



Supporting Statement for the Change of Use

Planning Application

Barrow Parish Council have been offered the former pub/restaurant and cottage (22-25 Old Row) site. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for the Parish Council to make a major improvement to the village and will play a crucial role in supporting Barrow's growing community by providing essential services and foster community cohesion for years to come.

It is envisaged that the Village Hall would cater for all ages from mother and toddler groups to over 60's keep fit classes.

The Village Hall will have wheelchair access at the rear of the building, an internal lift to the first floor, accessible toilets, a small well-being community garden and car parking to the rear on the hall on land the Parish Council lease from RVBC.

Regular users of the facility could include:

- Dementia Club
- Horticultural Club
- Keep fit classes.
- Toddler groups.
- Women's Institute.
- Slimming World/Weight Watchers.
- Local history/walking/camera/photographic groups.
- Local Girl Guides.
- 'Learn a Language' classes.
- Coffee shop - excellent footfall from local school drop off and pick up.

In addition, the Village Hall would be open for one-off events such as, quiz nights, birthday parties, weddings, anniversaries, special events, polling station and public meetings etc.