tennis court and community centre has gone the area has been brilliant. Please do not build this. We do not want this built.
17.	There are many questions to ask. We are One of the 'victims' living adjacent to the old tennis courts. Would the surface be concrete? (noise factor) Would there be a key-holder? Would there be security? Would it be bookable? Will it be locked up at a specified time? How will you stop the yobs gathering there and causing havoc again and using bad language like they did on the old tennis courts? How will the various sports avoid clashing? Providing the facility was secure, policed properly, with a booking system, I can see no reason not to have a tennis/netball court only, but please, please no football or basketball! There are fantastic facilities at Portchester Com School for this. Thank You.
18.	Without management unworkable
19.	leave as is now
20.	Whatever goes there needs supervision to stop it being used by drug

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	users. Used needles and condoms have been found in the children's play area more than once!
21.	If the MUGA could be closed at night this would (I hope)prevent the nuisance of it at night. Suggest 4pm winter and 8pm summer
22.	Let the Community Centre run it. They would keep all the Yobs etc out. I suppose you can't expect much with the Tory Shower. Get the Back of ALL gardens at the Our/My garden tidied up 34 Clive.
23.	Yes, before you spend money on brand new facilities take a long hard look at the existing children's playground which is poorly maintained and verging on dangerous. The play surface is very thin in places and the ground beneath it is sinking in some areas. If action is not taken the play surface will break up and a child or adult will put their foot through and could have a significant injury. There is a patch beside the large climbing frame which has a hole which must be about a foot deep underneath it. The hedge between the playground and the bowling green has not been cut; there are numerous long brambles with thorns on trailing onto the playground just at head height for the small children. The grass is rarely cut and, when it is, the cuttings are so long that when they are left on the surface the area looks like a farmer's field for days. The gardens around the children's playground are well maintained which is absolutely great for all the dog walkers C their animals have far better surroundings to defecate in than the children have to play in - that cannot be right! Please send someone out to take a serious look at the area before an accident happens.
24.	Rather than spend on a MUGA, I would prefer the area to be landscaped or left as flat grass. The noise, ASB and disturbance would be excessive for residents nearby who have had to put up with many years of this already. If you want to build a MUGA then do so at Wicor Rec.
25.	We Would like the grass land we lost when the new community centre was built to be replaced. No to MUGA area. Due to all issues previously held due to tennis courts / basketball courts
26.	More Tree Planting, Pity about the name 'MUGA' not exactly the right message
27.	More Trees
28.	Grass the area with also flower beds
29.	What else will be done with the remaining land that the old community centre and tennis courts used to occupy? This should be returned to park land as we will have lost considerable green space otherwise.

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30.	Leave as much green open space as possible as the former site that was used to such good effect by children with footballs (grass is always better than astro to play on) and dog walkers was removed to build the supposed community centre under the premise that the land would be given back to grass and landscape and not for a facility that will just mirror what is already available at Portchester community school. As it is used very little by such a small amount of people, why not remove the bowls court and build on that if need be.
31.	Keep the park no more buildings.
32.	Leave park as is i.e. grassed area - Portchester Castle would be better used for sports etc.
33.	Yes just landscaping a pleasant area to take children
34.	I would like the former Community Centre Site to be landscaped and public open space
35.	Just Landscaping
36.	Leave it Green! Nice pleasant outlook!
37.	It would be far nicer if the area in question were to be landscaped with trees, possibly a wild flower area and also some seating and perhaps a picnic area. I feel that the MUGA will only serve to encourage further groups of youths on scooters who will continue intimidate the local residents, even worse than now, especially as you do not propose any supervision of the area.
38.	The remaining area of land not used for a MUGA needs to be available for public use so the wood and metal fences that have been put up around the new community centre and where the old community centre was need to be removed.
39.	Leave as Green Space as initially proposed add shrubs & seating or make into a rose Garden in Memory of Portchester People. As there is no plan to control the proposed MUGA use so there would be no way of preventing Hooligans of yobs abusing the area, or who had priority. There are already adequate sports facilities for at the school and leisure space at Wicor rec.
40.	Perhaps a refurbishment of the original tennis courts would have cost tax payers less money. We were lead to believe the reasons the tennis courts were pulled down was the noise to local residents, would this not cause more noise and disturbance? Regardless of the comments and

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	<p>suggestions of local residents I would assume the decision has already been made as was the decision on the community centre. ( LOOKS LIKE WE ARE GETTING A MUGA )</p>
41.	<p>See the front of this and the shaded area was the area of two tennis courts which were built in 1971. This area could have been resurfaced and provided one or two public tennis courts</p>
42.	<p>Perhaps you shouldn't have taken the tennis courts and basket ball court away in the first place - saved money by having them renovated it has got to have been cheaper than starting again from scratch!!!!</p>
43.	<p>The Basketball and northern Tennis court could/should have been utilised for this sports purpose. The high quality fence at the northern edge could have been extended to surround the area and make it secure. Giving one tennis court and another tennis / MUGA court. Resurfacing of the area could have been done for less than £20K a saving for FBC!!!</p>
44.	<p>Whilst I feel that a sports facility is required, I am not in favour of an area that only accommodates just one Playing area. The solution to my mind is a facility that allows for at least 2 activities to take place at the same time, i.e.: Tennis + Basketball or 2 Tennis Matches! I am a member of Portchester Petanque Club, closely aligned to Portchester Bowls Club and we both have no objection to the Sports facility but it must be in a position that allows our clubs to operate without interruption. As facilities increase, naturally the need for domestic back up will also increase, such as possible perimeter cover for inclement weather conditions and controlled Toilet facilities. I am aware that the Community Centre Toilet is currently used effectively by both Bowls and Petanque with limited Key Access. With the increase in the number of people that may use the facilities the present arrangement clearly would not be appropriate. Please take these points into account when planning the final design as a playing area without facilities will only cause problems for current users and members of the public. Finally as a past user of Tennis Courts etc. I would be interested to know who will be in control of MUGA whatever form we finish up with. It cannot be left unattended!! Nick Hall, Chairman, Portchester Petanque Club.</p>
45.	<p>Increase the car parking area. Provide a public tennis court.</p>
46.	<p>It would have been nice to have had a comment about the facilities before the tennis facilities were removed.</p>
47.	<p>How will the MUGA be maintained? Will it be locked at night? will there be a fee to hire</p>
48.	<p>Needs to be bookable</p>

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49.	Booking of court time. changing rooms
50.	Book them
51.	It appears that Portchester is the poor relation of the borough having very little in the way of sports facilities that are "free" to the general public; other areas have tennis courts and a MUGA!!
52.	<p>I am not happy. You have used a very old aerial view photo, which is very misleading. Your question is based on "what to build on the old community centre." As you know you have removed the old community centre, the amazing number of tennis courts and the already there MUGA and turned the area into a dirt field. You built the New Portchester Community Centre on another family friendly playing area. I understand the population of Portchester is old. I cannot believe you did all this without a Plan.</p> <p>Therefore working on the assumption that you are claver people. I would say your Plan has always been to build a new MUGA on the site of the old community centre, so you can tell everyone that you wish to help kids in Portchester. As we both know this is Pants! You are just bending to the grey vote that rule Portchester. You don't care about children – they don't vote. The New MUGA is the minimum you should build – look at what they have built for kids in Portsmouth. My kids and their kids have played in that area in Portchester for years. Looking on the bright side, you're not building flats. I am still not happy. NB Please do not send back a PC answer email saying nothing.</p>
53.	Make the MUGA bigger! If it's the size of one tennis court then how many can use the facility at once? On the old tennis courts there were sometimes up to 30 kids trying to play, and when they are involved in a game of something then they are not involved in anything unlawful.
54.	<p>It looks quite a small MUGA area to devote to so many sports and does not appear to be replacing as much space as previously given to tennis courts. Could there be 2 x MUGA courts? A small area given over for scooters/skating would be good (I know there's a skate park at Wicor), but when you have 2 kids of differing ages it would be useful to have an option for the 'tweenies' at the park. Although I'm through the toddler/pre-school age myself, I would have found it really useful to have a large flat pavement type surface/cycle track to teach my boys to ride their bikes. Teaching them on residential pavements/roadways is not suitable and bikes are banned on all the really useful areas such as seafront proms. A few picnic tables would be good too, with some shade around.</p>
55.	The multi games area would be a very welcome improvement to the park and may help to release the play park for younger children as at present it is often swamped with older children with nothing else to do. The multi sports area would give a purposeful space for older children to use. If a

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	multi games area was built then care and planning may need to be taken to ensure that the behaviour of a few does not spoil it for other youngsters who want to use it for meeting with friends and playing sports. Will the community centre have an oversight of its use? Will immediate residents have a ready access to someone to share concerns if is misuse by a few?
56.	More than 1 MUGA (Free to Use), Large play area for all Children, CCTV
57.	If you decide to include football on the MUGA, please install inset permanent goal mouths as shown in the image on last page
58.	Would the fence be curved at top to deflect balls back into the area if practical Sorry if these comments are late as I did not read of any end date for return of written reply's and comments
59.	Not football, as there are plenty of places around Portchester where football can be played on the grass.
60.	Chill out area for use between games.
61.	Please put 3 tennis courts back, they should not have been removed.
62.	Going to play tennis with my 11 year old son was one of my favourite things + we would love to be able to do that again. We used to ride our bikes to the courts + play regularly. I miss it terribly!
63.	There is a noticeable lack of publicly accessible tennis courts in the Portchester area. One new one (to replace the lost 3) is not enough for the population served
64.	Need more multi sports areas now that the tennis courts have been taken away, not all of us are pensioners
65.	Anything that will help the kids use up their excess energy would be good. You would also need good lighting in the area.
66.	Should have one play area & 3 tennis courts. We have lost our tennis facilities. People of Portchester deserve the opportunity to play this wonderful game. You won't convince me that Portchester School is happy to see people playing on school tennis courts in term time and at weekends. There is a lot of land round the new centre which could be utilised for sport.
67.	One tennis court is insufficient to run a proper club. Use of tennis courts at Portchester School will also not work for a club because access would need to be weekdays/weekends/evenings (9am-9pm) with no restrictions caused by caretaker cover, bank holidays etc.



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68.	A separate tennis court available for use throughout the day. As is provided at Titchfield and Burrige, as at present there is no public tennis court in Portchester available during daytimes.
69.	All areas should be accessible to wheelchair users.
70.	We have a good football facility at Wicor, but tennis and basket ball would be much appreciated
71.	Separate tennis courts for young people & a basket ball court, access all time we do not like having to get keys
72.	Ensure that they are available to all residents of Portchester
73.	Tennis courts, Swimming Pool
74.	Please build the Jim!!
75.	A swimming pool would be ideal for the young and elderly residents of Portchester.
76.	Toilet Facilities, other than those in the new community centre
77.	More toilet facilities.
78.	More toilet facilities.
79.	Outdoor fitness equipment
80.	Some of the play equipment needs updating/painting as looking quite shabby now. A zip wire would be a good addition also.
81.	Zip-wire, BMX Track
82.	Please bring the 9 - 12yr olds youth club back in the community centre
83.	The area has a real problem with dog owners not clearer up their dogs mess. This makes it not very nice for children to run about on the grassy areas and pathways.
84.	Lots of bins and signs regards to disposal of waste/rubbish. As this seems to be a big problem with other facilities/parks (Wicor Recreation Grounds) that have been introduced into the area. and to make sure that this
85.	Cut the grass more regularly.

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<b>86.</b>	Update Wicor recreation ground to provide some sport facilities at either site
<b>87.</b>	Extend the carpark.
<b>88.</b>	How about bowls
<b>89.</b>	Get the email address correct so that peoples' views will be properly recorded. Underscore missing in council 'have your say letter'. Cafe in park. More than one tennis court.
<b>90.</b>	NO.