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## Update - March 2015

The Steering Group is continuing its work after a very well-attended open evening on 5<sup>th</sup> February. This gave both supporters and objectors the chance to have their say and we have taken on board all of the comments and suggestions made.

Understandably there is concern about the location and sensitivity of the site which we fully recognize. We have had useful preliminary discussions with the planning authorities and we'll shortly be extending these discussions to include the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Beauty Unit. We have also committed though, to make fresh enquiries to see if an alternative can be found. We understand that the ex-Naafi site at Lower Compton, often suggested as a suitable alternative site for a new hall, is not likely to be available but we will continue to investigate sites to the west of the village.

In the meantime we are progressing with the requirements specification and design work. To support the cost of that we were delighted last month to be awarded a grant from the very supportive Area Board. We still need more though and are continuing our search for further funding.

For now there is lots to do. We continue with our consultation and welcome a growing band of volunteers to help us. If you would like to make any comments or suggestions or volunteer your services you can always get in touch HERE.