

I would like to register my support for the plan to expand Bedhampton Community Centre.

As a resident of Bedhampton I am delighted at the prospect of having more community space. If Covid-19 has taught us one thing, it is surely the importance of community!

I already use Bedhampton Community Centre as a hired space from which to teach yoga classes and I hope to expand the breadth of yoga I offer, to include a wider demographic of the local population.

The main hall is already fully booked so I currently hold my classes in the smaller meeting room. It would be amazing to have a second large hall space to meet my own needs and those of other leaders and instructors.

I understand there is a plan to have a cafe run by volunteers - what a great idea! This will be so useful for volunteers and customers alike. I know there must be plenty of people in the local area who would like to come and help run the cafe giving them a sense of purpose and fulfilment.

One of the things my yoga students have found is that they would sometimes like to hang around after class and have a coffee and a catch up with other members of their group. Currently this means they drive to the cafe in Marks & Spencers, so I am sure they would be delighted to have a cafe in the centre.

So, yes I think expanding the Centre is a great idea and I am looking forward to it