



Public Consultation Document

Proposal for a New Community Hub

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1. Introduction

Romanby Parish Council is seeking the views of local residents, businesses, and community groups on a proposal to develop a new community hub **in the current sports pavilion/Parish office building at the Ainderby Road Leisure ground (ARLG)**, to be known as **The Romanby Pavilion**. The current sports pavilion section of the building (not the Parish Office), opened in the year 2000, and is no longer used as designed (although the outside toilets are very well-utilised). Sports teams do not make use of the building and changing rooms/shower facilities, and a large part of the structure is essentially dormant. This document sets out the vision, purpose, potential uses, design considerations, and funding approach for the community hub project, and invites your feedback before any decisions are made.

The aim of this proposal is to ensure that the new Romanby Pavilion would reflect the needs and aspirations of our Romanby community, both now and in the future.

2. Why a Community Hub?

Romanby is a thriving and active parish, yet many local groups and residents have expressed a need for:

- More accessible meeting and activity space
- Indoor facilities for wellbeing, arts, family and community events
- A social space for all ages, supporting community cohesion
- Flexible accommodation for clubs, societies, and enterprise

The Romanby Pavilion project is being considered as a way of meeting these needs and enhancing the quality of life within the Parish.

3. The Vision for The Romanby Pavilion

The proposed Pavilion would serve as a **multi-purpose, inclusive, and sustainable community hub**, providing:

- A central space for gatherings, classes, and celebrations
- Opportunities for residents and families to use the space for gatherings and celebrations
- A venue for local voluntary groups
- Facilities (including the wider ARLG facilities) that support both physical and mental wellbeing
- A flexible venue that can adapt to future community needs

4. Proposed Features and Facilities

While the final design will depend on consultation feedback and feasibility assessments, the Pavilion ***could*** include:

- A flexible main hall space suitable for meetings, fitness, and events
- A smaller meeting or activity room for workshops, clubs, and groups
- A kitchenette or café-style social area
- Accessible toilets and changing facilities
- Outdoor space access to the ARLG facilities and play equipment
- High-quality, energy-efficient construction meeting modern sustainability standards

5. Location and Site Considerations

The Pavilion is proposed to be located in the current sports pavilion/Parish office at the ARLG in **Romanby**, with the exact details of building conversion aspects to be confirmed following community input and technical assessments. There will be no change to the size or shape of the building, and the work will not require planning permission.

6. Potential Benefits

The Pavilion has the potential to bring wide-ranging benefits to Romanby, including:

- A stronger sense of community
- More opportunities for social connection
- Improved access to Parish Council services and facilities

- A safe space for people of all ages
- Support for local clubs, groups and projects
- Enhancements to local wellbeing
- Provision for events that currently need to be held elsewhere

7. Funding and Affordability

As the building exists already, funding will essentially only be required for internal building conversions/changes, which will hopefully keep costs reduced. The Parish Council is exploring a combination of possible funding sources, such as:

- Community grants
- Local authority funding streams
- Public fundraising and sponsorship
- Partnerships with local organisations
- Parish precept considerations
- Potential revenue from hire and activities

No commitments will be made without public consultation and clear financial planning.

8. How to Have Your Say

We invite all residents and local organisations to share their views on the proposal. You can do so by:

- Completing the online or printed consultation questionnaire
- Attending a public drop-in session (dates to be announced)
- Sending written comments to the Parish Council

Key questions will include:

- Do you support the idea of The Romanby Pavilion?
- Which facilities and features are most important to you?
- How do you think the building should be used?
- What concerns or ideas do you have?

Your feedback will shape the next stage of the project.

9. What Happens Next?

Following the consultation period:

1. Responses will be reviewed and summarised
2. Options and designs will be refined
3. A feasibility and cost report will be produced
4. The Parish Council will decide whether to progress to the next stage
5. Further consultation will take place as the project develops

10. Conclusion

The Romanby Pavilion represents a significant opportunity to strengthen community life and provide a versatile, modern space that serves Romanby residents of all ages. Your views are essential in helping determine whether and how this project should move forward.

Thank you for taking the time to participate.