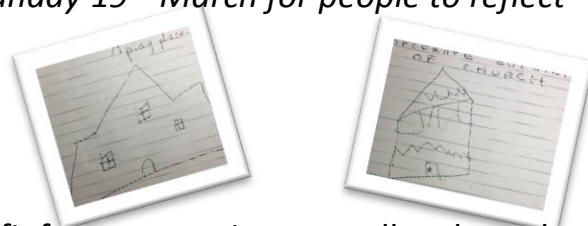


Barn Core Values: *A Jesus Lifestyle - A Worship-full life - Rock solid Relationships*

If anything was possible with our buildings and spaces, what improvements would you make to help us live out these core values and put the Barn closer to the heart of the community?

A total of 37 response sheets of ideas and pictures were handed in and are analysed below. The feedback will be a mixture of comments made prior to and after the presentation of an Architect's sketch of how a large scale development of the Barn's buildings could be developed. So the information gives an idea of a) Kirk Session's representation of the congregation's outlook, and/or b) The congregation's response to the ideas presented, and c) an indication of the presence (or not) of a God-blessed sense of unity for a buildings vision. This feedback is also an initial response. There will be an open afternoon on Sunday 19th March for people to reflect and share their views more fully.



Top 10 ideas (number of times repeated in brackets)

1. Completely re-vamped Kitchen (14)

There was a strong view that the current kitchen is NOT fit for purpose, is too small and poorly laid out. Whilst a well thought out layout can make a huge difference and should be a factor in any new kitchen, the space and location of the current kitchen makes any improvement as is, virtually impossible. This raises the question of alternative locations for a new one.

2. Develop Car Park (14)

Everyone who made this comment, agreed there needs to be a hard standing car park as soon as possible. Disabled parking spaces are a legal requirement, but some felt there should be provision for parent and child parking spaces too. Footpaths should also form part of a design and should improve visibility of the church from the front.

3. Café Space (13)

A dedicated Café Space seemed a high priority with numerous suggestions as to its use and environment. These include: Provision of toys for children, Monday-Friday Café Church, advertising of other ministries/activities, must be a flexible space, drop-in, lunches for elderly, cyber café, wifi hub, intergenerational I.T support, drop-in recycling to build on GBFGA, glass fronted for two-way visibility, facility to meet and encounter and bring God's presence to the life of the community, suspended coffees/lunches to help those in need, soup kitchen, outreach cafe for teens twice a week.

4. Outdoor/Enclosed Play Area (8)

Many felt this should be a facility particularly suitable for Creche and Kinderland. Others suggested it be suitable for adults too, and expanded the idea to include garden and sports spaces too from Basketball to Tree Climbing.

5. Additional Meeting rooms (5)

A number of folk felt we need to essentially double our small room provision (i.e Barn Centre Rooms, and a room suitable for 25-30 people. Others though additional rooms could serve as break-out spaces for Sunday Club, and for use by Social Work and NHS for small clinics and

family visits etc. There was a suggestion to have the facility to convert these to house spaces, with shower facilities for visiting missionaries/teams.

Of the most popular ideas so far, the proposed draft plans address 1-3 very well already. When the land acquisition from Highland Council is soon completed, we will have plenty space to consider developing the popular Outdoor Play area idea, but the scope and cost of this would need be considered and prioritised from scratch. Whilst there is a large (Hall of Friendship style) room proposed in the sketches, the merit and possibility of additional smaller rooms (and suggested uses) warrants further discussion. The current rooms are not yet used to capacity and as yet the Barn Centre is not included in plans for major changes.

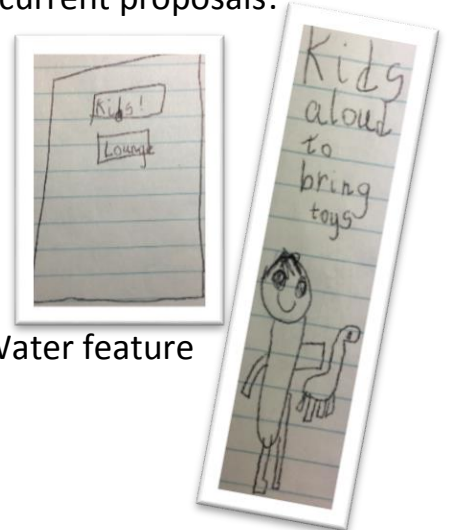
6. Outdoor (flat) seating area (4)
7. Increased storage space (3) – particularly for Kinderland toys
8. Improved Sound System (3)
9. Increase use of buildings by community groups (3)
10. Improved lighting (either natural or artificial) in the New Barn (3)



As with 4, Outdoor seating could be addressed as a new part of development plans. 7-10 would be either part of or significantly improved as a consequence of the current proposals.

Further popular ideas (2)

- Completely re-vamp toilet spaces (included in proposals)
- Activities and spaces suitable for youth (after school etc.)
- A dedicated room for Prayer Ministry
- Streaming of services to the Creche
- Games room (or at least equipment to be used in other spaces)
- Vegetable/Flower Garden/Allotment, Prayer garden/labyrinth, Water feature
- Kids Lounge / Playroom (plus useful for end of service)



More unique ideas

- Improved signage/access at rear of church towards The Avenue
- A completely new structure, encasing the Old Barn at the centre of it (currently too many bits and multiple 'Barn' names is confusing)
- Join the space between the New and old Barns
- Improved heating and air circulation
- Creche area behind glass with piped sound (off main church)



Ideas that could be implemented either now or as part of a large building project

New Barn interior walls painted to make the space brighter (roof too?) - Library / Bookshop (we now have a library almost set up) - Better use of back stage area (de-clutter) - Improved entrance space - Safety gates to protect small children on Sunday's (after services) - Movie nights - Sunday Club trips - Space (time) for silent prayer after services - A water dispenser.

The Kirk Session look forward to hearing more feedback on 19th March. Please be assured too that a few concerns/comments regarding funding, partnership, phasing, feasibility, sustainability and relationships etc. will be passed on to an eventual Project Team and/or Kirk Session for further consideration in due course. Let's keep dreaming, praying and discerning for now!!! *(Plans and digital walk-through can be viewed in the church or at barnchurch.org.uk)*