We need your help to better understand what your community wants and needs.

Please see overleaf to discover how...
Southborough Town Council, Tunbridge Wells Borough Council and Kent County Council are working together to develop a Southborough Community Hub in the heart of the town. This facility will seek to provide a hall/theatre, library, flexible community spaces, council offices and a separate football pavilion.

The aim is to improve Southborough high street and maximise the benefits of the new development for everyone. Funding for the project will be obtained through the provision of new housing on part of the Ridgewaye fields and after its completion, the remainder of the fields will be protected against any future development.

In order to address the traffic issues, £1.7 million has been secured from central government to improve the A26 junctions at Yew Tree Road and Speldhurst Road to ease traffic congestion. In tandem with this, parking issues will also be addressed.

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**Where is the Southborough Community Hub site?**

The Hub site includes the Royal Victoria Hall (RVH), 137 London Road (Council Offices), c0.6 hectares of the Ridgewaye field to the rear of the RVH, Yew Tree Road Car Park and the Ridgewaye buildings themselves.

The project may also benefit from using adjacent plots, which are currently owned by Tesco and Lloyds Bank and negotiations with these neighbouring landowners are ongoing.

**When will the Hub complex be finished?**

The three councils are aiming to submit a planning application in late 2015 and it is hoped that construction will commence in 2016. Final delivery of the project will be subject to planning applications and consultation with the local community, local organisations, contractors and the aforementioned landowners.

**What is happening now?**

The partners have agreed to setup a Project Board comprised of three elected members who will oversee and make decisions on the project. Currently architects are working up options for the site in more detail.

Designs will be presented to the public and available for feedback in due course.

For further information on the project, please visit the Southborough Town Council website: [www.southboroughcouncil.co.uk](http://www.southboroughcouncil.co.uk)

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**We need your help!**

In order to move forward with the designs, we need your help to better understand what your community wants and needs, to ensure that the Hub is a success, for now and for the long-term future of Southborough.

A questionnaire has been pulled together to help us understand what is needed and valued by the community. If you want to help shape the design and function of the Community Hub, please fill it out online at [www.kent.gov.uk/southboroughhub](http://www.kent.gov.uk/southboroughhub)

Alternatively if you don't have access online, please collect a hard copy from the Council Offices or contact Brenda Wickens the Town Clerk on 01892 529176 who will be happy to send you a hard copy to fill in and return to the Southborough Town Council offices on 137 London Road, Southborough.

Please ensure you have completed and submitted the questionnaire to us by the 23 June 2015.

If you know anyone who might be interested, even outside of Southborough and High Brooms, please let them know about this opportunity. If you would like to be kept up to date about the project as it progresses, please email jonathan.white@kent.gov.uk with your contact details.

Thank you for your time and we are very grateful for your feedback.

Jonathan White – Project Manager