

Expression of Interest

Proposal to open a coffee shop in Cherry Vale Playing Fields

We would like you consider our proposal to open a coffee shop in the grounds of Cherry Vale, Ravenhill Road.

As we have been living locally on the Ravenhill Road for over 21 years and have frequented the park on numerous occasions we believe that the park would benefit from the provision of a coffee shop.

We considered the old Cricket House which is lying derelict - our intention was to restore this lovely building to provide a permanent venue to facilitate all users of the park. Following preliminary discussions with the BCC, we understand that this building is possibly condemned and may even be demolished in due course. We are also aware that there is a plan to further enhance and develop the playing pitches within the park in the next number of years and potentially an alternative building may be constructed which could have a facility for a coffee shop/café.

On that understanding we propose to erect a temporary structure within the park of sufficient quality and standard to accommodate the various groups of people who use the park. We have researched a number of temporary constructions and provide examples below.

Cherry Vale is a valuable local resource and is integral to the local community. It is used frequently by diverse groups of people, from sports clubs, families and walkers. We believe that there is sufficient activity in the park to sustain a well-run coffee shop which will supply fresh teas/coffees/soft drinks/confectionary and light snacks. The children's playground is in constant use, the playing pitches are busy at weekends and in the summer evenings and the community of walkers/joggers is ever present. We would cater for these as well as visiting teams to enhance their experience of Cherry Vale. This added amenity within the park would act as a focal point for people to meet and our research has indicated that the existence of a coffee shop would add value to the services already available.

We trust you will look at this proposal favourably.

Yours sincerely

