**EBC Village Survey Response Submission from HRA**

[this was submitted as an *electronic survey* – however some of the free text submitted has been copied below for information below]

**Re:** [**EBC 123 C I L areas of possible funding list**](http://www.elmbridge.gov.uk/documents/detail.htm?pk_document=24160) **HRA response to the** [**consultation**](http://www.elmbridge.gov.uk/planning/apps/Draft123List.htm#sthash.UkRKBUbu.dpuf) **between 6 September and 4 October 2013. –**

Thank you for consulting on the council’s thoughts for what might be funded by the community infrastructure levy - please find attached comments from the Hersham Residents Association

Relevant extracts copied below:

**Q 20 +**

**Please place any comments you may have on Q.20 in this box**

On behalf of the Residents Association not a business - (consensus views at a committee meeting on 17 / 9 /13). Note several of the 'unsatisfactory' were marginal. The chair of the group felt that perhaps more could be done to promote Hersham Green shopping centre - and also that some of the empty shops could be used for exhibitions etc to attract more footfall. At many meetings of the HRA have questioned whether rents are too high in the H Green centre. There was general support for a 'pending' coffee shop due to move to the centre. There was agreement that it is a shame there was no bank or similar in the village and that a broader range of shops would be a positive thing for Hersham.

**Can you provide any suggestions on what you feel would improve the town/village centre?**

Special events involving the community held in the central areas of the H G Centre - (in the past such an event has been held near Christmas - but I wonder whether this could be expanded - and also held at other times of year). Is there potential for EBC helping the HRA to make arrangements for a farmers market or something similar on a regular basis perhaps. We would be open to any suggestions etc where we could potentially work together on that sort of idea which might help promote Hersham and also at the same time create some 'community engagement'

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