

New Village Hall and Harrow Meadow



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The Hall Trustees and Parish Councillors are working on plans to provide a new hall and enhanced sporting facilities at Harrow Meadow, a wonderful setting near the village centre.

The hall's proposed location is on the north-west side of the Meadow behind the Castle Hotel and alongside the changing rooms. Access will be via Bower Lane and there will be a car park. The children's play area will be retained.

The football pitch will be turned through ninety degrees and levelled and will extend into the adjacent field. Due to the contours, earthworks will be required though it is anticipated that no spoil will be removed from the site. The changing rooms will be refurbished.

Hirers of the new hall will enjoy modern facilities with views across the Meadow. It will be possible for events to use both the hall and the Meadow.

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The Hall Development Committee has viewed several modern halls in Kent some of which have been designed by the architect engaged for Eynsford. The visits have been helpful particularly concerning the structure, design, services and finishes.

Feedback from hall users and from the recent survey has helped in designing the hall's layout and facilities. The current plans show:

- an extensive lounge with a bar/ tea station,
- a main hall with a stage and badminton court similar in size to those in the current hall,
- a kitchen more than double the size of the current kitchen,
- a meeting room similar in size to the current Darenth Room,
- ample storage for the equipment of hiring groups.

Costs for the entire scheme are being prepared and the committee anticipates a financial challenge. An extensive fundraising campaign will be mounted. The current hall site will be sold for residential development and the proposal is for three linked properties each with three bedrooms.

Harrow Meadow, which is Parish Council owned, is in the Green Belt. Halls elsewhere have received Green Belt planning consent and Harrow Meadow has the potential for splendid community facilities. These proposals will not detract from the Meadow's open-ness and rural setting. The village has no other viable site.

We hope that these exciting proposals will have the support of the community. Further updates will be issued via leaflets and the hall's website www.eynsfordvh.com.

Eynsford Village Hall Trustees and Eynsford Parish Councillors working for the community.