



House of Commons
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Dear Cranbrook Resident

Re: Cranbrook Community Hub and Town Centre Regeneration Plans

When Cranbrook's council offices were demolished in 2011 several local organisations lost a home and the town lost a cohesive hub for its community. A campaign for a new centre has been running ever since, firstly under the banner of the Weald Centre Group and later under the Parish Council, aided by Cllr Seán Holden and myself when needed all along the way.

A marvellous opportunity is now before us; a new purpose-built Community Hub in the centre of town could be built upon land generously donated to the Parish Council by a private individual. But the viability of the Hub project is dependent upon infrastructure funded by an adjacent mixed-use development in the derelict Cranbrook Engineering site off Stone Street, owned by the same person. The two projects go hand in hand.

We are now at a watershed moment. To enable their regeneration project to proceed the developers have submitted an application to demolish the buildings on the Cranbrook Engineering site, save for one Grade II listed structure. An application and a subsequent appeal to Historic England for the listing of other buildings on the site was rejected earlier this year. The demolition application goes before the Planning Committee on 11th November 2015 who must then take a decision about what is more important to the community; the preservation of the existing buildings or the benefits that a regenerated town centre and a new Community Hub could provide the residents and traders of Cranbrook.

Your views are important and I will convey them. Overleaf is a short survey for completion and return to me at The House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA or scan and email the completed survey to me at helen.grant.mp@parliament.uk

I hope to hear from you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Helen".

MP Outreach survey

**TAKE A MINUTE AND
SHARE YOUR VIEWS
WITH YOUR MP**

Your name: _____

Your address: _____

_____ Post Code: _____

**Do you feel that the premises on the former
Cranbrook Engineering site off Stone Street should
be preserved as buildings of historic interest?**

**Or should they be demolished to enable a plan to
proceed for the regeneration the town centre and the
creation of a new community hub?**

Preserved Demolished Undecided

Please tell me your reasons;



The Stone Street premises in Cranbrook that are being considered for demolition



Structure presently on Wilkes' Field - the proposed site of Cranbrook's new Community Hub



Computer generated image of the proposed new Community Hub on Wilkes' Field

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Computer generated image of the town centre regeneration plan; Community Hub - top left, existing George Hotel - bottom right (white).

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