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Have your say on Bockhanger community space

Residents of Bockhanger will have a chance to discuss future plans for a new community space when a virtual consultation event is held on Wednesday 29 September.

This is a revised version of the public consultation event that was due to be held at the Phoenix Community Primary School on 14 March 2020 that had to be cancelled at the last moment due to growing concerns about the COVID-19 pandemic.

The virtual consultation will pick up from where things were left and discuss the next steps. The event is organised by Ashford Borough Council and Kennington Community Council. Join us online from 4.45pm, the event will start promptly at 5pm and will be closed by 7pm.

Anyone wanting to join the virtual consultation via a Teams should click this link below:

[Bockhanger Community Consultation Event – Attendee Link](#)

Background (*below is a media release issued in March 2020, a week before the aborted public consultation event at the Phoenix school*)

In a clear sign of the strength of public interest, nearly 600 people living in the Bockhanger, Bybrook, Kennington and Little Burton areas of Ashford took part in a survey on the future provision of community spaces.

Residents are now being urged to attend a community consultation workshop on Saturday 14 March at the Phoenix Community Primary School to help shape what happens next.

Postal surveys were distributed as part of a major public consultation being led by Kennington Community Council in partnership with Ashford Borough Council. The consultation follows the demolition of the Bockhanger Community Centre in spring 2019. The consultation aims to understand what is required by residents, community groups and businesses, and examine what facilities already exist in the area and what they offer.

Organisers were delighted to receive nearly 600 completed questionnaires and the responses are now being analysed before the findings are presented to residents attending the Phoenix workshop. The event at the Phoenix will identify key priorities and as a result, a report with recommendations will be presented to a Full Council meeting of Ashford Borough Council

The public consultation process was launched in response to calls from the community, expressed in a 1,700 name petition, to replace the old centre with alternative facilities.

For more information about Kennington Community Council visit
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