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Good afternoon,

I have huge concerns that the outdoor sports hub has been shelved, with all the new building that is proposed alongside the new houses that are already being built, the current facilities are no longer big enough to cope. Paddock Wood is in desperate need of bigger and better facilities including a 3G pitch, a second rugby pitch as a minimum, plus many more various size football pitches and training areas, plus keeping all the facilities in one place would be more manageable, plus carbon footprint friendly. The initial thoughts for the sports hub was to also include indoor sports plus a swimming pool all in one place, so that every member of the family could join together and local clubs could have a designated home, including cafe/bar. Residents of Paddock Wood would welcome such a facility.

There is no infrastructure yet this is one of the biggest planned expansion of Paddock Wood, and at the moment it is just becoming a concrete jungle, there is no desire to live here, there are no facilities, no high street shops, the doctors and dentists are overrun and full, as are the schools, not to mention the drainage and flooding that occurs with all the new building.

Please consider promoting the town with better facilities including a purpose built sports hub which might encourage people to want to live here, and to also stay living here. I sat on the neighbourhood plan for the sports and recreation, not to mention presentations and meetings with previous borough councillors concerning this and spent considerable time discussing all of the possibilities and options going forward to help improve the expansion of Paddock Wood both now and in the future.

Kind regards

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