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Name	Date Received	Comments
Member of the Public	01/12/2023	As a resident of Yarmouth with children at school, I was sad to see the old school close. I would enthusiastically support the community use of the former school buildings, together with provision of a new Cub, Scout & Guide Hut on the old playing field. The provision of a new Cub, Scout & Guide Hut in Yarmouth would be a great community asset now and for many years into the future.
Member of the Public	14/11/2023	The Yarmouth Guide and Scouts Group and Supporters Association have expressed an interest within the community bid to include provision of a new Guide and Scout hut to replace the existing hall which is not adequate these days for the number of scout etc groups using it; it has no disabled facilities, cannot accommodate any visiting groups and there is no outside area for activities. The former school playing field would be ideal for use by the Guide and Scouts, adjacent to a purpose-built Guide and Scout building.
Yarmouth Town Council	01/12/2023	Yarmouth Town Council believe the playing field at the Yarmouth Primary School site must be retained for educational purposes and recreational use by Yarmouth Scouts and Guides so supports the sale to a Community Benefit Organisation. It is extremely important that it is made available to the community, as part of the overall site disposal, to allow enhanced provision of sports facilities for local Scout & Guide groups. Access to the southern end of the site is essential for this group, so they can access the Yarmouth Mill Pond inlet. This will give safe and direct access to the water, and ensure it is accessible for all groups, of all abilities, for water sport and environmental education. The outline plan discussed with IWC also specified that a smaller area of the playing field was dedicated to indoor educational facilities. This is for a local business, that proposes to run a rolling programme of 6 maritime apprentices, from modest premises, built on the northern end of the field. We trust that the exceptional community benefits included in the bid made by YTC SG are taken into account, in this consultation and looked at favourably. Our bid has resulted from a consultation with the people of Yarmouth, which highlighted their wish to retain the site for use for the benefit of Yarmouth's community. Our bid will go a long way to regenerate Yarmouth's economy following the loss of the School. Yarmouth residents have overwhelmingly supported our bid; Yarmouth Town Councillors have unanimously supported it, and our MP, Bob Seely, has supported our bid and planned future use of the site.

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<p>Maritime Archaeology Trust</p>	<p>01/12/2023</p>	<p>As Director of the Maritime Archaeology Trust, I am writing in response to the Section 77 of the Schools Standards and Framework Act 1988, consultation on the disposal of the former Yarmouth CE Primary School site playing field. The consultation requires the IOW Council to apply for consent from the Secretary of State. In 'Part 2 (L) Appropriation of school land by a local authority', as a subsection of 'Part 2: Assessment criteria and information requirements, within the guidance for playing field transactions', point 6 (f), states that 'clear and robust evidence that the land is not required for educational purposes' should be provided. While paragraph two of the IOW, Section 77 consultation document states that 'The Council does not believe that there are any viable alternative education uses for the former Yarmouth CE Primary School land nor do local Schools have a need for additional playing field provision', I wish to contest this claim. As part of the Yarmouth Community Foundation bid the playing field and associated land will continue to be used for education purposes with local IOW schools, the Guides and Scouts and for vocational training. This is an outcome that would be realised by the Maritime Archaeology Trust, who working within the Yarmouth Community Foundation, would use the facility as an educational venue, running a programme that will incorporate our award winning educational sessions in the school and on the playing field. Activities on the playing field would include wet play, archaeological artefact trails (being based around shipwreck artefacts moved from the Shipwreck Centre and Maritime Museum), survey methods (incorporating trigonometry), simulated excavation, plus wood working, flint knapping and artefact preservation for older, vocational students. The Yarmouth Guide and Scout Group will also be using the playing fields for a wide range of outdoor educational and outreach activities that would include the many other Guide and Scout Groups from across the IOW.</p>
<p>Member of the Public</p>	<p>01/12/2023</p>	<p>As a resident of West Wight, a retired teacher, and grandfather of 2 grandchildren living in Yarmouth of primary school age I consider it vital that the Yarmouth Primary School playing fields should continue to be used for educational purposes within the local community. I strongly support the Yarmouth Town Council bid for proposed community use and cannot conceive that the land could be put to any other use.</p>
<p>Member of the Public</p>	<p>01/12/2023</p>	<p>I support the disposal of the former school playing field. I would like to see it being used for the good of the local community. As a local resident and grandparent, I am in favour of Yarmouth Town Council's bid to retain the site for Community use. My own grandchildren attend Yarmouth cubs and I support the proposal for a new Guide and Scout hut on the site.</p>

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Member of the Public	01/12/2023	<p>I am a resident of Yarmouth and I would like to write in support of the disposal of the playing field attached to the former Yarmouth school. In my opinion, both the school and the playing field need to stay in community use. I support the Yarmouth Town Council's bid for the reuse of the site and believe the playing fields would make an appropriate location for a new Guide and Scout hut. Our children have both been members of Yarmouth Beavers and now cubs. It is important that the cultural significance of this site is acknowledged and it stays for use within the local community. It would be very disappointing to see the site used for inappropriate development where profit is the key motivation. It is important to support Yarmouth's bid to retain this school site, in order to help retain the town as a thriving community.</p>
Member of the Public	16/11/2023	<p>We are very concerned about the future of Yarmouth. The heart has been ripped out of the town with very little community just second homes! We need something to bring people into Yarmouth especially the young . We have very little sports facilities apart from Freshwater & the area covered between Freshwater & Newport is vast. We have a green field with goal post for kicking a ball around, but that is also mostly used by dog walkers who do not pick up after their dogs. There is no tennis, squash, pétanque, facilities for running & track sports. We feel the children on the Island are disadvantaged when it comes to training facilities. Another idea is an allotment. The school children love the gardening lessons (I know living next door to the school garden) being able to garden as a family would be good. Also It is well known its great success for mental health problems . Not to mention the cost of fresh fruit & veg. Please don't sell the land for building more second homes.</p>
Member of the Public	24/10/2023	<p>Ex-Headteacher of Yarmouth School & resident of the School House in early 70s. Witnessed the reclamation of the historic Yarmouth Town 'Rubbish Dump' which is now the school playing field. Three lines of earthenware land drains were laid 60cm below the surface - no cars were allowed onto the field for fear of damaging these drainage pipes. Suggest field is unsuitable for anything other than light sports use. It would make a splendid alternative to the present recreation ground. Better access for teams, their transport, spectators & grass cutting equipment. More accessible for scouts/guides activities etc. Car parking fees would also add to Council coffers also.</p>

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<p>Yarmouth Guide & Scout Association</p>	<p>30/11/2023</p>	<p>Our existing hall cannot provide the standard of facility that we wish to have for future use. The site is small and is limiting in terms of building size and storage space, which greatly restrict our activities. The building has acoustic and accessibility issues and critically no outdoor space. Our mission is to keep growing and developing, to be more inclusive and make a larger impact on our communities. With this vision in mind we have joined with Yarmouth Town Council's steering group, in a bid to retain the school and grounds for community use. Part of the proposal is a new Scout and Guide building, located on the former school playing field. Significantly, it would allow the playing field area to be retained for local educational use. We support the disposal and reuse of the playing field in this situation but would like to see the area saved for community and educational use. Importantly our proposal can offer this while at the same time assisting us to deliver a fun, high quality, programme, empowering our young people to make a positive contribution to society.</p>
<p>Yarmouth Guide & Scout Supporters Association</p>	<p>30/11/2023</p>	<p>Support the proposal to reuse as a proposed site to accommodate a new Yarmouth Guide & Scout facility. In recent years we have become increasingly aware that our current facilities are no longer adequate for our needs. The footprint of the hall is too small, restricting the numbers of children who can gather, the number of suitable activities available and the amount of equipment that can be stored. With our support, the 1st Yarmouth Guides and Sea Scouts have joined with Yarmouth Town Councils (YTC) Steering Group's bid to retain the school for community use. YTC's proposal includes a new Guide and Scout building with external space located on the current school playing field on the south of the site. We propose to fund the new build project by obtaining residential planning permission on our current site on Mill Rd, which we would then sell as a development. Given the historic importance of the school within the local community, it is our view that the siting of a new Scout and Guide Hall on the existing school playing fields would be an entirely appropriate reuse of the space. Through supporting our proposal of a new facility in this location, the Yarmouth Guide & Scout Supporters Association would ensure that this valuable community space would continue to support learning opportunities for generations to come.</p>