

Appendix B(ii) I do not support the Sheppey College proposals because

Please note comments are transcribed directly from the survey

Don't see the need for expansion

A new college. Has it already outgrown its current site? %

A relatively new campus, does it need extending. Education and further education is vital but has the existing building reached its capacity already.

I don't think the college needs extending currently, though I think more courses on marine life, ecology studies could fit hand in hand with the tidal pool. The twice-daily ebb and flow of the sea on Sheppey has the power to change the planet. Sheppey could be part of a great study if courses were on offer. I am not sure if there is an Ecology study of organisms locally but it would be great if this could be an offer. Having a tidal pool could go on to supporting new generations with knowledge on the relationship between living things and their habitats. In addition to examining how ecosystems function, and what happens when ecosystems do not function normally.

It's big enough as it is

Sheppey college is under used as it is, why make bigger premises to still be under used. This will not help the older residents of Sheerness. Nowhere in the proposals has there been any thought for older people.

The current facility could be used better

There are public transport links to various areas for college facilities. But, students could have work experience in helping to create a Tidal Pool. The Tidal Pool may also attract visitors interested in the ecology aspects of the beach life here on Sheppey. Think it's big enough

Objection but no explanation offered

Again not really a NO! Badly formulated questionnaire lol

I feel there is a focus on just vocational courses why are we not trying to rebated higher educational? Look at Chatham? The island needs to think bigger!

I'm on the fence with this one, I get the expansion of Sheppey college, they can put on more courses and have more students. However I can not see how this will improve our little island unless Sheppey college is as big as Canterbury college. I feel the college is fine as it is.

More money for where it is needed

Other than providing McDonalds with more customers and more future employees, I can't see the value in increasing the college.

This brings nothing new

This sounds the least beneficial

We need to make sure we have a quality education system on all levels

Should be paid for by EKC Group

Although I would usually support further education for younger generation, the college as a private company should be inputting a lot more fund into its business and expansion. Not a complete know but if that moves funding away from regenerating the high street for example I'd say no.

Don't they make money charging for courses?

Got their own money

Should be down to education provider to expand

Should be paid for out of education budget

The EKC Trust should be funding this.

The responsibility of the college should be the education authority and central government funding, this should not be taken from the regeneration funding, 20m will not go very far if you incorporate the college in the funding application.

College / education should expand in a different way

I personally feel that that the college can work in two places and Masters House can facilitate any college expansion.

I think the entire College needs to be rebuilt, not just expanded. The architecture is terrible, and it is the first thing you see as you enter the town by car. Rebuild the whole thing. Make it look good!

I would always support anything to do with educating the next generation, and rather than extending into the car park would suggest that you could build "up" making additional floors on the same building as to not lose any parking space but still gain expansion for more courses.

Sheppey College could multi use the sports hall at the complex, which is often dead during the day time.

Would this not be better as an extension of the Academy?

Extending the college is good but what's the point if you don't first improve the senior school for more children to achieve higher grades to get to college? Also, give youngsters something more to aspire to rather than just the same old local jobs. Get them to uni. Get them into science, computing, etc.

Would prefer a different project

A sea pool would provide year round benefits to a wide cross section of the community.

Facilities for the public and improvement to tourism would benefit the area more

Our plan for the Sea cadets HQ/Community Hub could replace this

No personal interest

Holds no interest for me

It has no relevance for me.

None of my children will be attending, regardless of their intelligence or interests.

Do not wish to see loss of car park

I am shocked to hear the car park sees so little use given how many locals claimed the temporary pedestrianisation of the high street was disruptive to local businesses.

Taking away valuable parking

The extension will lead to the loss of over 60 parking spaces as can be seen from GoogleMaps, not the 20/30 spaces as suggested at the consultation meeting on the 8/2/22. The proposals do not make it clear how the loss of parking will be compensated for and regenerating an area whilst simultaneously making it harder to access doesn't seem sensible.

Support the principal and offering suggestions to develop it

In total support. We just need to make sure that we have a matching effort in encouraging businesses into the area for people to actually work.

It would be good to extend but needs more practical courses. Not sure if the money for this regeneration should be used for this though! Should be coming from a different budget.

It's what's planned for the extension courses & are there instructors available & what commercial sectors have been researched & identified

Concerned by what this would cost to maintain

I support providing improved education services but how would the expanded space be funded on an ongoing basis?

Would prefer the bid to focus on a different geography

People at east end of island need opportunities

The money should be spent on the other projects

The money would be better spent on expanding the other projects

Do not think this will meet the objectives

This will not improve the economy of the town only the college