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Portskerra, Melvich,  
Sutherland, KW14 7YJ



Outcome of community engagement on  
design options for Melvich Community Hub  
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## 1. Introduction

From our consultations to date, it has been determined that a like for like replacement village hall for Melvich would not meet the medium to long term needs of our community.

The new Melvich Community Hub design is trying to appropriately incorporate the needs highlighted by all stakeholders, provide much needed infrastructure, and help us address needs highlighted in the [North Sutherland Community Plan](#) and the [Caithness & Sutherland Plan](#) (CaSPlan).

The result is the new community hub will be a larger facility than the old Village Hall. This will provide more flexibility for activities/events and day-to-day use of the Hub, including revenue generating opportunities.

We are working to ensure that it is designed in a manner that is sustainable for our community to support in the long term and be inclusive for everyone. The new building will also incorporate a far superior toilet block as part of its footprint, so it will appear bigger than the old hall (but the current public toilet block will be removed when the new Community Hub is available for use).

A Draft Outline Design Brief for the Hub was prepared and shared with Melvich Community SCIO members at a hybrid meeting in early July 2022 for initial feedback. The majority of the feedback received was positive and confirmed that the needs of our community now and in the future are likely to be met based on that specification. Amendments to the details in the draft outline design brief have been suggested by some members and these are being considered as we update the outline design brief.

Four different building footprint options have been prepared based on the approximate number of rooms needed and room sizes. There are pros and cons with each of the design options. This initial work has confirmed that there is adequate space in the field area being purchased for any of the four options to be constructed.

Over the weekend of 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> September 2022, Melvich Community SCIO hosted open days at the Halladale Inn (North Coast Touring Park) for anyone to come along and discuss the feasibility of each of the designs proposed. This event was publicised to our local community in our September 2022 community update leaflet which was hand delivered to every household in the Melvich Community Council area. We also promoted the event on our website, to our email subscribers, and on our social media channels (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram).

Melvich Community SCIO were keen to understand our community's thoughts on the options before committing to progressing with one specific option.

Our architect team had manufactured a wooden scale model of each of the four options to help attendees visualise the different options on the planned site. We also had scale drawings of each of the four options available to discuss with the

attendees. Those attending the open days were asked to complete a short paper questionnaire.

Attendees were told in advance that at this stage we do not have detailed interior drawings of rooms and layouts. They were told that this detail will be worked out in the later RIBA Stages.

All four of the design options plan to use the site of the former village hall as part of the car parking provision with the new community hub located back from the main road.

There is approximately a 7m height difference between the road level and the top of the land that we are in the process of purchasing. It is important that the new Community Hub is inclusive and accessible for all. The slope on the proposed site is a significant issue and it has been recommended that the site be excavated to create a level area that provides easy access for people of all abilities.

A key benefit of lowering the site ground level to the road level is that the visual impact of the new facility for the neighbouring properties is significantly reduced for all design options. This will also help shelter the facility during periods of high winds from some directions.

There are pros and cons with each design option. The various aspects requested by our community can be accommodated in each of the four design options. At this stage, we have been trying to work out the most suitable shape and building form to take forward from the feasibility stage to the more detailed design phases.

Participants were told that the appearance of the community hub exterior will not look exactly like any of the four wooden models and there will be changes to the shapes/sizes as the design matures however the models give a good indication of how the building form might fit onto the site.

Attendees at our 2 day in person consultation event provided feedback to us on the design options using the paper forms provided however it was recognised that not everyone was able to make it along during the in person consultation event.

To give others in the community an opportunity to provide feedback on the design options, Melvich Community SCIO also shared the design information electronically through various mechanisms (Melvich Community SCIO email distribution list, on our website blog and on our social media channels (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram)) and sought feedback on the designs through an online survey. We requested that all electronic feedback be left by 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022 on the online survey tool.

All of the information in the physical questionnaires completed by individuals attending the consultation event was transferred into the online survey tool as written. This provided a simple mechanism for collating all of the data which has been used in this report.

**In section 2 below is information on the four design options presented to our community as part of this consultation.** In other sections of this report, is the raw

data gathered during our mixture of in person and online consultations on the Melvich Community Hub design options.

**The consultees who responded, on average, were in favour of option C.** Option D was a very close second favourite.

The information contained in this report will be shared with Melvich Community SCIO's architect team as part of reviewing option C prior to taking it forward to the next stage. There were various features of the other options that the consultees commented on and these thoughts will be taken into consideration as part of finalising a slightly modified version of option C to take forward.

Once the land purchase is complete then the next stage will be to submit a Pre-planning Application to the Highland Council based on a slightly modified option C.

The pre-planning application process should help confirm the feasibility of our proposal and de-risk the next stages of the community hub project as it will help answer questions that we have in relation to the extent of car parking provision required.

**We would like to thank each and every person who took the time to participate in the consultation.** The thoughts captured on the various design options presented have been very useful and informative.

We would also like to thank [The Halladale Inn](#) for providing the space for us (and providing refreshments) to perform our in person part of the consultation.

The rest of this document presents summary statistics of the responses received along with the various detailed comments. This information will be used to inform our next steps and will be used as evidence in support of grant funding applications. (Note: Names, addresses and email addresses have been redacted so as to not release information which some individuals may not want published.)

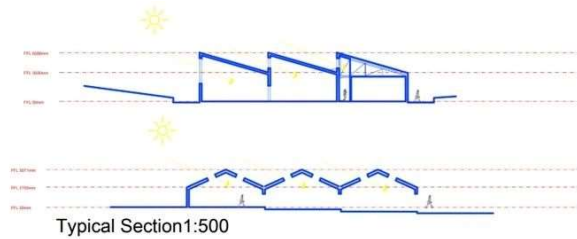
## 2. Design options for Melvich Community Hub

### Option A: Single storey



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Plan Key:



All Accommodation arranged on a single, ground floor storey. Organised into 3 functions (Hall, Storage, and meeting spaces) These 3 spaces can sit along the slope or against it and would be divided into 3 separate 10 m buildable units.

Pro's:

1. No upper floor, does not require either lift or staircase
2. Single storey would require less circulation

Cons:

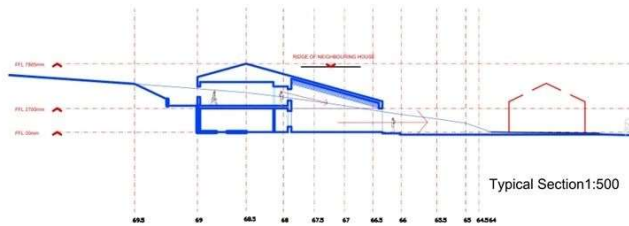
1. Large overall site footprint. Least external space around building
2. Limited natural daylighting to centre of plan. Sections as shown would score poorly in form factor calculation.
3. Has deep plan and would require the site to be largely levelled.
4. Complex building form and large floor plan would not score well in Passivhaus assessment.

## Option B: Back to back



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Plan Key:



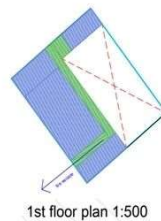
Storage and meeting spaces are stacked over 2 storeys and sit along side the larger volume Community hall. Community Hall is to the front of the building. Storage and meetings to the back with meeting rooms overlooking hall. As per option A, the construction is split into 2 separate buildable units sat next to each other

Pro's:

1. Compact footprint, allows more of the site to be used for external use
2. Less Site Cut
3. Reduced escape staircase requirement
4. Right angle forms sheltered external space
5. Potential roof terrace over hall
6. Building form would score very well in Passivhaus assessment.

Cons:

1. Over 2 storeys will require an increase in circulation as well as vertical circulation and a lift within the building.



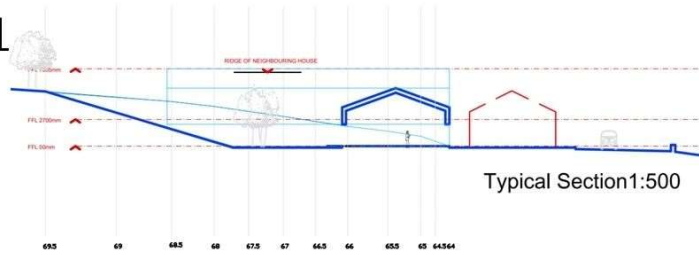
## Option C: L-shaped 1



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Plan Key:

- Community Hall
- Tables/Plant Storage
- Meeting rooms
- Circulation
- Main entrance
- Kitchen
- Retaining structure
- Green space/community garden
- ▲ entrance



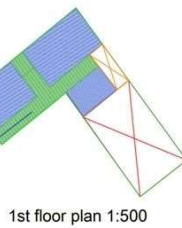
Storage and meeting spaces are stacked over 2 storeys and sit at right angle to the Main Community Hall and form a terraced courtyard. Again the Hall sits at the front of the site with views out across to the sea.

Pro's:

1. Compact footprint, allows more of the site to be used for external use
2. Less Site Cut
3. Reduced escape staircase requirement
4. Right angle forms sheltered external space
5. Potential roof terrace over hall
6. Building form would score well in Passivhaus assessment.

Cons:

1. Increased circulation over 2 floors
2. More complex building form

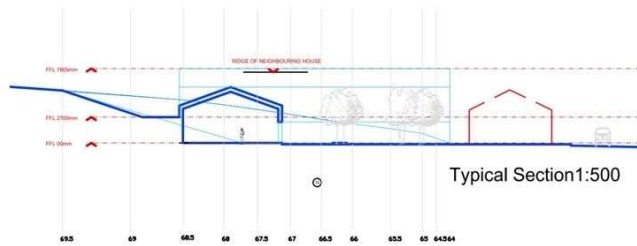


## Option D: L-shaped 2



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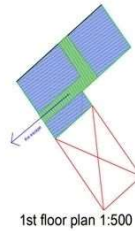
Plan Key:



Storage and meeting spaces are stacked over 2 storeys and sit at right angle to the Main Community Hall. Hall to the back of the site, forming a protected courtyard garden to the front of the building.

Pro's:

1. Compact footprint, allows more of the site to be used for external use
2. Less Site Cut
3. Reduced escape staircase requirement
4. Right angle forms sheltered external space
5. Potential roof terrace over hall
6. Building form would score well in Passivhaus assessment.



Cons:

1. Increased circulation over 2 storeys
2. More Complex building form



### 3. Information on Respondents

1. Name			
Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Open-Ended Question	100.00%	39
INFORMATION REDACTED			
		answered	39
		skipped	0

2. Where are you from?			
Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Achiemore	0.00%	0
2	Armadale	0.00%	0
3	Baligill	0.00%	0
4	Bettyhill	2.56%	1
5	Bighouse	0.00%	0
6	Brawl	0.00%	0
7	Craigtown	0.00%	0
8	Croick	0.00%	0
9	Dalhalvaig	0.00%	0
10	Forsinain	0.00%	0
11	Forsinard	0.00%	0
12	Golval	0.00%	0
13	Kirkton	0.00%	0
14	Melvich	28.21%	11
15	Portskerra	58.97%	23
16	Reay	0.00%	0
17	Strath Halladale	5.13%	2
18	Strathy	0.00%	0
19	Thurso	0.00%	0
20	Tongue	0.00%	0
21	Trantlebeg	0.00%	0
22	Trantlemore	0.00%	0
23	Upper Bighouse	0.00%	0
24	Other (please specify):	5.13%	2

## 2. Where are you from?

	answered	39
	skipped	0

Other (please specify): (2)

1	07/10/2022 16:41 PM ID: REDACTED	Laidnagullen
2	10/10/2022 08:46 AM ID: REDACTED	Inverness but currently building a house in Portskerra.

#### 4. Scoring given on the options by the respondents

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**Option A (Single storey).** All accommodation arranged on a single ground floor storey. Organised into three functions (hall, storage and meeting spaces). These three spaces can sit along the slope or against it and will be divided into three separate ten metre buildable units.

**Option B (Back to back).** Storage and meeting spaces are stacked over 2 storeys and sit alongside the larger volume community hall. Community hall is to the front of the building. Storage and meetings to the back with meeting rooms overlooking hall. As per option A, construction is split into 2 separate buildable units sat next to each other.

**Option C (L-shaped 1).** Storage and meeting spaces are stacked over 2 storeys and sit at right angle to the community hall and form a terraced courtyard. The hall sits at the front of the site with views out towards the sea.

**Option D (L-shaped 2).** Storage and meeting spaces are stacked over 2 storeys and sit at right angle to the community hall. Hall to the back of the site, forming a protected courtyard garden to the front of the building.

Scoring: 0 = Strongly dislike, 5 = No preference, 10 = Strongly like.

Item	Average	Min	Max	Std. Deviation	Total Responses
Option A (Single storey)	3.69	0.00	10.00	3.06	39
Option B (Back to Back)	4.77	0.00	10.00	2.84	39
Option C (L-shaped 1)	6.77	0.00	10.00	3.26	39
Option D (L-shaped 2)	6.23	0.00	10.00	3.28	39
				answered	39
				skipped	0

It should be noted that all four options scored both zero and ten depending on the preferences of the respondents. A more useful measure of the preferred option is to use the assigned average scoring and option C is preferred by the community.

The graph shown in figure 1 below illustrates the average scores for each of the design options and the error bars marked are for 1 standard deviation above and below the average.

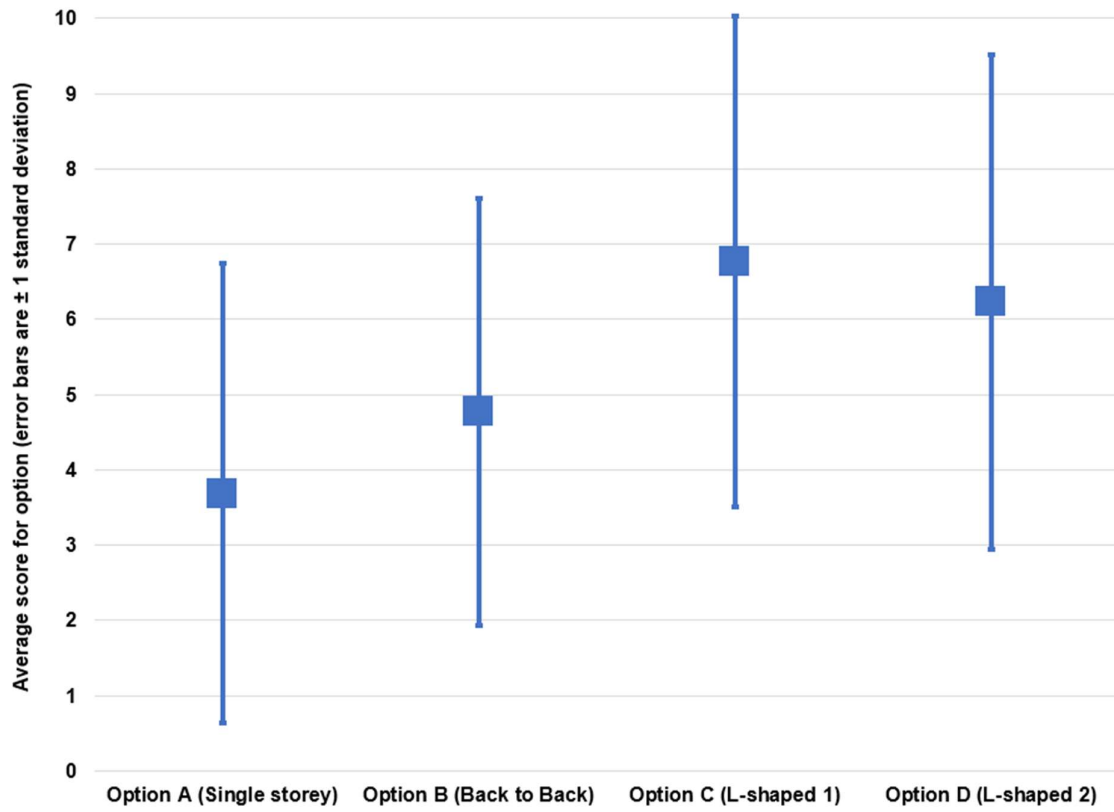


Figure 1: Summary of the average score for each option with  $\pm 1$  standard deviation shown.

## 5. Specific comments given on Option A

4. OPTION A (Single Storey). What do you like about this option?				
Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Open-Ended Question		100.00%	30
1	25/09/2022 21:37 PM ID: 200068535	The design is very eyecatching!!		
2	25/09/2022 21:55 PM ID: 200068918	The building design		
3	26/09/2022 09:48 AM ID: 200080777	It would work		
4	26/09/2022 10:42 AM ID: 200085819	Nothing		
5	26/09/2022 10:46 AM ID: 200086152	Roof shape allows max area for solar panels.		
6	26/09/2022 10:49 AM ID: 200086425	Nothing :-(		
7	26/09/2022 10:55 AM ID: 200087042	I like the single storey idea but not in a shed type design. U shaped seems better as you could have one side of the view for public toilets.		
8	26/09/2022 10:58 AM ID: 200087354	(Limited daylight could be remedied by light tubes.) No lifts - easier access - less maintenance.		
9	26/09/2022 11:05 AM ID: 200088133	Single storey accessibility		
10	26/09/2022 11:23 AM ID: 200089858	Large main hall.		
11	26/09/2022 11:26 AM ID: 200090251	Single storey, accessibility.		
12	26/09/2022 11:30 AM ID: 200090663	Everything accessible to all - mobility issues		
13	26/09/2022 11:33 AM ID: 200090951	On one level.		
14	26/09/2022 11:35 AM ID: 200091164	Easy for disabled		
15	26/09/2022 11:43 AM ID: 200092040	Single storey better access.		

#### 4. OPTION A (Single Storey). What do you like about this option?

16	26/09/2022 11:49 AM ID: 200092638	One level, easy access for infirm people.	
17	26/09/2022 11:51 AM ID: 200092798	Nothing!	
18	26/09/2022 11:53 AM ID: 200093020	Nothing	
19	26/09/2022 11:56 AM ID: 200093356	The "wave" effect	
20	26/09/2022 11:57 AM ID: 200093498	Not my favourite	
21	26/09/2022 12:03 PM ID: 200094087	Looks too much like farm buildings / factory buildings	
22	26/09/2022 13:51 PM ID: 200104159	I like that it is bumpy	
23	26/09/2022 15:52 PM ID: 200118286	Perhaps the foot fall would suffice if it were to be proposed for the existing site. Building costs would be lower than other options. I scored 1 as I do not think it matches the vision for our new hall.	
24	26/09/2022 17:37 PM ID: 200130224	I like how it looks like 3 buildings and has doors.	
25	07/10/2022 16:41 PM ID: 200965671	I think the single storey is the best option as it is not so imposing on the surrounding area.	
26	08/10/2022 14:12 PM ID: 201001623	Less imposing Lower height Nice one floor layout	
27	08/10/2022 21:52 PM ID: 201012385	It's on a single level.	
28	08/10/2022 23:34 PM ID: 201013989	I find it hard to visualise what the overall look of the building would be so not sure what I would like about it. I would think single storey would be good if it wasn't too tall but I don't think that is the case with this building so not sure I could even say that is a like.	
29	09/10/2022 20:26 PM ID: 201038260	It's a single storey. Don't need two storey hall.	
30	10/10/2022 08:46 AM ID: 201048087	Size maybe.	
		answered	30
		skipped	9

## 5. OPTION A (Single Storey). What do you NOT like about this option?

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Open-Ended Question		100.00%	31
1	25/09/2022 21:37 PM ID: 200068535	Least space outside		
2	26/09/2022 09:48 AM ID: 200080777	Large footprint. Not an efficient use of space. Considerable abutting with cut in area. I think building walls close to bedrock walls is creating problems for the future - a dank space that accumulates rubbish and threatens damp issues.		
3	26/09/2022 10:42 AM ID: 200085819	Visual appearance. Does not flow well.		
4	26/09/2022 10:46 AM ID: 200086152	Looks like an industrial warehouse / shed		
5	26/09/2022 10:49 AM ID: 200086425	Dislike the shape. Footprint too large.		
6	26/09/2022 10:55 AM ID: 200087042	I think that it maybe a bit dark! An outside community garden is missing too. Maybe set further forward to allow area at the back?		
7	26/09/2022 10:58 AM ID: 200087354	Slightly less outside space.		
8	26/09/2022 11:03 AM ID: 200087826	Doesn't make the most of the views. Many dark areas in the building. More corridors required (dead spaces).		
9	26/09/2022 11:05 AM ID: 200088133	Cost of heating the area.		
10	26/09/2022 11:13 AM ID: 200088901	Boring appearance. Lack of natural light - creating rooflights causes issues with H & Safety re cleaning, access etc.		
11	26/09/2022 11:23 AM ID: 200089858	Dark interior.		
12	26/09/2022 11:30 AM ID: 200090663	Could obviously get more stuff if over two stories		
13	26/09/2022 11:33 AM ID: 200090951	Takes up too much room on ground footprint.		
14	26/09/2022 11:35 AM ID: 200091164	Units would be smaller.		
15	26/09/2022 11:39 AM ID: 200091566	Do not like the structure of this building. Looks like a giant shed !		
16	26/09/2022 11:43 AM ID: 200092040	Hard to maintain - heat. Bigger "Foot print"		

## 5. OPTION A (Single Storey). What do you NOT like about this option?

17	26/09/2022 11:49 AM ID: 200092638	Too segregated.
18	26/09/2022 11:51 AM ID: 200092798	*everything.
19	26/09/2022 11:53 AM ID: 200093020	Too much like an industrial building
20	26/09/2022 11:56 AM ID: 200093356	I worry that in reality it would look like a factory
21	26/09/2022 11:57 AM ID: 200093498	Too big looking
22	26/09/2022 12:00 PM ID: 200093750	Don't like design from outside
23	26/09/2022 15:52 PM ID: 200118286	Sorry this buildings roof line would be out of character with the surrounding properties. The increased plot justifies a larger building.
24	26/09/2022 17:37 PM ID: 200130224	It has no balconies to let you see a view.
25	06/10/2022 20:49 PM ID: 200910283	It is to big and there is no need for a hall that big in the community
26	07/10/2022 16:41 PM ID: 200965671	I don't like the roof design or the size, I think it is too big for the village requirements.
27	08/10/2022 14:12 PM ID: 201001623	Sawtooth roof does not suit local environment
28	08/10/2022 21:52 PM ID: 201012385	Design of the roof. Looks very industrial. Far too big.
29	08/10/2022 23:34 PM ID: 201013989	The overall size. I feel it is too large for the location/setting it is proposed to be in. I think it will overwhelm the proposed site rather than fit nicely. If the site was very large and in a location without houses surrounding it then it would look completely different. I also think that due to the size of the building it has a more industrial look/feel which is not suitable for the site or surrounding area, I think it will look very out of place. I also don't feel there is a great need for a facility of such a size in the local area with some of the things being proposed, I worry a lot of it won't be used regularly which would be a shame. I feel a facility would be good for the community to have but something that is in proportion with the surroundings and the amount of people that live in the area and something that won't be imposing on local residents that live close by. When the hall was knocked down and there was talk of a replacement it was pretty much a like for like that was discussed and I understand that may not be possible but what is being proposed is extremely different from the old hall and I feel like maybe somewhere in the middle of the old hall and these huge, in comparison, buildings would perhaps be more appealing.
30	09/10/2022 20:26 PM ID: 201038260	Not keen on the roof profile. Seems very big. No need for lots of office space.



**5. OPTION A (Single Storey). What do you NOT like about this option?**

31	10/10/2022 08:46 AM ID: 201048087	Too industrial. Poor natural light in the central building.		
			answered	31
			skipped	8

## 6. Specific comments given on Option B

6. OPTION B (Back to back). What do you like about this option?				
Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Open-Ended Question		100.00%	26
1	25/09/2022 21:37 PM ID: 200068535	The potential for roof terrace.		
2	26/09/2022 09:48 AM ID: 200080777	It would work. The 1st floor viewing area seems attractive perhaps.		
3	26/09/2022 10:42 AM ID: 200085819	Meets requirements.		
4	26/09/2022 10:46 AM ID: 200086152	Clean simpler lines		
5	26/09/2022 10:49 AM ID: 200086425	Possibility of roof terrace.		
6	26/09/2022 10:58 AM ID: 200087354	Smaller footprint than A so more garden space. Upstairs would have views over bay.		
7	26/09/2022 11:03 AM ID: 200087826	Separate toilet block, but unsure.		
8	26/09/2022 11:23 AM ID: 200089858	Large main hall.		
9	26/09/2022 11:30 AM ID: 200090663	Probably the cheapest option to build as one rectangle footprint		
10	26/09/2022 11:33 AM ID: 200090951	Like the idea of a roof terrace.		
11	26/09/2022 11:35 AM ID: 200091164	Seems very compact		
12	26/09/2022 11:43 AM ID: 200092040	Compact. Hall facing front - as previous building. More traditional.		
13	26/09/2022 11:49 AM ID: 200092638	Shape and layout of the building. More sociable layout.		
14	26/09/2022 11:51 AM ID: 200092798	because it has 2 storeys.		
15	26/09/2022 11:53 AM ID: 200093020	I like the roof shape		

## 6. OPTION B (Back to back). What do you like about this option?

16	26/09/2022 11:56 AM ID: 200093356	Quite a straightforward design - not sure if that's a good thing or not though.	
17	26/09/2022 12:00 PM ID: 200093750	Traditional build	
18	26/09/2022 12:03 PM ID: 200094087	Probably cheapest to build. Would probably have largest floor area.	
19	26/09/2022 13:51 PM ID: 200104159	I like the slidy bit	
20	26/09/2022 15:52 PM ID: 200118286	Again may have been an option for the original plot. It has a more pleasing roof line. I scored it 4 .	
21	26/09/2022 17:37 PM ID: 200130224	I like that it looks like some sort of factory. I like the entrance door location.	
22	07/10/2022 16:41 PM ID: 200965671	I do not like this option.	
23	08/10/2022 14:12 PM ID: 201001623	Has a nice look, more discrete. Roof line not as imposing. Similar look to agricultural buildings in the area.	
24	08/10/2022 21:52 PM ID: 201012385	If I'm being totally honest, I don't see any attraction with it.	
25	08/10/2022 23:34 PM ID: 201013989	I find it hard to visualise what the overall look of the building would be so not sure what I would like about it.	
26	10/10/2022 08:46 AM ID: 201048087	Not a fan.	
		answered	26
		skipped	13

## 7. OPTION B (Back to back). What do you NOT like about this option?

Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Open-Ended Question	100.00%	29
1	25/09/2022 21:37 PM ID: 200068535	Can't find anything I actually dislike! Not helpful, I know.....	
2	26/09/2022 09:48 AM ID: 200080777	Again considerable abutting to bedrock	

## 7. OPTION B (Back to back). What do you NOT like about this option?

3	26/09/2022 10:42 AM ID: 200085819	Looks too industrial.
4	26/09/2022 10:46 AM ID: 200086152	Just like any other hall anywhere. No character !
5	26/09/2022 10:49 AM ID: 200086425	Dislike shape. Looks quite boring.
6	26/09/2022 10:55 AM ID: 200087042	I think that it maybe a bit dark! An outside community garden is missing too. Maybe set further forward to allow area at the back?
7	26/09/2022 10:58 AM ID: 200087354	Needs lifts. Possibility of roof terrace.
8	26/09/2022 11:03 AM ID: 200087826	Too many corridors.
9	26/09/2022 11:13 AM ID: 200088901	Its uninspiring.
10	26/09/2022 11:23 AM ID: 200089858	Looks big.
11	26/09/2022 11:30 AM ID: 200090663	Less attractive to look at
12	26/09/2022 11:33 AM ID: 200090951	Too blockish.
13	26/09/2022 11:35 AM ID: 200091164	Do not like the design
14	26/09/2022 11:39 AM ID: 200091566	Takes over site. Don't feel there would be room to put many planting boxes around to take edge off the utility type building.
15	26/09/2022 11:43 AM ID: 200092040	Stairs. Access for disabled need both stairs & light.
16	26/09/2022 11:49 AM ID: 200092638	Not clear how to access green social space.
17	26/09/2022 11:51 AM ID: 200092798	nothing!
18	26/09/2022 11:53 AM ID: 200093020	Low passivhaus score.
19	26/09/2022 11:56 AM ID: 200093356	A bit too basic when we could have a more interesting design.

## 7. OPTION B (Back to back). What do you NOT like about this option?

20	26/09/2022 12:03 PM ID: 200094087	Harder to divide up.	
21	26/09/2022 15:52 PM ID: 200118286	The shape perhaps looks a bit like an agricultural shed.	
22	26/09/2022 17:37 PM ID: 200130224	I would prefer the 2 storey section to be at the road side rather than behind the hall so that I can see the view.	
23	06/10/2022 20:49 PM ID: 200910283	It is to high and large for a community of this size	
24	07/10/2022 16:41 PM ID: 200965671	It looks like a large shed.	
25	08/10/2022 14:12 PM ID: 201001623	2 stories. Height.	
26	08/10/2022 21:52 PM ID: 201012385	Looks very industrial, like a farm shed. Not what I'd expect to be built in a very prominent area in the village. The two stories are not necessary. Seeing the model in comparison to the house next door is quite alarming. Too big for village requirement.	
27	08/10/2022 23:34 PM ID: 201013989	See answer for option A.	
28	09/10/2022 20:26 PM ID: 201038260	Looks very industrial. Like a farm shed. Roof top line looks very high and the whole building looks out of place beside the bungalow next door.	
29	10/10/2022 08:46 AM ID: 201048087	Not very architecturally pleasing.	
		answered	29
		skipped	10

## 7. Specific comments given on Option C

8. OPTION C (L-shaped 1). What do you like about this option?				
Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Open-Ended Question		100.00%	33
1	25/09/2022 21:37 PM ID: 200068535	Sheltered courtyard		
2	26/09/2022 09:48 AM ID: 200080777	It would work. The design creates a safe and enclosed outdoor area to the back which could be a great asset for esp. childrens groups		
3	26/09/2022 10:42 AM ID: 200085819	Visually appealing. Secure outside seating area.		
4	26/09/2022 10:46 AM ID: 200086152	Like the idea of an enclosed courtyard.		
5	26/09/2022 10:49 AM ID: 200086425	Like shape and outside courtyard. Courtyard will be sheltered.		
6	26/09/2022 10:55 AM ID: 200087042	I like single storey community private garden at the back. The hall at the front will give more light.		
7	26/09/2022 10:58 AM ID: 200087354	NOTHING		
8	26/09/2022 11:03 AM ID: 200087826	Double storey.		
9	26/09/2022 11:09 AM ID: 200088513	I like option C with terraced courtyard away from the road. Nice to have some outdoor space. Smaller building. Neater footprint.		
10	26/09/2022 11:13 AM ID: 200088901	A more flexible option re workspace / letting space. I like the garden / option of courtyard - good for weddings. Use a retractable awning.		
11	26/09/2022 11:23 AM ID: 200089858	Good outdoor space.		
12	26/09/2022 11:26 AM ID: 200090251	Access to outside		
13	26/09/2022 11:30 AM ID: 200090663	Outside space at back. Good for kids groups to play outside at weekly clubs.		
14	26/09/2022 11:33 AM ID: 200090951	Everything. Love the courtyard idea. Safer environment for children.		
15	26/09/2022 11:35 AM ID: 200091164	Great design, good for safety of children with court yard.		

## 8. OPTION C (L-shaped 1). What do you like about this option?

16	26/09/2022 11:39 AM ID: 200091566	This has an area that can be used by various users. Especially safe for children to be in.
17	26/09/2022 11:43 AM ID: 200092040	Compact
18	26/09/2022 11:45 AM ID: 200092205	Private gardens area round back for partys to sit outside not near road.
19	26/09/2022 11:49 AM ID: 200092638	Idea of courtyard offering privacy outdoors for functions reducing congrigation in the car park.
20	26/09/2022 11:51 AM ID: 200092798	2 storeys!
21	26/09/2022 11:53 AM ID: 200093020	The courtyard area, tons of options with this added space.
22	26/09/2022 11:56 AM ID: 200093356	Very sheltered area
23	26/09/2022 11:57 AM ID: 200093498	The shelter at back.
24	26/09/2022 12:00 PM ID: 200093750	Like the layout
25	26/09/2022 12:03 PM ID: 200094087	I would prefer it as a U-shape. You could keep public toilets separate. As L-shaped you would have protected quadangle.
26	26/09/2022 13:51 PM ID: 200104159	I like the outside bit
27	26/09/2022 15:52 PM ID: 200118286	This would sit very well in our new plot. I particularly like the outside area to the rear which provides privacy from the passing traffic and pedestrians. I like the softness of the sloping roof line. I like the L shape layout. I like that the bank would still be a green area rather than a container for the building to sit in. I have scored it 9.
28	26/09/2022 17:37 PM ID: 200130224	I like the L-shaped and it is pretty cool. I like that there is a little area that you can play in. I like that there is a bit more of the hill slope not dug out.
29	07/10/2022 16:41 PM ID: 200965671	This design on a smaller scale and single storey would be more suitable for the village.
30	08/10/2022 14:12 PM ID: 201001623	Proposed garden seating area. Good access to new toilets
31	08/10/2022 21:52 PM ID: 201012385	I don't think it's suitable or required for our village.

### 8. OPTION C (L-shaped 1). What do you like about this option?

32	08/10/2022 23:34 PM ID: 201013989	I find it hard to visualise what the overall look of the building would be so not sure what I would like about it.	
33	10/10/2022 08:46 AM ID: 201048087	Using the best of the natural environment. Sea facing and a court yard for safety, shelter and sunsets.	
		answered	33
		skipped	6

### 9. OPTION C (L-shaped 1). What do you NOT like about this option?

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Open-Ended Question		100.00%	25
1	25/09/2022 21:37 PM ID: 200068535	Smaller		
2	26/09/2022 09:48 AM ID: 200080777	It's hard to tell on screen, but it looks as though the size of the hall is being reduced in the L plans. This may not be a problem - I'm sure you are creating a space large enough for all possible uses.		
3	26/09/2022 10:42 AM ID: 200085819	Nothing really to say.		
4	26/09/2022 10:46 AM ID: 200086152	Courtyard could become a rubbish trap and quite dark.		
5	26/09/2022 10:49 AM ID: 200086425	No view from courtyard. Dark?		
6	26/09/2022 10:55 AM ID: 200087042	The hall at the front and community garden at the back seems the wrong way round to me.		
7	26/09/2022 11:03 AM ID: 200087826	Courtyard at back could cause drainage issue. Will sun ever hit this area. How could it be used most of the year??		
8	26/09/2022 11:13 AM ID: 200088901	Nothing		
9	26/09/2022 11:23 AM ID: 200089858	Small hall.		
10	26/09/2022 11:33 AM ID: 200090951	Nothing I really dislike about it.		
11	26/09/2022 11:35 AM ID: 200091164	Nothing		



## 9. OPTION C (L-shaped 1). What do you NOT like about this option?

12	26/09/2022 11:43 AM ID: 200092040	Access staircase / lift. Scope at back increased amount water run off.	
13	26/09/2022 11:49 AM ID: 200092638	Courtyard could be midgy. If using main hall, too segregated from each end.	
14	26/09/2022 11:51 AM ID: 200092798	the shape.	
15	26/09/2022 11:53 AM ID: 200093020	Nothing	
16	26/09/2022 11:56 AM ID: 200093356	Not such a "welcoming" entrance	
17	26/09/2022 12:03 PM ID: 200094087	Would prefer L, long section at back.	
18	26/09/2022 15:52 PM ID: 200118286	Perhaps the orientation could be re considered to take into consideration that the slope will have such an impact on the energy flow of the building.	
19	26/09/2022 17:37 PM ID: 200130224	There doesn't seem to be a shed for storing outdoor toys.	
20	06/10/2022 20:49 PM ID: 200910283	It is to tall and big for a community of this size	
21	07/10/2022 16:41 PM ID: 200965671	The height of the two storey.	
22	08/10/2022 14:12 PM ID: 201001623	Height. Has an imposing long 2 story tall wall facing directly on to the view from my house windows.	
23	08/10/2022 21:52 PM ID: 201012385	It's excessive. Two storey building is not required. Also one of the "Pros" listed, the possibility of a roof terrace. I really don't think that should be listed as a main feature to sell the design to the public. The chances of being able to use a roof terrace will be very small. I'd imagine it would be weather permitting. We all know how unpredictable that can be. The wind can be a battle on the ground far less up on a roof terrace!! This design from above and front, looks like it's built the wrong way round on the site. Very large compared to surrounding properties.	
24	08/10/2022 23:34 PM ID: 201013989	See answer for option A.	
25	09/10/2022 20:26 PM ID: 201038260	Again looks industrial or farmyard. Very large. No need for two floors.	
		answered	25
		skipped	14

## 8. Specific comments given on Option D

10. OPTION D (L-shaped 2). What do you like about this option?				
Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Open-Ended Question		100.00%	30
1	25/09/2022 21:37 PM ID: 200068535	Sheltered courtyard		
2	25/09/2022 21:55 PM ID: 200068918	Like the lay out of the rooms the garden space and building design		
3	26/09/2022 09:48 AM ID: 200080777	Good use of space. It would work		
4	26/09/2022 10:42 AM ID: 200085819	Meets all requirements. Has a courtyard area.		
5	26/09/2022 10:46 AM ID: 200086152	Interesting and could have character. Good views out to sea from front. Can make good use of outdoor space.		
6	26/09/2022 10:49 AM ID: 200086425	Attractive frontage. Versatile outside space. Great views.		
7	26/09/2022 10:55 AM ID: 200087042	This is my favourite as I think it will look the most attractive from the road. The vestibul will be good protection from the wind and french doors to the front garden sounds nice.		
8	26/09/2022 10:58 AM ID: 200087354	NOTHING		
9	26/09/2022 11:03 AM ID: 200087826	Vestibule entrance (feature). Could vestibule be rounded off rather than square (would this help passivhaus?). Access from hall straight out (emergency or summer access). Emergency access 2nd floor out to land above hall (could be access also to outside area with benches)		
10	26/09/2022 11:05 AM ID: 200088133	The view from the hall + access to outside seating. Cafe style entrance area. Heat what you need not all area.		
11	26/09/2022 11:13 AM ID: 200088901	Flexible space		
12	26/09/2022 11:23 AM ID: 200089858	Good outdoor space.		
13	26/09/2022 11:26 AM ID: 200090251	Access to outside		
14	26/09/2022 11:30 AM ID: 200090663	Get out to grass from rear. Good for kids groups to play outside at weekly clubs. Community hub at entrance. Kitchen accessible to all bits.		

## 10. OPTION D (L-shaped 2). What do you like about this option?

15	26/09/2022 11:33 AM ID: 200090951	Like the idea of a roof terrace	
16	26/09/2022 11:35 AM ID: 200091164	Very compact	
17	26/09/2022 11:39 AM ID: 200091566	Very comfortable area that can be multi-functional + I like the enclosed lobby idea.	
18	26/09/2022 11:43 AM ID: 200092040	Good space at front ??Memorial / play area. (Good site for large Christmas Tree :-).	
19	26/09/2022 11:49 AM ID: 200092638	Idea of outside space	
20	26/09/2022 11:51 AM ID: 200092798	2 storeys!	
21	26/09/2022 11:53 AM ID: 200093020	Passivhaus score will be good.	
22	26/09/2022 11:56 AM ID: 200093356	I really like this one. Makes the most of views. Sheltered entrance.	
23	26/09/2022 12:00 PM ID: 200093750	Like the layout	
24	26/09/2022 13:51 PM ID: 200104159	I like the flat bit	
25	26/09/2022 15:52 PM ID: 200118286	Very close to C in shape. Perhaps the orientation could be re thought out. I have scored it 6 as it stands. If the orientation was to change and the squarer looking court yard area went to the rear I would also score it a 9.	
26	26/09/2022 17:37 PM ID: 200130224	I like the entrance area. I like the entrance door positions and there is a good amount of space around it. There is also lots of room outside to play in.	
27	07/10/2022 16:41 PM ID: 200965671	On a smaller scale, this design would be ok.	
28	08/10/2022 14:12 PM ID: 201001623	Single story layout. Garden area. L shaped into the back is better than C.	
29	08/10/2022 21:52 PM ID: 201012385	It looks better placed on site than option C The roofline is better than option A	
30	08/10/2022 23:34 PM ID: 201013989	I find it hard to visualise what the overall look of the building would be so not sure what I would like about it.	
		answered	30
		skipped	9

## 11. OPTION D (L-shaped 2). What do you NOT like about this option?

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Open-Ended Question		100.00%	23
1	25/09/2022 21:37 PM ID: 200068535	Smaller		
2	26/09/2022 09:48 AM ID: 200080777	I prefer the 'apron' at the back to create a courtyard.		
3	26/09/2022 10:42 AM ID: 200085819	The courtyard area is too exposed to the road traffic/noise.		
4	26/09/2022 10:46 AM ID: 200086152	Nothing - its good.		
5	26/09/2022 10:49 AM ID: 200086425	Like everything about this shape.		
6	26/09/2022 10:55 AM ID: 200087042	The upstairs maybe dark but not a lot I don't like about this one.		
7	26/09/2022 11:09 AM ID: 200088513	Courtyard garden faces road and car park.		
8	26/09/2022 11:33 AM ID: 200090951	Too blockish again.		
9	26/09/2022 11:35 AM ID: 200091164	Nothing		
10	26/09/2022 11:43 AM ID: 200092040	Again access disabled stairs/lift.		
11	26/09/2022 11:49 AM ID: 200092638	Didn't like outdoor space being close to carpark. If children out playing closer to road & carpark.		
12	26/09/2022 11:51 AM ID: 200092798	the shape.		
13	26/09/2022 11:53 AM ID: 200093020	Too 1970s block shaped, sharp corners, loses the courtyard area.		
14	26/09/2022 11:56 AM ID: 200093356	Nothing.		
15	26/09/2022 15:52 PM ID: 200118286	I Dislike the option of the terraced area to the front. I believe it would be less functional as an outside space due to road noise, visibility of the car park and because people will be entering and exiting the building from this side. I hope the slopping roof line doesn't compromise the interior.		
16	26/09/2022 17:37 PM ID: 200130224	There is no fence shown to stop children from running up the slopes or onto the car park.		

## 11. OPTION D (L-shaped 2). What do you NOT like about this option?

17	06/10/2022 20:49 PM ID: 200910283	It is to high above ground level and big for what is needed	
18	07/10/2022 16:41 PM ID: 200965671	Height and large size.	
19	08/10/2022 14:12 PM ID: 201001623	Height. Has an imposing long 2 story tall wall facing directly on to the view from my house windows.	
20	08/10/2022 21:52 PM ID: 201012385	As with option C, the two storeys are not required. As with C the roof terrace possibility. It's very large compared to surrounding properties. Too big for village requirement.	
21	08/10/2022 23:34 PM ID: 201013989	See answer for option A.	
22	09/10/2022 20:26 PM ID: 201038260	Too big. Very industrial looking again. No need for two storey. Don't think it will look very appealing for those approaching from west. Very large end wall.	
23	10/10/2022 08:46 AM ID: 201048087	Unattractive.	
		answered	23
		skipped	16

## 12. Is there anything else that you would like to tell us about these design options?

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Open-Ended Question		100.00%	21
1	26/09/2022 09:48 AM ID: 200080777	All options seem to be creating a raised dead space at the back that may be difficult to find a use for, and may be creating precipitous drops. Again its hard to get a sense of scale on screen, but I think I would favour pushing any design as far into the hill as practicable to maximise useable space at the front and minimise the challenges of the dead space. There's still the issue of precipitous drops of course.  I'm sure any would work though - good job, and I' sorry I couldn't get there at the weekend.		
2	26/09/2022 10:42 AM ID: 200085819	Just a concern about how we control access to the public toilets. Ensuring there is no way the public can enter the main building and use the facilities and or join any function.		
3	26/09/2022 10:55 AM ID: 200087042	D is my favourite but maybe worth looking at an E. U-shaped? Thankyou x		
4	26/09/2022 11:05 AM ID: 200088133	Blend hall in with the natural area. Nothing outlandish. No bright colours. Signage on building to make sure building noticeable to visitors/passers by.		

## 12. Is there anything else that you would like to tell us about these design options?

5	26/09/2022 11:09 AM ID: 200088513	Outdoor space for events and activities.
6	26/09/2022 11:13 AM ID: 200088901	With all, please make sure you have a separate locked off bar + cellar with cooling facility - need for functions. Consider the use of an retractable awning with opt C.
7	26/09/2022 11:26 AM ID: 200090251	Consider having hall at front with secure fencing, car parking at rear with one way system for driving in and out of car park. Thinking about energy costs as much as possible. Solar UV panels as south facing as possible.
8	26/09/2022 11:30 AM ID: 200090663	Having hall at back would mean small children coming in and out would be even further away from road. Solar UV panels as south facing as possible.
9	26/09/2022 11:39 AM ID: 200091566	Well thought out design, but do not feel fits into what we are wanting to do.
10	26/09/2022 11:49 AM ID: 200092638	I like the option for enjoying the view from inside the building. Possibly a coasting on glass near road reducing visibility in. Gaming / IT function is a great idea offering safe warm environment for younger members of the community as they transition younger children to adults.
11	26/09/2022 11:56 AM ID: 200093356	Nothing to add. I really appreciate all your hard work. Thank you!
12	26/09/2022 12:03 PM ID: 200094087	As mentioned before I would like to see a 'C' shape to keep public toilets separate but with access to toilets from main building.
13	26/09/2022 13:51 PM ID: 200104159	Grown ups are allowed in ball pit
14	26/09/2022 15:52 PM ID: 200118286	I like that the community was given the option to choose the design of the building. At least 2 are going to improve the area if you compared them to the original tired hall and with the options of a second floor should be multi functional at all times of the year.
15	26/09/2022 17:37 PM ID: 200130224	Need to make sure that there is enough room for people to enter the buildings.
16	01/10/2022 20:41 PM ID: 200532750	I would honestly prefer a fitness centre to a hall, as there is already a large hall in Strathy, but the nearest gym is in Bettyhill with very restrictive hours and equipment.  Seems unfortunate to have more than 1/3 of the space used for toilets and storage, especially since there are already public WCs next door.  Using half the space for parking feels unnecessary, and will probably get used more by tourists than locals. Perhaps better to have limited parking (including blue badge) and for large events, let people walk from the surrounding areas?
17	06/10/2022 20:49 PM ID: 200910283	The proposed designed are to big. The hall should be not much bigger than the hall that was previously there about the same size as reiss hall.
18	07/10/2022 16:41 PM ID: 200965671	I think they are all too big.
19	08/10/2022 14:12 PM ID: 201001623	Options C and D both look quite imposing. From a personal view, having a 2 story long wal opposite my windows is not very appealing.

## 12. Is there anything else that you would like to tell us about these design options?

20	08/10/2022 21:52 PM ID: 201012385	<p>I feel the designs are just not suitable for our village. I would like to see a new hall that would be along the same size as the village hall in Halladale or Armadale. We do not need a hall the size of any of those designs. Those halls would be more suited to small towns or larger villages.</p> <p>We are a small village and we are surrounded by other small villages that all have their own provision of halls. The focus should be on the village needs, not the whole of North Coast.</p> <p>I appreciate that a lot of time has gone into the planning of the designs. They are all quite similar, but I would like to see a more cosy, softer, inviting design option. The ones presented look very industrial/agricultural. We are a small community and the majority of clubs and events that will be held regularly will be attended by smaller numbers. I</p> <p>Also the bigger the building means larger running costs. It has to be affordable for individuals and organisations to hire. No use having a massive big hall that people can't afford to use. it would just become a big white elephants out village. Windmill money handouts may not be available forever. Don't put all the available money on a single excessive project. If you have access to multi millions as claimed in the media report on Melvich Community SCIO, I think it would be better spent on different projects around the village. Not on a hall that far exceeds the village needs.</p>				
21	09/10/2022 20:26 PM ID: 201038260	<p>I've left the last three likes empty because I truthfully don't really like anything about them.</p> <p>All the options are too excessive for our village. The hall primarily should be for the people of the village. Something smaller and more intimate would be better received by the majority of local residents. It feels like the committee are running away with themselves just because there's a pot of money available to them. Build something that will get used more often by folk wanting to meet for parties or groups. Times have changed and numbers attending those groups will be lost in a massive hall.</p>				
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