East Middlesbrough community facility consultation

As you are aware we have been undertaking an initial consultation on the proposed new community facility for East Middlesbrough. As part of this process we have been out talking to stakeholders of the area who have an interest in the local area.

As part of this nearly one hundred residents were involved in the consultations representing a variety of age groups and interests. Those who have took part have overwhelmingly said they would like to see a new community facility for the area. Around two thirds of respondents said they felt the facility should be based on or around the existing Southlands Centre site, with a smaller number suggesting the Berwick Hills/Pallister Park area or Park End. The Council will over the next few months be considering the results of this initial consultation and making some decisions to enable the scheme to be taken forward.

The feedback from the consultation in response to the question about the needs of the area was:

Access to Services

- Police/Street Wardens
- Job Club
- Armed Forces
- Social Support
- Sign-Posting to services
- Health Services / Clinics

Digital Access

- Gaming facilities/room
- Access to PC's
- CV Writing

Social Groups

- Bingo
- Arts/Crafts
- Café/kitchen
- Drama

Sport/Fitness

- Football
- Dance/Ballet
- Keep fit
- Team Sports

Provision for young people

- Youth workers/Clubs
- Social areas
- Evening & Weekend opening
- Play/Pocket park

Multi-purpose facility

• Fully accessible

The respondents who took part in the consultation were:

- UCA Parents and Community Board members
- UCA students Everyone Active
- Safe in Tees Valley young people
- Around fifty individual local residents
- Local Councillors
- Local businesses
- Members of Park End and Beckfield Community Forum
- Community group representatives Langridge Initiative Centre, Credit Union, Bowls group, Bingo Group