Stantonbury Neighbourhood Plan, Reg 16 consultation responses

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As a resident of Bancroft Park, I would like to firstly say that I agree with the plan as a whole. It is very detailed and easy to read.

As I am only a resident of Bancroft Park, I can ultimately only comment on SNP15 as this directly affects me.

With regards to SNP15.A (The visitors centre):

Is a visitors centre a suitable use of funds? The MK museum is 1/2 mile away which could contain more information about the roman villa, or, rather than driving traffic to the museum surely the funds would be better spent improving the current plaques installed at the villa alongside actually preserving the remains?

Overall, I am happy for the plans to increase awarness about the roman villa and its history. I just don't believe building a visitors centre to be the best solution.

With regards to SNP15.B (The neighbourhood play facility):

Surely this wasn't thought through? The existing play facility at the other side of the park by Bancroft Pre School has just completed a full refurbishment. Why does this not suffice? What would another play facility, that is not located near any existing paths/parking bring to the area? Especially at the detriment of the existing "orchard".

Has security been addressed? The potential for anti-social behviour? Lighting which would affect residents which back onto the park, like myself? The extra vehicle traffic to a cul-de-sac or having to build more parking on existing green spaces?

If you're determined to add community facilities, why not regenerate the allotment from the few apple trees into something like a community garden/vegetable patch?

The existing play facility on Bancroft Park could probably use some attention rather than building another one.