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Tenterden Town Council
Town Hall
Tenterden

For the attention of the Town Clerk

Dear Phil,

Major Town Projects

In the last year there have been major impacts on the High Street shops and businesses as a consequence of Covid-19 and associated periods of lockdown. Several shops have closed down, both local and national, and it is probable that we will see more business failures in the coming months. A significant proportion of the footfall of shoppers in the High St is now replaced by internet shopping and deliveries by white vans. In these circumstances I feel it is important that TTC focus its attention on how it can best support the vital role of the High Street in the economic success of the town. What will best draw people to the town to spend their money and support local shops which provide employment, especially for those in the younger age groups?

With this in mind, I should be grateful if you could give an update on the status of the major projects (Recreation Ground, Town Hall, Cinema) the Council is currently pursuing, together with the estimated cost of each project. Can you advise how much each of the projects is expected to draw on the £3.5 million proceeds from the TENT1 land sale and other funds available to the Council.

In order that the residents can be made aware of how the funds are being used, can you please also advise how much of these funds has been spent to date and for which specific purposes.

Whilst TDRA committee support all of the projects in general, I think the timing of implementation of projects and allocation of funds between projects should take due account of the magnitude of the potential contribution they can make to the regeneration of the High St.

Yours sincerely


Alan Bates
Chairman TDRA