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It seems Coldstone Cross and Lowfield Meadow area basically the Bottom end of kingstone village.
 Seems to get a field piled with soil to create a bike track and all the top end seems to get all the fancy memorial gardens with flowers and Benches etc.
 Maybe could it be considered for the garden to come down the bottom end of the village.
 Surely as a village there as to be more than one choice when these ideas are put forward.
 May be the open space at the Doctors surgery could be a nice place.
 Where people could go to remember their loved ones.

While welcoming the development of an open community garden for the village, I would like to point out that the village community already join together on Remembrance Sunday. This service held either in the church or weather permitting, outside at the war memorial is always well attended by families who come to hear the names of all the local servicemen lost in WW1, WW2 and more recent wars and those who wish to pay their respects. The service incorporates the two minute silence and is usually attended by members of the British Legion. The church is decorated with poppies, and wreaths and individual tributes are placed around the cross outside.

I am certain villagers will enjoy the garden when it is developed especially if there is seating available.

There has been no literature through the doors in White House Drive or the surrounding areas adjacent to the proposed site to make people aware of this proposal.

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Parking – where are people visiting the site going to park? In the past allotments have been proposed on this piece of ground but the idea was turned down due to parking issues and access issues - so not really sure what the difference is in this case.

Anti-social behaviour – there are already problems with this in the church porch area in the evenings with one recent attempt to set light to the porch. Benches on the proposed site could potentially become a temptation too, and suffer the same fate.

People coming home from the pub already use this land as a walkthrough.

Trees – how tall will these grow, and will they affect our light?

Whilst the proposal is a lovely idea, I do not feel it has been properly thought out for the reasons stated.

We think it important that residents of Whitehouse Drive are kept in the loop, so to speak. It would be helpful to access all information readily.

Love it! Great idea for a blank space.

Covenant on area – Whitehouse Drive? Has this been removed?

No consultation before

Height of Trees – shading of gardens

Will it attract anti-social behaviour

Design look very good. Hopefully it will be a great asset.

Entry path to ensure access for disabled persons, i.e. direct connection to the existing pavements.

Can the name ‘Orchard’ be included in the Memorial Garden. Historically the land was an orchard.

Proper path as it is now all around.

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<p>Create a sculpture story leading through the garden and into the village.</p> <p>Local Sculptures for added decoration.</p> <p>Really Wonderful, looking forward to the gardens.</p> <p>Owing to the risk and fear of overnight unwanted guests the area of land is very limited to what can be safely put or planted.</p> <p>Any seats have to be clearly visible from the road for ease of surveillance.</p> <p>The only seats should be placed in the memorial garden area. No play equipment but hopefully in the future nest boxes / bird cameras / hedgehog houses / weather station.</p> <p>Memorial Stone as you enter from the road with a couple of seats and a small garden area. This is to be the formal garden.</p> <p>From the Oak Tree a semi-circle or rectangular area of small wood like trees / shrubs with simple wild flower planting and spring bulb area to attract birds and hedgehogs – all low maintenance, making the Oak Tree the feature.</p> <p>Limit tree planting with height no more than 6 or 8 feet, possibly incorporating fruit or something to feed and attract wildlife.</p> <p>Suggestion of a ‘Hopscotch’ patch – low maintenance, cheaper and engages all age groups and less overbearing.</p> <p>No objection to rejuvenating the orchard area. Cost concerns when s.106 could be spent more wisely for the whole community. The original plan could be scaled down.</p> <p>Who will maintain the area.</p>	<p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p>		<p>1</p> <p>1</p>			
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We are emailing as we are objecting to the proposed plans for The Orchard, Whitehouse Drive, Kingstone.

As far as we are concerned, this Orchard is in our House Deeds as covenanted to the houses surrounding it and we have not been consulted as to change of use.

It is not a piece of wasteland or scrubland as referred to at the recent AGM of the Parish Council. It has always been used as a play area by the children of Whitehouse Drive and after them, the grandchildren of residents and now the great grandchildren.

The nursery uses it regularly, as do walkers.

To us, the proposal seems the wrong sort of development.

Who is going to maintain it?

Who will monitor the height of the trees, so that the surrounding houses are not overshadowed?

Is there going to be water on the site for maintenance?

Why is it dedicated to Madley? Albeit, Madley Airfield played an important role in in World War II, it was in Madley village.

With trees providing cover, the Orchard will end up as an area that cannot be overseen from the road or surrounding houses, which in turn will cause problems from undesirable activities, which is unfair to the houses surrounding it. People from other areas of the village do not know how much it is currently used and any undesirable activities will not affect them.

Madley has its own memorial in the Church plus a village cross. The British Legion has always held a service each Remembrance Sunday in Madley Church.

An oak tree was planted as a commemoration of the late H.M. The Queen’s Jubilee and if there were, possibly, a few small trees planted alongside it, with an area of wild flowers for pollinators, this would enhance the area and still leave space for children to play. If proper perimeter paths were laid, people could walk dogs and apart from regular mowing (which is currently done), it will require little maintenance. If it was felt that a memorial was needed, a stone could be set into the area.

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My response to the proposed Memorial/Remembrance Garden on land adjacent to WHD and Church View more commonly known by the residents of Kingstone as The Orchard
 Please note my comments relate to the document submitted to the Parish Council at their February meeting. We were informed this is the plan and this is what you are getting – if items/buying preferences have been altered/amended since the submission of the document my comments have not included these changes. Should the committee wish the changes to be included perhaps an amended document should be presented to the public for consultation.

This piece of land is the Designated Green Space for WHD - see the NDP and despite what the PC say apart from the Playing Fields this area is used quite a lot probably more so than other green spaces in the village! Many people choose this route when walking to avoid the no pavement areas of the C1221.

Oh Little Acorns Nursery will miss this very safe area for the little tots to do what little tots do walk run play have a little picnic on the grass fly their kites. A joy to watch. These little tots are our future! The younger children of the area love to play a bit of football mess around and learn to walk learn to ride their first bikes - all in the knowledge they are safe! This area is favoured by many dog walkers they find it to be safe and without dogs running off lead - not all off lead dogs are under control! .

I do so hope that all who voted in favour of this proposal actually read the document and studied the facts prior to voting.

The lack of a discussion with the residents of Whitehouse Drive and adjoining properties prior to the item appearing on the PC Agenda leaves me speechless - I have lived here for 30 years and many have been here for 40 years if not more. I find the whole consultation process to be totally lacking very poorly presented and then to be told at the PC meeting this is the plan this is what you are having is nothing short of a disgrace and not good practice. So much for working with the community! I find it all contemptible.

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Not everybody has access to the internet – are there any hard copies of the document available for viewing? To display pretty pictures and the opening page is misleading to everybody! It should have been accompanied by a covering sheet explaining where the money is coming from/cost of project and an itemised list of costings where poss/cost of maintenance and who will be paying, it is irresponsible to put this document out for consultation without the full facts and not fair on the public to expect them to comment without the full facts. There was no initial consultation with the residents of Whitehouse Drive and adjacent residents who would also be affected. Surely this should have been the very first step when planning this garden and probably a matter of courtesy.

The 106 monies are from the Whitehouse Drive new development which despite my reservations has fitted in very well. It sticks a bit that this money is being spent on something not many of the WHD residents actually want or think necessary. It was the residents of WHD who had a couple of years of noise traffic dust and upheaval so we should benefit from the 106 monies shouldn't we??. . Have the residents of WHD and adjoining properties been treated with the respect and kindness that they rightly deserve - I think not.

In response to the Vice Chairman's comment at the Feb meeting regarding play equipment yes there are 3 areas of play equipment the foot journey is fairly precarious along the C1221 so distance wise is not really worth it for a 10 minute play to placate a child.

Are the paths chair/push chair friendly? The metal and plastic edging on the flower beds are they child friendly or less able bodied people friendly?

What is happening at the entry points how will these be defined?

106 monies relate to the Whitehouse Drive development and to quote "Contribution to provide new play facilities or to enhance existing play facilities in the locality". Have other sectors of the community been made aware of the availability of this money?

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<p>Should the householders with properties facing onto this land have a legal agreement from the Parish Council stating who is liable for what? It is all fine until somebody decides to move house then questions may well be asked. A document in place would suffice and save time for one and all.</p> <p>Please explain the process of selecting a Garden Designer - did this go out for tender or was it personal recommendation. I am surprised a local designer was not selected who would have been more ofay with the climate/the habitat/the neighbourhood and what plants work etc. There are excellent nurseries/plant suppliers close by who would have advised on what is best suited to the climate of Kingstone.</p> <p>Please explain the selection process for gathering tenders for the actual work that is required. Must admit I was a little alarmed that the designer had suggested 3 contractors to contact so that the spokesperson would know he was not being ripped off!</p> <p>Please explain the selection process for the Working/Steering Committee how many meetings have been held and make public any notes made following the meeting/s</p> <p>The oak tree that is already there is a Queen Elizabeth Oak Tree planted in celebration of the late Queen Elizabeth’s 90th birthday. The tree was sourced and planted by the then lengthsman Paul Wright. This was paid for by the Parish Council. I have asked the PC if this can have a plate to say why it was planted but as yet that request has not materialised.</p> <p>All utilities require 24/7 access to this land see Deeds.</p> <p>Vehicular access by the residents looking out onto the land is required for fence maintenance.</p> <p>Allotments were refused by the Parish Council - a few local residents asked for this area to be made available for allotments. The late Rev Claire Dyson asked for this land to be made available for an overflow car park for the church this was also refused on the grounds of access/exit on/off the C1221 and increased traffic.</p>	<p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p>			<p>1</p>	
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Householders were refused permission to extend their gardens by no more than a foot.

The residents of Whitehouse Drive have thus far enjoyed a level of security and been able to sleep soundly at night we know roughly who is walking around and when. We even know who is walking around at 1000 at night with a torch. We will no longer know who or when somebody is roaming around and with the naughty youth element this will only worsen it will become an open invitation for night partying as recently experienced in the Church porch. The supporters of this proposal are still safe in the knowledge that their security and privacy remains the same.

Should the PC's on the steering/working party have declared an interest at the PC meetings?

No doubt a water pipe will be fitted at what cost and who will be paying for the water used? Well a good supply of water will be required who will be meeting the cost of installation and running costs?

What effect will this have on the PC insurance and will it affect the householders insurance?

Each tree planted by the PC becomes the responsibility of the PC. How much will the maintenance cost be and who will pay this? Just taking away the garden/tree waste will be substantial. Who is responsible for paying for this?

At the Feb PC meeting there was little point in asking me if I had any comments after the 9 PC's had taken their vote and there was only my vote left.

Has any discussion been held with the Vicar.

The land in question has been the responsibility of the PC for many years and anybody with any knowledge of land will know unless carefully maintained will know it quickly reverts. Councils in general do not have a good history of property maintenance. In fairness Doug Addis is contracted to mow this land 6 times a year so it will never be cricket pitch standard. Careful regular mowing would soon bring this patch of grass back up to standard.

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I also suspect the climate further south is slightly more clement (in fact this was confirmed on the news the other day) and yes leaves may well still be on the trees In Kingston but am not sure that is the case in Kingstone - it is all very weather dependent and that is something none of us can change!

I would suggest a 2nd plan is produced by a local garden designer - this 2nd plan should be a scaled down plan and just offering up the basic requirements keeping it more affordable and in line with the area. If at a later date people want to add to it then so be it. I am pretty sure the objectors would take more kindly towards it.

The Parish Council voting in favour of this project does rather take away any bargaining power they may have had with any organisation looking for a donation - people do not understand where money comes from. Yes the bulk of the expenditure may well come from 106 monies and a tree grant but that money still has to come from some place but little thought has been given to just how much this is going to cost the PC for maintenance which at this stage can only be estimated.

The Memorial stone will not come cheap I would hazard a guess it will cost something in the region of £8000 another needless extravagance. I personally would prefer to see this type of money being donated to injured service personnel of which there are plenty or a reputable youth mental health charity. To spend this amount of money whatever it's source on this project is sinful and grossly irresponsible - yes remember the dead but cherish the future!

Of course there will be a huge support for this proposal people will look at the pretty pictures but should they not ask themselves would I want that in my backyard and lose the tranquillity, peace and security! I hasten to add this would be the last place I would go to when seeking solace!

Is this garden proposal really good use of public funds?

Will all the community benefit from this proposal?
The proposed design will have an unacceptable impact on existing housing adjoining the site and it is without question over bearing..

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Anybody interested in the Madley airfield can access it quite easily by following this link without spending a small fortune in an attempt to replicate it thus https://www.ewyaslacy.org.uk/Golden-Valley/Digital-Archive-Photograph-of-the-Runway-layout-at-Madley-Airfield/c-1944/rs_gdv_0133

I do find it very odd that so much is already being arranged tenders/quotes being sought prior to even the most basic of consultation requirements have yet to be met - also odd that updates in the Tracking the News(local rag) and updates at each PC monthly meeting - is this not cart before horse syndrome?

Whilst there is no question that the Parish Council own this land our deeds still show that the residents looking out onto the land are the owners. We have never received a legal notification stating any change in ownership. For info this land was snaffled off the residents for the princely sum of £1 using the loophole in the Land Registry. This land is already a place of sanctuary peace and tranquillity, why take that away from the people who already enjoy it for what it is - you know no land is waste land (my brother who is a farmer made this comment and he is quite correct).

Why put loads of paths on a greenfield space and as I said many years ago when I was not a Parish Councillor but Harry Cleveland was chairman you know He aint making any more - think about it then you will understand!

This elaborate fussy proposal is not needed and surplus to requirements! Should this proposal be approved I cannot help but feel that it will create discord within the community which will have a detrimental effect on any future objectives the Parish Council may have.

I write as one of those whose property overlooks the proposed Memorial Garden. I congratulate the Council members for their vision and hard work in bringing matters to this stage. As I look at the proposal I wonder if this is not one of those cases in which "less is better".

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Any person involved in farming or gardening will know that last year was an appalling year for land maintenance.

Both the land next to the Village Hall and the Seven Site Playing Fields would be better sites for this Memorial Garden where there are parking facilities and by arrangement toilet/tea/coffee making facilities. The proposed site has no parking facilities and no toilet facilities apart from 20 no 21 trees!

Please explain what process/processes will be used to prepare the site ready for cultivation - will it be a mechanical process/will sprays be used(if so name the spray and how will drift be avoided?) Is the existing grass to remain the design does not make it clear whether the grass remains or whether it is cleared and replaced with the "very low maintenance" grass turf that has lovely seed heads and sways in the wind! I would be fascinated to know what grass remains tidy after just 2 cuts per year. The old meadow turf that I have seen online all contain wildflowers and is horrendously costly to buy and lay. Please let me have a link to the proposed turf. Or perhaps grass seed is to be sown if so the area will be closed off for a period of time - this is not acceptable! Please clarify timescale/action plan.

Now the trees ah the trees 20 trees costing according to my calculations nearly £10000.00(ten thousand pounds) even with a grant this is a ridiculous amount of money to pay for trees. Grant money is still coming from some place and probably some other probably considerably more needy cause. The trees are not indigenous - British trees could be selected at a fraction of the cost. The trees selected are not ready for despatch until November which from previous experience is normal practice and the best time to plant trees is March. The height of the trees is not 3m or 4m as has been quoted so many times. They may well be 3 or 4 metres high when planted but trees grow if not they die! Please check the table of trees in the doc some reaching 24 metres. The average 2 storey building is 10 to 12 metres!! I question the distance from the fences the trees are to be planted this needs professional advice. The noise level the trees will cause during a storm will be horrendous and frightening for some me included. The trees selected by the garden designer by their very nature are obviously very specialist and probably more suited to the more experienced gardener. Will the trees detract from natural daylight this also needs clarifying. I note some Japanese trees have been selected my uncle was a Japanese prisoner of war he was eventually released but in a very poor state and eventually died of alcoholism.

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Very few trees have been chopped for housing developments please name a few areas where trees have been removed. House developers are obligated to plant trees to negate loss of tree. Note the new part of WHD/Cottons Meadow/The Deans/The Grange.

Whitfield Estates are undergoing a vast tree planting programme all local to Kingstone.

The flower borders are fussy and missing some obvious plants - poppies and Rosemary a plant known for remembrance and memory. No spring flowering bulbs. No garden is low maintenance I can assure you!

Are the paths permeable? It does concern me that with the amount of trees and quite heavy topped trees and the amount of hard standing paths where the water will go - this land does have a slight slope - water has to go some place is another problem being created? Needs checking out prior to any planting.

On a personal note the mental anguish this proposal has caused me has been immeasurable to the point some days I am too afraid to go for a walk in my area for fear of verbal confrontations. No person should be left feeling like this whatever their belief. Due to confidentiality I have not been able to discuss this with the people who matter to me but hopefully now that the papers have been made public some of this burden will be lifted off my shoulders. The post I put on Facebook informing the residents of an item on the agenda I did nothing wrong I waited for the agenda to be released to the public and highlighted an item that concerned the residents. I pointed out that I had not seen the plans merely because I did not want a weekend of people asking me what this was all about.

Just to clarify this is Kingstone a rural village in Herefordshire not Kingston upon Thames which presumably is a more affluent area of the UK. Our needs are simple needs. We just need good pavements good road surfaces good internet services a pub a shop a doctors a bus route a church and a village hall constant water pressure a few useable safe play areas for the little ones good schools and good safe nurseries. There is a need for an area to be made available for the youths of the area to congregate and perhaps one day there will be inspiration on that front. The bike track, whilst it may well satisfy the needs of some of the younger it obviously is not fulfilling all the need aka parties in the Church porch.

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I think I have counted eighteen trees in the proposed Memorial Garden, in addition to the existing oak tree. Since the overall space is relatively small, my fear is that, when the trees are fully grown, there will be an enormous amount of shade and little direct sunlight. Since the number of days in the year when we wish to escape the sun altogether is comparatively small, I would suggest that a reduction in the number of trees is desirable, thus giving more of a balance between sunlight and shade.

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Positive	8
Neutral	50
Negative	14
Height of trees / shading caused	10
Worry about anti-social behaviour	8
Parking	2
Location	4

Proposed Memorial Garden Consultation Results

