

		<u>Comments</u>
<b>1</b>	<b>If there was an open space, complete with play area and parking, off Shurlock Rd would you use it?</b>	
Yes	41	<p>1. Not sure this is the best location for either village. It is also very close to the travellers sites (official and unofficial) It looks like it would just be a play area for these communities.</p> <p>2. We couldn't walk here as the footpaths from The Street in Shurlock Row are very poor and / or non-existent and I can't see that there would be anything significant enough to warrant us going here versus anywhere else where we might also be able to have refreshments etc as well if we had to use the car.</p>
No	15	<p>3. Depends how safe and clean it is and if there is a footpath or cycle way plus bike racks.</p> <p>4. Children would love somewhere in the village to play and perhaps even fish for small fish in the pond. We often go for walks from school road and would certainly walk to this new area.</p>
Not sure	9	<p>5. Possibly if the site included a permanent fitness circuit (e.g. as White Waltham and other villages have installed). Not really sure why I'd look to visit it otherwise..picnics maybe?</p> <p>6. I have two horses stabled in Shurlock Row on Hungerford lane. A bridleway around the edge of the open space would be fantastic and make it safer for horse rider (there are a lot of us in Shurlock Row). It would connect to the existing bridleway running alongside the old tip and would mean we don't need to go via Broadmoor Road.</p> <p>7. We would really like a safe bridle path along the perimeter so that myself and my children don't have to use the roads so much which are extremely dangerous</p>
<b>Total</b>		<b>65</b>

**2 How would you use the open space?Tick all that apply.**

Children's play	23	1. Not at all
Adult walking /well being	34	2. Nature watching...animals and birds perhaps
Picnic /recreation	21	3. If we could walk to it this is how we would use it.
Dog walking	26	4. We would love a play area but this is not the right place for it. A lady at the last parish council meeting suggested using part of the cricket field in shurlock road .
Other	20	<p>5. Bird watch, observing seasonal changes, herpetological interest.</p> <p>6. With good nature reserve</p> <p>7. I would not use it.</p> <p>8. Horse riding</p> <p>9. It would be amazing if there could be a bridleway round the edge - there is the bridleway past the cattery/old tip but then this links up onto the fast shottesbrooke road - this would enable us to avoid riding on this road where people drive far too fast.</p>

10. Horse riding???

11. Riding

12. If a bridle way was also included around the edge linking on to existing bridle track this would help alleviate equestrian use on the busy B3024 broad moor road

13. Horseriding

14. If there is a bridleway around it, we would hack and it would make it so much safer for us horse rider.

15. Riding if possible!

16. Hoping there may be a bridle path facility to minimise the requirement to ride on road

17. I would not use it.

18. I will not use it.

19. don't think i would unless as part of a longer walk

20. will not use

### 3 How often would you use the open space?

More than once a week

18

1. Don't like the location

Weekly

15

2. Weekly all the year round plus special visits with friends

Monthly

7

3. That would depend on what was actually there

3 or 4 times a year

5

4. Not sure but hopefully it could be a good space for children with lots of trees to climb and water they could play in. Plus water for newts etc.

Never

10

5. In the winter, everybody at the yard hacks at the weekend and in summer we hack a lot more, most days in the evening and at the weekend.

Other

6

6. I would use it daily

Total 61

### 4 How would you intend to travel to the open space?

Walk

13

1. It would need some parking areas in my view...I can't see folks from Shurlock

Row walking down there. Waltham St Lawrence folks maybe but not ideal

Would walk if there was a pavement

11

2. I would walk as an adult but would like to see a crossing and pavement for taking children. We would also cycle so would need bike racks as would others I would imagine.

Drive

13

3. Might cycle if there was a safe cycle route and cycle parking

Cycle

1

4. I would walk as an adult but would like to see a crossing and pavement for taking children. We would also cycle so would need bike racks as would others I would imagine.

None because I will not use it

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5. U

Other

15

6. Might cycle if there was a safe cycle route and cycle parking.

Total 62

7. Walk and drive.

8. All of the above

9. The plan doesn't seem to indicate any access by current or planned (new) footpaths which would seem a no brainer to include to improve access and site usage. New pavements are really not the answer in a rural environment such as ours..the existing parish pavements are hardly ever used !

10. It would be nice to walk but it is a tricky road from Shurlock Row to walk.

11. Riding

12. Walk or horse ride if permissible

13. Riding (horse )

14. Horse ride

15. on my horse

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**The open space will accrue annual running costs, e.g. mowing, upkeep of facilities. Would you be willing to pay an additional amount per annum (via the precept\*) towards these running costs? \* The precept forms part of the council tax paid by each household and is set annually by the Parish Council. It currently stands at £21.75 per annum per band D household.**

£10

23

1. Nothing at all,to fund what would turn out to be an area taken over by the unauthorised travellers site occupants!

£15

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2. We currently live just outside the parish so would be able to contribute. However We would be more than happy to pay if circumstances were different.

£0

17

3. Yes but could money be recouped by charging people that don't live in the village for parking or access?

Other

18

4. Only if provision of footpaths from Shurlock Row that 2 people could walk side by side on were included would I be happy to pay anything

5. Happily pay £5 a month if there was pavement provided.

6. The open space would not be solely for the use of residents, others would be able to use it. The borough should bear some or all of the cost.

7. The borough should pay for this as it would be open to everyone

8. £5

9. This is not a poor parish and the families who are priviledged to live here can well afford the small amount required for maintenance. Also it is a responsible act to create and maintain an area such as this as a guard against in fill and illegal occupation which costs more i.n the long run. This tiny park is about the future preservation of the parish

10. I f play area was decent and boys could fish in pond then I would be happy to pay at least £10

Total 62

11. Not really as the idea is really rather suburban

- 12. Depends on facilities
- 13. £5
- 14. £5

- 15. Even if I don't live there I would be happy to contribute money wise towards it.
- 16. Provided a facility for horse riders is provided e.g. bridle path. Perhaps small charge for use of bridle path could be made to offset costs of creating and maintaining it.
- 17. Perhaps 10% of current precept.
- 18. No

**6 Where do you live?**

Waltham St Lawrence	28
West End	3
Shurlock Row	17
Hungerford	0
Outside WSL parish	15
Total	<b>63</b>

**7 Which statement best reflects your early sentiments about the proposal?**

Strongly support	31
Support	13
Neither support or oppose	5
Oppose	2
Strongly oppose	12
Total	<b>63</b>

**8 Are there any specific concerns you would like the parish council to consider with respect to this project?**

No	22
Yes	37
Total	<b>59</b>

- 1. Access to the site, no residents in my opinion would wish to expose themselves and their children to whatever problems may arise
- 2. Misuse, litter, upkeep, squatters
- 3. The location...it is not the best. But I like the idea..
- 4. This site is only reasonably accessible by car. The village is blessed with a number of excellent footpaths already and most users would likely be from outside the village including the professional dogwalkers who currently frequent 40 Acres in West End.
- 5. Safe access from all part of the village. If used by people outside the village are they going to be charged entry as potentially villagers would be paying for it out of council tax?
- 6. Access - how would we be able to walk there from Shurlock Row? Or for that matter from either West End or WSL?!

7. I think it's a lot of money for a scheme that only a few people will use unless you truly make it accessible via foot to much more of the parish. I believe that footpaths throughout our parish are an issue and would like to see this resolved on routes such as from Shurlock Row to the parish school before money is invested in this scheme.

8. Would like parish council to ensure that paths in the area are accessible for wheelchairs and buggies

10. How much in the way of earth moving will be involved as heavy lorries are continuously going up and down next to this site at the moment ,causing tricky driving , riding and walking conditions , although the drivers are courteous they are still a hazard to horse riders and walkers because of their size on narrow road.

11. The costs should not just fall on WSL residents. It is more important to get proper, safe footpaths.

12. The borough should ensure it is free from ragwort and any other pest before transfer. Plus the borough should contribute towards the running costs because it will be used by many outside the parish. Finally we need safe pavements to get to and from the area.

13. The open space you refer to is on an extremely dangerous road , there are no paths to enable people to walk to the " play area ". Therefore you would have to drive . The entrance you are showing on the plan , leaves very little time to pull out onto the road once you leave the play area. This is a 40 mph road on difficult bends . Houses on the corner of shurlock road have asked on several occasions to have the speed limit reduced because they have difficulty exiting there driveways. But it has always been refused. I also worry about the illegal travellers site opposite I think locals would feel very intimidated to be within a close proximity of the site. We were advised by the police when the travellers first invaded our village to avoid at all times walking last he travellers site. Also works that are bring carried out on the land next door have built up such a high level of hardcore the consequence is that water runs off this high land and onto the proposed site , it is always flooded on this proposed site which is now added to thanks to by the continued dumping of hardcore

14. It would be nice if a bridleway could be added to the edge of the park to link with the existing bridleway to give the option of a return back to Shurlock Road without having to ride horses along the main Broadcommon Road.

15. To ensure the site is secure, locked at night and not easy access for a potential

16. Lack of pedestrian access to the proposed site from within the parish that the Parish maintains and spends money on and is, to the best of my knowledge, very rarely used. I can see no point in having a second piece of land where the same situation is very likely to arise.

the area must be designed with this as a priority. We do not need another football pitch as the existing one is not used. It is important to create and maintain an area such as this to ensure against further development and Incursion.

19. Illegal travellers miss treating it

20. Vehicle entry barriers to prevent dumping by trucks and access by caravans etc

21. I thought this land was going to be planted with trees, part of the Queens jubilee?

22. It is unnecessary. There are plenty of footpaths in the area which are well maintained, and this area would possibly only be used by those outside the parish - people who would pay nothing towards the upkeep. And why should it rely on volunteer help for maintenance? Sadly, there are too few people under the age of 65 who are prepared to give up any time to support ventures such as this. I say this from experience.

23. It is extremely dangerous that people speed along the roads when there are horse and riders. This will cause an accident very soon if riders had a bridle way (hunger ford lane) this would save them using the roads.

24. The opportunity to add a bridleway around the edge of the area

25. If a track could be made for riders to use perhaps around the edge to get us off broadmoor road and link to existing bridleways that would be great!

26. As a horse rider in Waltham st.Lawrence I am concerned about the ever increasing traffic we incur. If there was an 'open space' for recreation could we please have some consideration too? Ie. A track around the edge

27. I and many others would like a connection to a bridle path . This way all party's will be happy also safe , what will it take for the council to open safe bridleways . There has been many accidents how many will have to be fatal for the help we are asking for ? We can all sign put are views across but what really need is for someone to listen and make it happen . Thankyou for your time

28. New bridleway

29. Can you please put a bridleway around the open space to make hacking for horse rider safer by using a bridleway and not the road. It would connect to the existing bridleway running alongside the old tip and would mean we don't need to go via Broadmoor Road.

30. Vital that this opportunity is used to provide more off road horse riding for local riders as. The roads become more dangerous day by day. Local riders could contribute to the cost and they already bring benefits in terms of supporting local business to the area

31. Expense

32. Litter problems would arise with the ideas mentioned which would worsen the wildlife habitat. Villagers i have spoken to are happy with the amount of current walking areas such as lanes. Also more cars coming to this area will create more pollution and hence more wildlife is damaged.

33. A pond might be dangerous as someone could drown as this a unsupervised area very hidden from the road. It's also very likely to be used by the illegal residents from the travellers site nearby which would give them more of an incentive to stay.

34. Prevention of illegal habitation (i.e. travellers)? Will there be a barrier, etc. to prevent access for larger vehicles?

35. Appropriate bins for dog poop

36. Gypsy site

37. I am comfortable with providing natural open space access but I feel the inclusion of a car park and a play ground urbanises Shurlock Road and I am strongly apposed to it. Car parking from Pool Lane would be far more appropriate and less of a blight to the rural nature of our village. I live on Shurlock Road and have two small children and yet this proposal of a play ground does not feel a sensible use of Parish funds or something we would desire to use. I would suggest cutting back the overgrown hedges that exist throughout the parish and reduce visibility, force cars dangerously closer to the centre of the highway or some kind of focus on prevention or regular clearing of the ever increase plague of rubbish and fly tipping throughout our village such as on Calins Lane, would be a far more pressing issue for our local funds than this playground folly.

38. As most of the houses in the village are private i suggest building affordable housing to individuals who would be the only people appreciating the idea.I suggest also the eviction of the traveller's should have been sorted out before this plan had been researched.

39. Car park makes area too urban. Would rather pay extra for litter collection, stream and ditch clearing. Village looking ugly. This will be another area full of litter.

**9 Which of the following best describes your household?**

Working age adults, no children	18
Working age adults plus children	27
Working age adults with grown up children	9
Retired	7
Other - please specify	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>63</b>

**Written responses.**

1. I don't think the "park" is a good idea. 1. its outside the village so getting to it is not going to be easy (no footpath), therefore there will have to be parking. 2. The main users will be dog walkers (more notes from Ticket). the professional dog walkers will love it ! Village children don't seem to bother (greatly unused football pitch Milleyroad). 3. There are lots of open space walks around the village. A playground behind the Bell beer garden would work because it's central and children could get to it on their own, it could easily be enclosed. 4. There are better things to spend council money on.

3. Resident seeking clarification of play area composition and style.  
5. Car park will be used inappropriately - needles and condoms. Tables and seats will lead to picnics and litter. Car park will encourage more traffic on an already busy road. Site is water logged and unsuitable for paths. Hardstanding in greenbelt is inappropriate. General waste of money.

2. Generally against it - already enough paths, would be used by outsiders, all residents have enough garden space,

4. Fear of encouraging use by unwelcome or intimidating guests and by drug users at night.