

Resident's comments	PC Response
<p>We were also pleased to see a baseline policy was included which clearly states the opening hours to be in line with the planning constraint attached. We strongly request that the updated policy is made more readily available and better publicised</p>	<p>Rules and advice are available on the PC website and are physically attached to the MUGA fencing. There are currently no plans to add to this through other permanent means, but we will issue a reminder in Roundabout, asking residents to be considerate of neighbours while arriving, using and leaving the MUGA.</p>
<p>This restriction is an important safeguard to nearby residents. How does the Parish Council, or indeed the District Council, plan to ensure this strict ruling is adhered to?</p>	<p>The Parish Council is relying on decent citizens and residents to adhere to the guidelines. It accepts the likelihood that, on occasion, teenagers or other users may abuse such rules, as they have done since the beginning of time. It is hoped that residents, including the parents of those using the facility and passers-by, will help to ensure the rules are followed by all that use it.</p> <p>The Parish Council has no personnel to police opening hours.</p>
<p>Our particular questions were - how does the PC intend to ensure that the evening closing time is enforced? and who do we contact if they are not observed?</p>	<p>The ultimate solution to enforcing opening hours would be to install 3 lockable gates and have someone come to open and lock them each day. This was considered during the original planning and design process and was regarded as a threat to the safety of children who could be locked in with no escape route, or injure themselves trying to gain access when gates were locked. The Parish Council has no resource to lock and unlock the gates on a regular basis either. Accordingly, the idea was dropped.</p> <p>As said, most people will not abuse the rules or will move on when asked to do so if the rules are pointed out to them, but if you feel there is any kind of threat posed by users of the MUGA you should contact our local PCSO (Police Community Support Officer. PCSO 7101 Richard Braddick</p> <p>St Neots Safer Neighbourhood Team St. Neots Police Station Dovehouse Close St. Neots Cambridgeshire PE19 1DS ☎ Mobile: 07921-094801 ☎ Call: 101 Richard.braddick@cambs.pnn.police.uk</p> <p>If noise is a persistent issue for residents then the District Council can be approached for assistance and guidance on whether noise levels are unacceptable and how this may be addressed: - Noise - Huntingdonshire.gov.uk</p>

	<p>If residents believe there is a breach of Planning then guidance and enforcement can be sought from HDC planning dept: - Breaches of Planning Control & Enforcement - Huntingdonshire.gov.uk</p>
<p>The Parish Council has said that they are actively promoting the MUGA to people outside the village.</p>	<p>The Parish Council is not promoting commercial use of the site; a policy had been put in place as a result of local residents wanting to use it for commercial circuit training classes if the preferred location of the Sportsfield was too wet to use. To cater for this we need a policy to ensure consistency if other requests were to be received. There are no plans for the promotion of the MUGA as a 'space for hire' by the Parish Council.</p>
<p>Will the Parish Council be seeking the assistance of Environmental Health to re-assess the implications of the greatly increased noise nuisance levels for residents of adjacent properties and the possible need for sound reduction measures?"</p>	<p>Environmental Health were consulted at the Planning stage and there are no further plans to consult again.</p>
<p>We firmly believe that you as owners have the responsibility to ensure that the noise level from the MUGA is kept to within acceptable levels (which they currently are not),</p>	<p>We have neither the budget nor resource to add gates and lock/unlock them. We do and have always used EPDM rubber spacers in our fence. Other solutions suggested, for example, sound-reducing quilted fencing or solid barriers were rejected as villagers could be upset by the ugliness of such a product, and solid barriers create a hidden space within the MUGA...and we would prefer that all that goes on in the space is visible to all who may be passing for obvious reasons. The manufacturers believe they have done all they can do but have provided a quote to repeat what they did at installation but, as there is no evidence of deterioration or failure of the original installation, the PC has no plans at present to incur further cost in this regard. Contractors recently quoting to replace elements of the play equipment commented that the MUGA was one of the quieter fencing installations they had come across.</p>
<p>Children from the school make an unreasonable amount of noise when they are allowed to play on the playing field. Can the Council not require that the Sports Field is</p>	<p>Simply put...no. The playing field is a community space with play equipment for the young. It is the policy of the Parish Council to encourage the young to use and enjoy this</p>

used by the school instead to limit the noise and disruption to neighbours?

space, and to hear them doing so brings joy and a little hope to many in difficult times. The school and playing field have been on this site long before any of us were residents and will hopefully remain actively used and enjoyed long after we have departed.

The Parish Council will, however, remind the School that their organised use of the playing field for Games lessons needs to show due consideration to neighbours who may be working from or just enjoying their homes.