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Agenda Item 6

**Falkirk Town Hall – Statutory
Consultation under The Community
Empowerment Act 2015 for Disposal
of Common Good Land**

Falkirk Council

Title: Falkirk Town Hall – Statutory Consultation under The Community Empowerment Act 2015 for disposal of Common Good Land
Meeting: Falkirk Council
Date: 23 February 2023
Submitted By: Director of Place Services

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1. This report provides information on the outcome of the consultation on the proposed acceleration of demolition for Falkirk Town Hall (FTH) under the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, following a decision of Falkirk Council at its meeting of 28 September 2022.

2. Recommendations

2.1 Council is asked to:-

- (1) Note the consultation responses received;**
- (2) Note the responses to the consultation comments as outlined at Appendix 2 to this report; and**
- (3) In relation to Question 1 of the Consultation document agree to proceed with the demolition of the FTH as soon as practicable after its closure.**

3. Impact on Climate Change Targets

- 3.1 The current carbon emissions from FTH, based on the last full year of normal operation in 2019/20 was 143 tonnes of CO2 per annum. In 2022/23 this will be higher with the usage of existing plant and the temporary generator. The Municipal Buildings/Town Hall Complex were one of the largest sites for energy consumption by Falkirk Council and any replacement facilities will be designed to meet revised energy efficiency targets and to meet the Council's aspiration of being as near to net zero as possible. The impact of demolishing the FTH would reduce our carbon emissions on the site to zero, when the buildings are fully demolished.

4. Background

- 4.1 Following a public consultation exercise in summer 2021, Council agreed in December 2021 to the phased demolition and potential sale of the Municipal Buildings Complex (including FTH) and surrounding site at West Bridge

Street, Falkirk. This was on the basis that the Municipal Buildings was no longer fit for purpose and the staff had been relocated.

- 4.2 The intention at that time, was to segregate and partially demolish the Municipal Buildings, and leave FTH to operate until a replacement facility was available. However, on 28 September 2022, Falkirk Council agreed to close FTH due to:

- further deterioration of the facility,
- on the basis that disentangling the two buildings was going to be far more complex, and costly than initially envisaged, and
- that attempting to sustain the building, until its new replacement is operational, is unaffordable and did not represent value for money.

In light of the above, it was agreed that a follow up public consultation exercise with Falkirk Council residents and community bodies to consider the proposed acceleration of the demolition process should be carried out. It should therefore be noted that this further consultation was a consultation on the acceleration of the demolition – not the decision to close.

- 4.3 The September 2022 closure decision also agreed that FTH would continue to operate for the 2022 pantomime season and up until the Big Bad wolf production of School of Rock, which is took place on 6 February 23. Since this decision, in November 22, the boiler plant has had a major failure, which resulted in a modular boiler plant having to be hired to allow the pantomime to take place. This temporary solution will continue, until the building closes following demobilisation. It does, however, highlight the difficulties in continuing to operate a building which is over 50 years old and still has many of its original building services.
- 4.4 As part of the demobilisation of the building following the February shows lighting, furniture and other reusable items are being removed and used within other Council properties. The ticket office and staff are also relocating to the Falkirk Library.

5. Considerations

Consultation Process

- 5.1 The legislation governing the Consultation Process on whether the Council can accelerate the demolition of FTH requires the Council to undertake an 8 week consultation process. This commenced on the 3rd November 2022 and ran until the 29th December 2022. Details of the Consultation Notice are included within Appendix 1. The Council used a number of means to promote the consultation and encourage engagement:

- Statutory Notice in the Falkirk Herald on 3rd November 2022
- Article in the Falkirk Herald on 10th November 2022
- Public Notices in/around the site – in 7 locations from 3rd November 2022

- Public Notice in Falkirk Library together with hard copies of the consultation document and response form
- A formal announcement on Social Media
- Council website - The consultation was available to view and participate on Falkirk Council's webpage, where a dedicated link was created.
- Citizen Space – The consultation was live online from 3rd November 2022 to 29th December 2022, on Falkirk Council's consultation platform for undertaking all public consultations.

5.2 As can be seen below a variety of response methods were adopted to allow maximum participation and to gain the views of Falkirk Council residents and community bodies. The online consultation was the most popular method of engagement.

Consultation Question

5.3 The Consultation sought views on one specific question and allowed respondents to also leave a comment if they desired:-

- **Question 1** - Do you agree that Falkirk Council should accelerate the demolition of Falkirk Town Hall and the remainder of the Municipal Buildings and shared plant facilities, to commence on closure of the Town Hall?
- **Do you have any comments?**

Analysis of Consultation responses

5.4 Over the consultation period 369 (366 online and 3 paper) responses were received from individuals and organisations, with 248 providing additional comments. Automated acknowledgements were issued to all respondents. Statutory consultation is required for all active Community Councils within the former Falkirk Burgh area, however although there are a number of Community Councils areas, none of these are currently active.

5.5 The number of responses received represents a very small percentage of the overall population of the Falkirk Council area and the former Burgh area, many of whom will be aware of both the previous and this Consultation and have chosen not to provide a response. It is also clear that some of the comments received relate to the ongoing replacement Town Hall project, rather than directly to the Consultation question. While these responses are of interest to the broader aspects of the replacement Town Hall project, they are outwith the scope of the Consultation which has been conducted under the 2015 Act in relation to accelerating the demolition. The Consultation comments have been anonymised, and proposed responses are set out in the spreadsheet at Appendix 2 to the Report.

5.6 Of the 369 responses received:

- 173 (47%) agreed to the acceleration of the demolition
- 192 (52%) disagreed to the acceleration of the demolition.
- There were also 4 (1%) unanswered responses.

Of the 192 replies which disagreed with the acceleration of the demolition, 41 specifically responded on the basis that the Town Hall should not close at all, and 40 mentioned that it should remain open until a new facility is developed. These represent approx. 42% of those who disagreed with the accelerated demolition. Whilst these views have been recorded it should be recognised that the actual closure of the Town Hall did not form part of the consultation question. If these responses were excluded then the percentage disagreeing to the proposed acceleration of demolition would be 30% (111 of 369 returns). This is based on 192 who confirmed disagreement minus 81 advising to keep the town hall open.

5.7 An analysis of the additional comments relating to those “Agreeing” has also been summarised, and comments are around the followings issues:

- Agree that Town Hall is old and in poor condition.
- Save time and money by accelerating the demolition.
- Do not want an additional derelict building.
- Inefficient and unattractive building.
- Quick decision required for a replacement.
- Want a definitive plan for a replacement facility.
- Existing FTH is not comfortable or user friendly.
- An alternative location for a new facility may attract more users.
- The building should not have been allowed to deteriorate in the first place.

5.8 Of those “Disagreeing”, an analysis of their comments was also undertaken, and can be summarised around the following issues:-

- Not to demolish the Town hall until a suitable replacement is provided.
- Negative impact on local business and tourism.
- Local arts groups will suffer as a result of no alternative large venues for performing shows.
- Lack of confidence that a replacement will actually happen once FTH is demolished.
- The Council doesn't care about affected groups.
- There will be a loss of a vital and valued community resource.
- Town Hall to remain and for the Council to undertake repairs.
- Frustration around political indecision on demolition and new FTH

5.9 As outlined in Para 5.5, Appendix 2 provides the full responses, comments and Council's draft responses to the comments. Council is now asked to approve these responses following agreement of this report. Thereafter, the full anonymised consultation and the detailed Council replies to each respondent will be published on the Council Website.

5.10 What is clear from the above, irrespective of whether respondents agreed or disagreed to the acceleration of the demolition is that there is general views expressed that the Council:-

- Must have a definitive plan for a new facility.
- Acknowledge the loss of a community resource.
- Be decisive on both the demolition and the new FTH.
- Mitigate any negative impact on local businesses and tourism in the interim.

6. New Falkirk Town Hall Update

It is clear from the responses that there is an acknowledgement of the need for a facility. As part of the report approved in September 2022 officers have progressed actions to take the project forward. Most recently there was a “call for sites” issued which has sought expressions of interest from landowners and the identification of their requirements. The deadline for submissions was 3rd February and officers are currently evaluating these and engaging with the relevant parties on proposals. A report on the outcome of this process and the preferred site identification is proposed to be reported to Council 29 March 2023. The timing and nature of the report will though be subject to progress on negotiations with relevant landowners.

7. Consultation

- 7.1 This report outlines the approach adopted to ensure the Consultation was publicised and accessible. The Consultation responses received and details of these comments and the Council’s suggested response are set out in Appendix 2.

8. Implications

Financial

- 8.1 The financial consequences of closing and demolishing FTH were advised as part of the 28 September report and also outlined in the Business Case for the HQ & Arts Centre Project. The costs of demolition are therefore included in the General Services Capital Programme allocation for the project and a separate cost centre has been created to track expenditure on the decommissioning of the Municipal Buildings & FTH. The cost of demolishing the remainder of building i.e. Phase 2, is estimated at £400K.

It is proposed that the demolition costs be offset against any potential receipts accruing in the future from the sale of the site. Additionally, the business case proposes that the capital receipts from the sale of the Municipal Buildings/Town hall site, or the balance thereof, be applied towards the cost of the replacement facilities.

The Council on 28 September agreed that £200,000 from the receipts of any future sale would accrue to the Falkirk Common Good Fund.

Resources

- 8.2 The resources to progress the demolition of the FTH will come from the HQ & Arts Centre project, which is a mixture of in-house staff supplemented by external consultancy resources.

Legal

- 8.3 An appropriate consultation exercise under S104 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 has been carried out and consideration has been given to the requirements of S75 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

Risk

- 8.4 Should the Council decide not to accelerate the demolition there are a significant number of risks around the following:
- There will be additional capital cost implications in structurally separating the Municipal Buildings from FTH
 - There will be ongoing revenue cost implications of holding and retaining the closed FTH in terms of rating, security, etc
 - The building will become more of an eyesore and may attract antisocial behaviour. The building contains significant glass and asbestos (note - this was an issue when Municipal Building was first closed until the demolition contractor took possession of the site). This represents a Health and Safety risk that would require 24-hour security on site to mitigate representing an additional cost.
 - There may be a delay in marketing/disposing of the Municipal Buildings site and generating a receipt that will contribute to the replacement facility.

Equalities

- 8.5 The Council is required to have regard to the Equality Act 2010 and the public sector equality duty (PSED). The PSED places a statutory duty on the Council in the exercise of its functions to have due regard to the need to: (1) eliminate discrimination (2) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it and (3) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

The demolition of a closed FTH is not considered to impact adversely the PSED or create circumstances that would lead to discrimination against persons who share a protected characteristic.

9. Conclusions

- 9.1 Overall the number of responses has been relatively low despite the Council attempting to gain as much interest as possible in the Consultation process. This is most likely attributable to the fact that accelerating the demolition is not viewed by most residents of the Falkirk Council area as significantly important to them and is more related to the operation and running of the Council.

- 9.2 The Consultation Responses have been considered and although the slight majority of responses are not in favour of the Council accelerating the demolition of FTH, the consultation responses have not suggested any viable alternative to it. A large proportion of the responses disagreeing with accelerating the demolition focus on the retention/refurbishment of FTH, which has already been agreed to be unviable as per the Council decision from September 2022.
- 9.3 The Council requires to have regard to the Consultation but must also be mindful of the costs and challenges of retaining the building. As has been outlined in the report, even keeping open FTH to honour the pantomime and Big Bad Wolf productions has proved extremely problematic and costly. In light of the above, it is recommended that the Council progress the acceleration of the demolition of FTH with immediate effect.

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Appendices:-

Appendix 1 – Final Consultation Document

Appendix 2 – Full anonymised consultation response, with Council replies

List of Background Papers:

Advise as to whether any papers were relied on in the preparation of this report in terms of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

None

Statutory Consultation with the Local Community under Part 8 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 for Disposal of Common Good Land – For demolition of the Town Hall and the remainder of the Municipal Buildings, West Bridge Street, Falkirk FK1 5RS (“the Buildings”) by Falkirk Council (the “Council”)

Consultation dates: commences 3rd November 2022 closing 29th December 2022.

Introduction and Background

In 1946 Falkirk Town Council acquired the site on which the former Municipal Buildings and Falkirk Town Hall are erected. At that time a large house, Westbank House, was erected on the site along with stables. The Town Chamberlain’s office moved into Westbank House in 1947 from the Burgh Buildings followed by the House Manager’s office in 1948, followed by the Burgh Architect and engineers and other departments. The Town Council demolished Westbank House in 1962 and constructed the current purpose-built Town Hall and former Municipal Buildings with car parking which were completed in 1965. The Town Hall is a multipurpose arts centre used for civic events and entertainment purposes.

On 30th September 2020 the Council agreed to decommission the Municipal Buildings and relocate staff to other locations. At the same time options for a new HQ and arts facility were to be progressed. On 23rd June 2021 the Council considered an options appraisal on various potential sites for a new HQ and arts facility. Whilst a decision on that was deferred it was agreed to undertake a statutory public consultation under the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015. This consultation sought representations from the community on the potential sale of [all or part of] the former Municipal Buildings and Town Hall Site and the immediate demolition of the Municipal Buildings (under exception of the shared plant room and other shared facilities). The consultation was required as the buildings and site formed part of the common good of the former Burgh of Falkirk.

The public consultation commenced 1st July 2021, until 27th August 2021. As part of the consultation, it was envisaged that the existing Town Hall, as well as the shared plant room and the remainder of the Municipal buildings (necessary to allow the continued operation of the Town Hall) would remain in situ until a new Town Hall facility was built. The Town hall site is shown coloured pink on the plan attached with the shared plant room and remainder of the Municipal Buildings shown blue. A majority consensus agreed that the Municipal Buildings, under exception of the shared plant room and other necessary facilities and the Town Hall itself should be demolished without delay. There was also a majority in favour of selling the entire site on the open market, on the understanding that the

remaining structures on the site, i.e., the Town Hall and shared plant facilities could be demolished to leave a cleared site for sale. One of the options still under consideration by the Council for a new HQ included using part of the site for that purpose, although that option has now been discounted. As part of that Consultation, it was anticipated that the Town Hall would remain operational until a new replacement facility was constructed, anticipated around 2024/25.

The original proposal intended that the demolition would be undertaken in two phases. Phase one would see the partial demolition of the former Municipal Buildings, excluding the shared plant room and other shared facilities which adjoins the Town Hall and serves both buildings. The Town Hall would remain operational with the potential demolition of these remaining buildings to be undertaken later in 2024/25 in phase two, prior to the sale of all or part of the whole site.

The Council decision on 23rd June 2021 on the preferred location for a replacement HQ and arts facility was deferred and on 8th December 2021 officers were asked to provide further detailed costs on the design and location of the HQ if situated to the front of the current site. Consideration was also to be given to the structural separation of the Municipal Buildings office block from the Town Hall and to review the scope for a refurbishment of the Town Hall, reflecting upon updated costs of repairs and meeting energy efficiency targets.

The findings of an external design team recommissioned to consider these matters concluded that since Covid 19, working practices had significantly changed and there was no longer the need for a new modern equivalent office. Further, by locating a new HQ on the existing site and retaining the Town Hall, the net area available for development and would be substantially reduced which would affect the viability of any potential residential development thus failing to achieve the anticipated capital receipt needed to assist with the development of a new facility.

Further, the cost to separate the shared services enabling the Town Hall to operate as a stand-alone building would be complex, costly, and disruptive. The Town Hall would require to be closed for a period of up to 12 months to allow completion of these works and subsequent repairs to satisfy Health and Safety and energy design standards would not address the inherent deficiencies in the building or be considered cost effective or best value for the Council. The Town Hall has continued to deteriorate, and previous condition reports have confirmed it has reached the end of its remaining useful life, being physically obsolescent and no longer fit for purpose.

At its meeting on 28th September 2022 the Council considered the above findings on the viability of operating the Falkirk Town Hall as a stand-alone facility and decided that it was not best value or

operationally feasible to pursue this option, and that closure of the facility should be accelerated, and early demolition considered subject to an updated consultation on demolition under the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act. The detail of the technical appraisal and associated financial implications can be found in the [Council Headquarters and Arts Centre Report](#) . The Council also agreed to continue to progress the business case for a new Town Hall/ Arts Centre. This consultation seeks views on the accelerated demolition of Falkirk Town Hall and the balance of the shared Municipal Buildings facilities as shown coloured pink and blue on the attached plan.

What land is being consulted on?

Falkirk Town Hall, West Bridge Street, Falkirk FK1 5RS, shown pink on the plan and the remainder of the Municipal Buildings shown blue on the plan, (“the consultation site”).

What is being proposed?

It is proposed that, recognising / acknowledging the current poor condition of Falkirk Town Hall and the financial implications of further delays, that the demolition of the Town Hall should be accelerated in line with the closure timetable.

Why are we consulting?

Falkirk Town Hall and the site on which it sits form part of the common good of the former Burgh of Falkirk.

An initial Consultation was considered by the Council in December 2021, and it was decided that the first phase of the demolition should proceed without delay. It was anticipated at that time that the Town hall and shared facilities would not be demolished until a new facility was constructed. However further technical appraisal has ruled that out.

When considering disposal of common good land (including demolition or sale), certain legal requirements must be followed. These are:

- Carry out a statutory consultation with the local community under Part 8 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015; and
- If required, seek approval from the Court under s.75 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

This consultation is being carried out to satisfy the first legal requirement and is a follow up to the Consultation carried out in July and August 2021 over the whole Municipal Buildings and Town hall site. Further guidance on the process can be found here:

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/community-empowerment-common-good-propertyguidance-local-authorities>.

The Council is following the above Guidance.

What are the benefits of the proposal?

There would be financial benefit to the Council as it would no longer require to pay for business rates or undertake significant essential maintenance to meet Health and Safety regulations.

The proposed accelerated demolition would also avoid substantial costs of decoupling the existing buildings. The subsequent sale of the cleared site would result in a large capital receipt with a proportion going to the Common Good Fund, benefitting the local and wider community as part of this receipt would be applied towards providing a new, modern Town Hall.

Please answer the following question:

1. Do you agree that Falkirk Council should accelerate the demolition of Falkirk Town Hall and the remainder of the Municipal Buildings and shared plant facilities, to commence on closure of the Town Hall?

Responses to and comments on the proposal are invited. They must be made in writing and state that they relate to the Falkirk Town Hall Demolition Consultation proposal. Responses and comments must be received by the closing date of 29th December 2022.

Methods of Response:

1. On-line: Please open FC consultation link <http://www.falkirk.gov.uk/FTHConsultation> and directly submit your completed response.

2. E-mail: A PDF consultation response form is available for downloading and printing on the website of Falkirk Council at <http://www.falkirk.gov.uk/FTHConsultation>. Alternatively, to request a consultation response form, please e-mail property@falkirk.gov.uk and ask for a "Municipal Buildings, Falkirk Consultation Response Form", returning completed forms to the same e-mail address property@falkirk.gov.uk or,

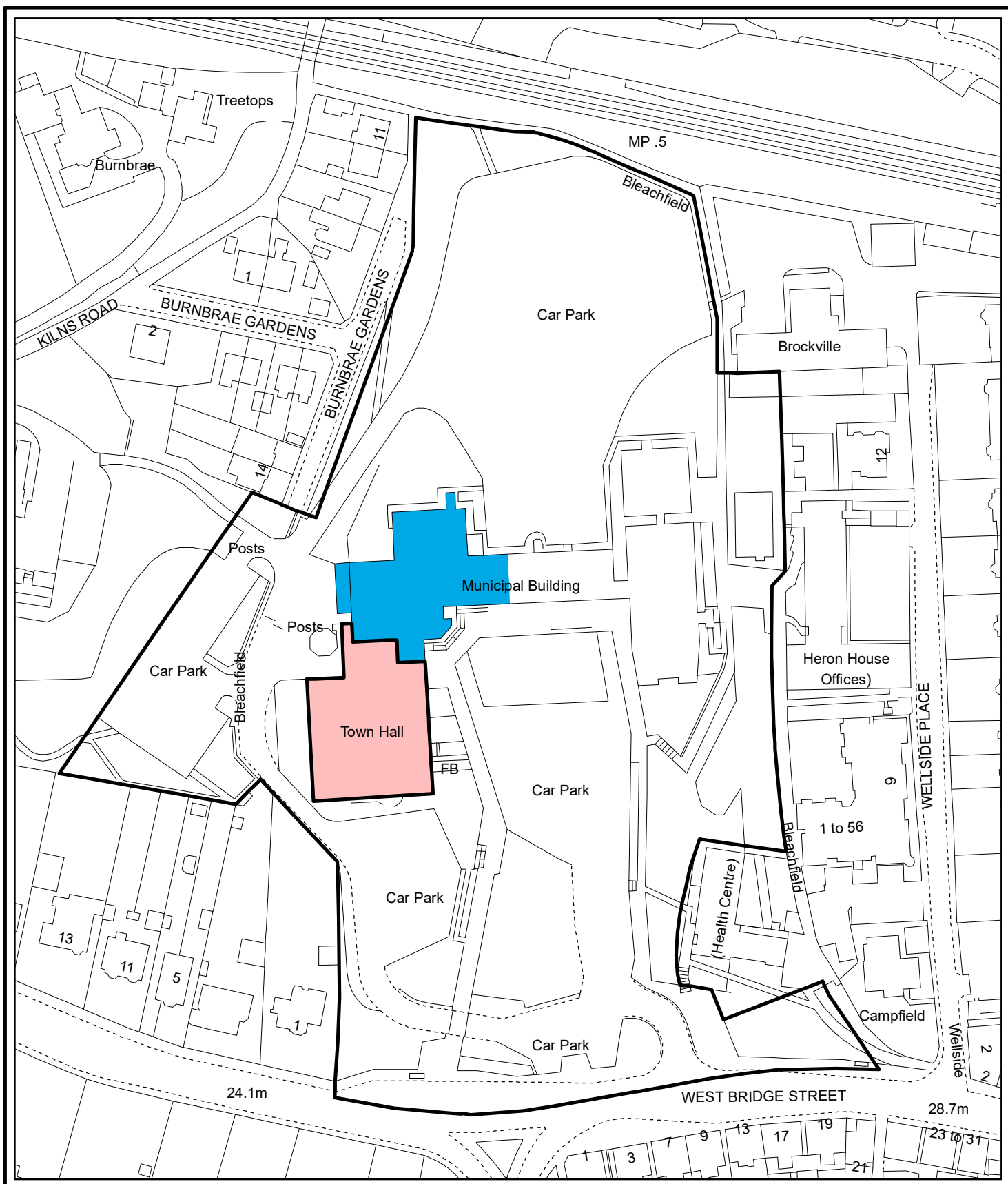
3. Post: Please either download and print a response form at the link above or phone **01324 – 506070** to request a paper copy of the consultation response form. Copies are also available from Falkirk Library, Hope Street, Falkirk FK1 5AU. Responses do not, however, require to be on the consultation response form and can be by letter. Please post completed response with contact details to:

“The Falkirk Town Hall Demolition Consultation Response”,
The Manager (Asset Management),
Falkirk Council - Place Services,
Abbotsford House,
David’s Loan,
Bainsford,
Falkirk
FK2 7YZ

What happens next?

The Council’s decision will be published on the Falkirk Council website www.falkirk.gov.uk/FTHConsultation along with details of all representations to this consultation (excluding address, postcode and email of respondent). The Council’s decision will have regard to the responses to this Consultation as to whether to proceed with the proposed demolition.

Please return forms by 29 December 2022.



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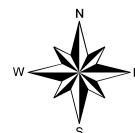


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Falkirk Town Hall Demolition Consultation Response Form

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Please answer the following question:

1. Do you agree that Falkirk Council should accelerate the demolition of Falkirk Town Hall and the remainder of the Municipal Buildings and shared plant facilities, to commence on closure of the Town Hall?

Please circle, or put an ‘X’, or underline your answer: **Yes / No**

Please provide any comments. Any additional comments can be entered on the additional comments page:

Please provide contact details:

Name of Organisation or Individual:

Address:

Postcode:

Email:

Response to be received by closing date of 29th December 2022.

Methods of response

1. E-mail: Please return completed Form to the following e-mail address property@falkirk.gov.uk or,
2. Post: Please post completed response Forms to:
“The Falkirk Town Hall Public Consultation Response”,
The Manager (Asset Management),
Falkirk Council - Place Services,
Abbotsford House,
David’s Loan,
Falkirk FK2 7YZ

Additional Comments:

	<u>Response ID</u>	<u>Submitted Date</u>	<u>Do you agree that Falkirk Council should accelerate the demolition of Falkirk Town Hall and remainder of the Municipal Buildings and shared plant facilities, to commence on closure of the Town Hall? - demolish FTH</u>	<u>Do you agree that Falkirk Council should accelerate the demolition of Falkirk Town Hall and remainder of the Municipal Buildings and shared plant facilities, to commence on closure of the Town Hall? - Do you have any comments?</u>	<u>Falkirk Council Responses</u>
1	ANON-P8YS-QBAA-9	2022-11-03 08:55:52	Yes		
2	ANON-P8YS-QBA7-Y	2022-11-03 10:14:46	Yes		
3	ANON-P8YS-QBAN-P	2022-11-03 10:31:24	Yes		
4	ANON-P8YS-QBAX-Z	2022-11-03 11:12:28	Yes	I want a local international airport in its place	Your comment is acknowledged but is outwith the scope of this Consultation.
5	ANON-P8YS-QBAF-E	2022-11-03 11:22:30	No	This is a vital part of the community	Thank you for your comment which has been noted. The building has reached the end of its econmic life and a suitable replacement facility is currently being explored. Arrangement are being made to try and accommodate activity elsewhere within the Council estate.
6	ANON-P8YS-QBA4-V	2022-11-03 11:49:42	Yes		
7	ANON-P8YS-QBAR-T	2022-11-03 12:42:29	Yes		
8	ANON-P8YS-QBAC-B	2022-11-03 12:58:31	No		
9	ANON-P8YS-QBAW-Y	2022-11-03 13:00:59	Yes	The building is not fit for purpose in a modern economy. Demolition is preferable to piecemeal and costly repair and maintenance of an obsolete facility	Thank you for your comment which has been noted. The Council is actively seeking to provide a more cost efficient facility which will offer better value for money to operate.
10	ANON-P8YS-QBAT-V	2022-11-03 14:24:44	Yes		
11	ANON-P8YS-QBAJ-J	2022-11-03 14:26:13	No	This is absolutely ridiculous. Choking the community of a resource like this benefits nobody. There is no plan in place for another arts space and this is closing a vital resource before it's time for pure greed. I will fight this.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council is actively seeking to provide a more cost efficient replacement facility which is will offer better value for money to operate. The financial savings achieved by demolishing the existing premises will assist be reinvested in the provision of a new facility. At present the FTH requires a subsidy to operate. Arrangement are being made to try and accommodate activity elsewhere within the Council estate.
12	ANON-P8YS-QBAZ-2	2022-11-03 14:26:38	Yes		
13	ANON-P8YS-QBAV-X	2022-11-03 14:29:10	No	Falkirk Council should not be accelerating the demolition of the Town Hall. Steps should be taken to ensure the Town Hall is decoupled from the remaining municipal buildings and emergency repair work carried out to allow the Town Hall to function until a new facility is build. To leave Falkirk without a performing arts venue for a few years is not in the common good and is destroying local arts in Falkirk.	Thank you for your commentss which have been noted. The cost to separate the shared services and decouple the Town Hall to operate as a stand-alone facility has been considered by the Council as part of their decision to close the facility in February 2023 - it was deemed too costly, complex and disruptive. The Council is presently engaging with local community and arts groups to assist with finding alternative venues and will continue to do so until a new replacement facility becomes operational.

14	ANON-P8YS-QBA5-W	2022-11-03 14:35:27	No	I have previously spoken at the meeting in September where it was decided the town hall would close. I believe that closing this venue without another suitable replacement already in place is an absolute travesty and flies in the face of what was agreed at the last public consultation. This town hall should remain in place until a suitable replacement has been constructed and is available for use. The closure of FTH makes numerous charitable organisations such as theatre companies and other hobbyist clubs homeless, forcing us into costly and infeasible alternatives in an attempt to keep our societies going. My own society is reaching its 120th year in 2023, and we are facing having to close the society should the costs for finding an alternative venue be as prohibitive as they are. This is not in the best interests of the people of Falkirk, and the council has gone against their previous promises to the public and that in itself is a travesty.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. While the previous Common Good Consultation sought the views primarily on the Municipal Buildings and the subsequent sale of the whole site, it was always proposed that the Town Hall would be closed and demolished at a later date. The recent findings of an external design team confirmed that it would not now be cost effective or sustainable to continue to operate the Town Hall until 2024/25 in its present condition - this was accepted and agreed as part of the decision to close in Sept 2022. The Council is actively seeing to identify a new, more cost-effective replacement town hall facility and will continue to work with all groups to assist with possible alternative venues. It is appreciated, however, that not all alternative venues will be suitable for certain groups, for which the Council regrets the disruption and hopes that Clubs and societies can find alternative solutions in the meantime.
15	ANON-P8YS-QBAK-K	2022-11-03 14:47:21	No	The fth is one of the only available places for many groups to put on performances and events, it's vital to a lot of groups in the community. It is the only stage that had the ability and equipment to fly cast and staging etc.	Your comment is acknowledged. The Council will aim to provide a new replacement town hall facility which is fit for purpose and suitably equipped.
16	ANON-P8YS-QBA9-1	2022-11-03 14:47:35	No	Without the town hall there is no where suitable for a wide variety of amateur dramatics companies, performers, dance schools and professional theatre companies to perform. It is pushing the arts out with Falkirk council and we will lose an integral part of our community.	The Council is actively engaging with community groups to try and assist with suitable alternative premises in the short term until a new replacement facility has been constructed. It recognises this is a significant challenge but it is not seeking to push the arts out in Falkirk.
17	ANON-P8YS-QBA2-T	2022-11-03 14:49:08	No	No the town hall should remain till a suitable venue had been built. If the council have failed to resolve the supposed issues till this date why should the community be punished for the council's ill prior actions for replacement?	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council is seeking to provide a new replacement town hall facility and is actively engaging with community groups to try and assist with suitable alternative premises in the short term.

18	ANON-P8YS-QBAY-1	2022-11-03 14:55:26	No	<p>As a playing member and former president of FOS, I am deeply disappointed at the council decision to demolish FTH at such short notice. Our company, along with many other local and national arts groups have continually used this venue to create local revenue and increased footfall to the area. Closing the venue prior to having suitable alternatives in place could be disastrous for the local community and arts in Falkirk. I am aware that the council have agreed to keep the FTH open to allow Big Bad Wolf Children's Theatre to perform their upcoming planned performances. However, other companies have not shared this liberty despite having booked the hall and made some considerable financial outlay towards their upcoming shows. Surely if the FTH is safe for children to perform, then other adult companies such as Falkirk Operatic Society should be shown the same courtesy. I do agree that FTH has become dilapidated in the last few years and needs replaced, but the replacement should be built before closing it.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council has not taken the decision for the early closure of FTH lightly and it appreciates the huge disappointment shared by the majority of users and performers. The Health and Safety implications, along with the financial issues however deemed that a cut-off date had to be established which, the Council acknowledges, does impact on some future performances. It is continuing to engage with affected groups in an attempt to assist where possible and is actively seeking an alternative location for a replacement facility.</p>
19	ANON-P8YS-QBAP-R	2022-11-03 14:57:22	Yes		
20	ANON-P8YS-QBAD-C	2022-11-03 15:01:34	No	<p>The cost of decoupling the Town Hall from the offices should have been factored in when the contract was awarded to demolish the offices.</p> <p>FTH is a superb facility that is needed in the area. The councillors are being negligent to their constituents in taking this forward.</p> <p>There has been talk of upgrading FTH but this does not need to be done. The facility should be maintained, as it has been, until the new facility is ready in 3 or 4 years.</p> <p>If the land is for the common good then the councillors decision is going against this. It is not in the common good to close FTH without a replacement. This is a decision made by councillors who do not support the arts and culture in the district.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The significant complexities and costs of decoupling the Town Hall were continuing to be reviewed after the decision to close Municipal Buildings and the previous consultation process in summer 2021. The detailed option appraisals for decoupling, and M&E plant condition reports, highlighted that to retain the FTH facility would be extremely costly. This was reported to Council in Sept 22 when it was deemed unviable to retain and operate the FTH, until the replacement is available, in light of the Council's financial position. It is extremely unfortunate, but the Council would rather ensure that the significant (and scarce) sums required are allocated to a replacement facility, as this offers best value to the Council. Since the Sept decision, the boilers have now failed and this exemplifies that the building services are reaching the end of the lifespan. This Common Good consultation is a legal process to ensure the views of the public are considered prior to any final decision on accelerating the demolition, however, the decision to close the facility has already been taken.</p>

21	ANON-P8YS-QBA8-Z	2022-11-03 15:01:51	No	<p>As part of the amateur theatre family in this area, to leave the community without a suitable facility to perform is unforgivable. I don't think the council understand what being part of these groups actually means to people for mental health wellbeing and socialisation. As a member of both adult and children companies the thought of having nowhere to perform til who knows when, is totally devastating.</p> <p>It's also very short sighted that the size of a town such as Falkirk is falling into such disrepair and is an embarrassment and the council and its elected members should be ashamed</p>	The Council acknowledges your comments and is actively engaging with local groups to offer support and assist in providing alternative venues where possible. The Council is aiming to provide a suitable replacement facility as soon as practically possible.
22	ANON-P8YS-QBFA-E	2022-11-03 15:19:07	No	The building should remain in situ until a new facility has been built.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. FTH is no longer fit for purpose - the boiler plant has failed and a temporary modular boiler plant has been brought to site to honour operation up to the point of closure in Feb 2023. The recent findings of an external design team confirmed that it would not now be cost effective or sustainable to continue to operate the Town Hall until a replacement facility has been built - this was accepted and agreed as part of the decision to close taken in Sept 2022.
23	ANON-P8YS-QBF6-3	2022-11-03 15:22:49	No	The town hall should remain open until a new one is built. The way the council have acted with this vote is nothing short of disgusting and greedy	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Town Hall is in a poor and deteriorating condition and the significant repair costs needed to meet with Health and Safety standards do not represent best value for money. The capital receipt from the sale of the site will be used to fund a new, replacement facility.
24	ANON-P8YS-QBF7-4	2022-11-03 15:26:39	No	Think the town hall should remain until a new property is available	Thank you for your comments which have been noted.FTH is no longer fit for purpose - the boiler plant has failed and a temporary modular boiler plant has been brought to site to honour operation up to the point of closure in Feb 2023. The recent findings of an external design team confirmed that it would not now be cost effective or sustainable to continue to operate the Town Hall until a replacement facility has been built - this was accepted and agreed as part of the decision to close taken in Sept 2022.
25	ANON-P8YS-QBFH-N	2022-11-03 15:30:27	No	<p>I believe the falkirk town Hall should remain open until a new facility has been built. The evidence shows that the people of falkirk do not want the town Hall to close. The town Hall is the hub for most of the amateur theatre groups in and around falkirk. Without this venue many have nowhere to perform. It has been suggested that schools, grangemouth town Hall boness town Hall etc can be used for performances but for many like Big Bad Wolf Children's Theatre who have 75 children aged 8-18 these venues are simply not big enough for the kids to perform along with our custom built sets. If we do not have a suitable replacement it is likely these kinds of groups will not survive.</p>	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. FTH is no longer fit for purpose - the boiler plant has failed and a temporary modular boiler plant has been brought to site to honour operation up to the point of closure in Feb 2023. The recent findings of an external design team confirmed that it would not now be cost effective or sustainable to continue to operate the Town Hall until a replacement facility has been built - this was accepted and agreed as part of the decision to close taken in Sept 2022. It is however, continuing to engage with local groups to assist where possible in finding alternative suitable venues.

26	ANON-P8YS-QBFN-U	2022-11-03 15:33:53	No	This leaves the area without a proper dedicated theatre for at least a lengthy period. However given recent and likely financial restraints it is more than likely any replacement will be shelved or abandoned. Falkirk District needs a proper theatre for both professional and amateur productions.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council regrets that a replacement facility will not be immediately available and agrees that a new, replacement is required and is actively exploring the available options.
27	ANON-P8YS-QBFX-5	2022-11-03 15:49:56	Yes		
28	ANON-P8YS-QBFF-K	2022-11-03 15:57:51	No	I travel to Falkirk to watch performance as it's a big theatre that put on big performances. There is no replacement and the plans haven't even started to replace it. It can not be knocked down until it is replaced or close to completion	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council regrets that a replacement facility will not be immediately available and agrees that a new, replacement is required and is actively exploring the available options.
29	ANON-P8YS-QBF4-1	2022-11-03 16:00:37	No		
30	ANON-P8YS-QBFQ-X	2022-11-03 16:36:44	Yes		
31	ANON-P8YS-QBFW-4	2022-11-03 16:47:24	Yes	The replacement should have been well under way before it got to this stage but obviously nobody has the foresight for that	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council had originally intended that the current Town Hall would remain operational until a new facility would be completed and become operational. Unfortunately, the failing condition of the current building has contributed to / accelerated its early closure but options for the replacement facility are progressing.
32	ANON-P8YS-QBFE-J	2022-11-03 17:09:54	No		
33	ANON-P8YS-QBFZ-7	2022-11-03 17:19:23	No		
34	ANON-P8YS-QBFV-3	2022-11-03 17:32:37	No	A Town Hall facility should be available before demolition. Falkirk will lose so much if there is no entertainments venue. The refusal by council to vote for an Arts venue in town was shocking, taking no account of the citizens of the town and instead playing at petty party politics. If the Town Hall is demolished early it could be several years before it is replaced. It is just not good enough!	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council had originally intended that the current Town Hall would remain operational until a new facility would be completed and become operational. Unfortunately, the failing condition of the current building has contributed to / accelerated its early closure but options for the replacement facility are progressing. The Council is continuing to engage with local groups to assist where possible in finding interim alternative venues.
35	ANON-P8YS-QBFU-2	2022-11-03 17:52:48	No	This would be an absolutely terrible decision due to the shows that have been promised can go ahead until March. Falk needs a town hall and the current one should remain until a new one is complete	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. FTH will remain open until the Big Bad Wolf production for Feb 2023. Unfortunately, the failing condition of the current building has contributed to / accelerated its early closure prior to a replacement being available. The Council is continuing to explore options for the replacement facility but it is unaffordable to retain the current facility, until the replacement is available. The Council will continue to work with groups to explore interim alternative venues.
36	ANON-P8YS-QBF3-Z	2022-11-03 18:05:33	Yes		
37	ANON-P8YS-QBF9-6	2022-11-03 18:45:33	No		
38	ANON-P8YS-QBF2-Y	2022-11-03 19:00:41	No	The Town Hall should continue to operate until a New Town Hall has been provided. Many theatre and dance groups use the hall on a regular basis and our children and young people require a facility where they can showcase all their hard work and commitment through a performance.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. It is regrettable that a replacement facility will not be immediately available, however, the Council is actively exploring the available options for a modern, replacement facility.
39	ANON-P8YS-QBFD-H	2022-11-03 19:07:37	Yes		

40	ANON-P8YS-QBF8-5	2022-11-03 19:22:11	No	Demolition should only take place Only once a plan is in place to build a new facility.	Thank you for your comment which has been noted. Unfortunately, the failing condition of the current building has contributed to / accelerated its early closure but options for the replacement facility are progressing. FTH is therefore no longer fit for purpose - the boiler plant has failed and it would not now be cost effective or sustainable to continue to operate the Town Hall until a replacement facility has been built - this was accepted and agreed as part of the decision to close taken in Sept
41	ANON-P8YS-QBFP-W	2022-11-03 19:47:26	No		
42	ANON-P8YS-QBFB-F	2022-11-03 19:55:14	No		
43	ANON-P8YS-QBFM-T	2022-11-03 19:59:37	No	Falkirk Town Hall should not be demolished until there is a replacement venue built. It is part of Falkirk's culture and heritage, an affordable theatre for all which is especially needed in these times of adversity. Falkirk Town Hall productions can provide some relief from these hard times and should be valued as such	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The current venue is not fit for purpose and cannot continue to be used in its current condition. The Council is actively looking to deliver a replacement, modern facility which will add to Falkirk's culture and heritage. In the meantime, the Council is working with local groups to find them interim facilities, which should allow some productions/events to continue all-be-it on a smaller scale.
44	ANON-P8YS-QBQS-B	2022-11-03 20:04:38	No	One of the few amenities in the town that brings live acts & trade to the town	Thank you for your comment which has been noted. The current town hall has reached the end of its remaining useful life and is no longer fit for purpose. A new facility will still attract live acts and trade to the town. It is hoped that groups/events can utilise alternative facilities on an interim basis.
45	ANON-P8YS-QBQA-S	2022-11-03 20:08:31	Yes		
46	ANON-P8YS-QBQH-Z	2022-11-03 20:23:58	No	This will leave the Falkirk area without a suitable Venue for performing arts. A proposal should be place for a replacement venue before the venue is demolished. This will also impact local restaurants and bars as visitors to this venue bring business to the town.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. It is regrettable that a replacement facility will not be immediately available, however, the Council is actively exploring all suitable options for a new venue. The Council will continue to work with and offer support to local business and it is hoped that interim solutions can be sought to use alternate venues.
47	ANON-P8YS-QBQ7-F	2022-11-03 20:24:19	No	A replacement temporary or permanent venue needs to be agreed upon prior to demolition or exploring options.	Thank you for your comment which has been noted. The Council is currently engaging with local arts groups to assist where possible with relocation to alternative venues.
48	ANON-P8YS-QBFJ-Q	2022-11-03 20:44:02	No		
49	ANON-P8YS-QBQG-Y	2022-11-03 21:05:17	No	Should not be demolished until replacement built.	Thank you for your comment which has been noted. The Council regrets that a replacement facility will not be immediately available and agrees that a new, modern replacement is required and is actively exploring the available options for consideration.
50	ANON-P8YS-QBQN-6	2022-11-03 21:05:57	No		
51	ANON-P8YS-QBQX-G	2022-11-03 21:18:04	Yes	It seems the only option now. Please can we have a new town hall as soon as possible. One we can all enjoy performing in, young and old.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council is actively exploring alternative site options for consideration and will seek to swiftly progress with a suitable replacement as soon as practical.
52	ANON-P8YS-QBQ4-C	2022-11-03 21:57:00	No	The town hall is an important venue and the reasons for demolition are understood, however there should at least be a viable plan in place for building an alternative venue.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council regrets that a replacement facility will not be immediately available and agrees that a new, modern replacement is required and is actively exploring the available options for consideration

53	ANON-P8YS-QBQF-X	2022-11-03 21:58:38	No	Closure shows the complete lack of previous consultation with affected groups, who use the present Town Hall. Now due to a couldn't care less attitude of Falkirk Council in closing this venue they effectively will cease to exist as the suggested venues (Grangemouth Town Hall and Boness Town Hall) are unsuitable alternatives for a number of reasons. Clearly Falkirk Council have NO interest in Arts and Culture.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council had originally intended that the current town hall would remain operational until a new replacement facility was constructed however, the associated the cost to address the substantial repairs which were subsequently identified were not best value for money and have regrettably led to the decision on the early closure. Arts and Culture are important to the Council and it is actively engaging with local groups to assist where possible to find alternative premises until an new modern facility is constructed.
54	ANON-P8YS-QBQ1-9	2022-11-03 22:50:59	No		
55	ANON-P8YS-QBQW-F	2022-11-04 00:04:44	No	Falkirk town hall is well used and is a vital part of the community from Tea dances , theatre productions, comedy and some well known pop acts not to mention the pantomime . Where are we meant to go now? Falkirk has a population over 150,00 so we should have a town hall . It's disgraceful, money is ring fenced for a town hall but not actually getting used for this purpose. I pay council tax along with thousands of others so what are we getting for our council tax not very much and now we are losing our beloved town hall shocking it really is . You want bigger acts to come where are they meant to go when Falkirk council can but won't keep its town hall open . Just another nail in the coffin for Falkirk and the poor services the council offers.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council acknowledges that the town hall did provide a variety of entertainment over the years, however, recent expert advice has concluded that the building is in a poor condition and the necessary repairs to satisfy Health and Safety would be too costly and disruptive and would not represent good value for money. The Council is actively exploring the available options in respect of a new, cost effective, fit for purpose facility which will be suitable for all future users.
56	ANON-P8YS-QBQE-W	2022-11-04 00:23:27	No	It's a total scandal that this is happening. The Council have had years to come up with an alternative to FTH. This is ripping the heart out of the art and culture hub of the region. And it's going to have such a detrimental effect on the whole area. Shame on you all.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council had originally intended that the current town hall would remain operational until a new replacement facility was constructed/delivered however, the associated costs to address the substantial repairs subsequently identified were not considered best value for money. The current town hall has recently suffered a failure of its major services and cannot continue to operate without significant expenditure. Arts and Culture are important to the Council and it is actively engaging with local groups to assist where possible to find alternative premises until a new modern facility is constructed.
57	ANON-P8YS-QBQT-C	2022-11-04 01:58:47	No	Not until there is a replacement in the town centre	Thank you for your comment which has been opened. The current building has reached the end of its useful remaining life and is no longer fit for purpose. If left undemolished it will continue to deteriorate and could attract vandalism.
58	ANON-P8YS-QBQZ-J	2022-11-04 07:30:00	No	The developer should have offered to build a new Town Hall before demolition starts.	Thank you for your comment which has been noted. The site is still to be marketed and sold so there is currently no developer. The capital receipt from the sale of the site will assist the Council in the development of a new arts venue.
59	ANON-P8YS-QBQV-E	2022-11-04 08:06:27	No	Demolishing FTH should only continue when another suitable venue has been built and can be utilised by the community.	Thank you for your comment which has been noted. The current building has reached the end of its useful remaining life and is no longer fit for purpose. If left undemolished it will continue to deteriorate and could attract vandalism.
60	ANON-P8YS-QBQ5-D	2022-11-04 09:24:24	Yes		

61	ANON-P8YS-QBQU-D	2022-11-04 09:58:07	No	The town of Falkirk needs a sizeable public meeting place continuously. The existing town hall should not be demolished until an adequate alternative, with comparable facilities, is built.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council is actively seeking to identify a new, alternative venue which will be fit for purpose and suitable for all users.
62	ANON-P8YS-QBQY-H	2022-11-04 11:47:52	Yes	Falkirk Council went back on its promise to keep the town hall open until a new one is ready. I hope the council does not go back on its promise to build a new facility as quickly as possible.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council required to address the findings of expert design advice regarding the poor condition of the existing building and the additional substantial costs and disruption which would result if proceeding with an earlier proposal to keep the town hall open. The Council is committed to providing a modern, cost effective venue.
63	ANON-P8YS-QBQ9-H	2022-11-04 13:40:02	No	The council have had more years to organise a replacement but the main parties have consistently put petty party politics ahead of what is right for the town. The closure of the town hall in the absence of even a credible plan will likely see a new venue as a pipe dream for years to come.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. A replacement venue is a huge and complex undertaking for the Council and any decision taken requires to be properly discussed and agreed by all Parties to ensure that ultimately the correct final decision is made. The Council is committed to replacing the town hall and is actively exploring all suitable options for a new venue.
64	ANON-P8YS-QBQK-3	2022-11-04 13:47:17	Yes	demolish and arrange for new building to be completed within town centre as soon as possible.	Thank you for your comment which has been noted. The Council is actively seeking to identify a new location for a modern replacement.
65	ANON-P8YS-QBQ2-A	2022-11-04 14:02:43	No	Not until we have a committed plan in place for a replacement theatre	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The current building has reached the end of its useful remaining life and is no longer fit for purpose. If left undemolished it will continue to deteriorate and could attract vandalism. The Council is actively seeking to identify a suitable location for a new, alternative venue.
66	ANON-P8YS-QBQ8-G	2022-11-04 15:36:01	No	Falkirk area needs a town hall!! A suitable replacement should be made available BEFORE demolition begins. As was previously promised!! Without these facilities the arts in this area will die. This will also effect hospitality in the area. The bohemians performed in November to a full house over 6 performances. That's over 3k people! How many of those used taxi company's, restaurants and bars before and after the show? There are no alternatives that match the current town hall in this area.	The Council agrees that a new arts venue is required and is actively seeking to identify a suitable alternative location. The Council is committed to supporting not only the Arts community but also local businesses too and discussions are ongoing with local groups to assist with finding suitable alternative premises.

67	ANON-P8YS-QBFR-Y	2022-11-04 15:38:43	No	<p>I feel that the current town hall should remain until a facility with the same facilities, both front of house and backstage, is in place.</p> <p>There have been town halls on different sites for many years, in Falkirk, allowing both amateur and professional acts and organisations to show off their skills.</p> <p>To be left for an unspecified amount of time with nowhere matching the facilities of our current town hall could spell the end of some groups e.g. some of the amateur dramatic/operatic societies.</p> <p>For example this week (1/11/22 - 5/11/22) Falkirk Bohemians are performing to near sell out audiences in the Town Hall. There is no venue in the area which has anywhere near the seating capacity or for that stage capacity to put on performances like these. As someone who has helped out for nearly 20 years backstage with numerous amateur groups I can say without fear of contradiction that no other venue, in the area, has the on stage facilities required to put these productions on to their fullest.</p> <p>These groups aside there are numerous smaller groups who use the town hall to showcase their talents with performers from preschool all the way up to octogenarians and possibly older. To stop giving these talents the stage to showcase their</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council is actively seeking to identify alternative premises for all Groups which it currently facilitates at FTH. It is acknowledged, however, that there is not a direct replacement facility, so groups may require to "scale back" performances in the intervening period until the replacement facility is constructed/delivered. The Council hopes it can work with Groups to ensure their continued viability over the intervening period. The current town hall has suffered a failure of its major services and cannot continue to operate without significant expenditure which if spent may result in the replacement facility being unusable i.e. there is only a single pot for investment. FTH had to rely on a back-up generator to ensure the pantomime and Big Bad Wolf can run but this is not a sustainable solution.</p>
68	ANON-P8YS-QBQP-8	2022-11-04 17:45:32	No	<p>Closure of the Town Hall and its subsequent demolition should not take place until Falkirk Council has secured suitable alternative premises, plans drawn up where the council cannot back out. They are currently under no obligation to create a new town hall/arts centre. I do not believe it would be a priority for the council and do not believe a new town hall would be erected any time soon.</p> <p>A decent arts facility which could host live events (especially close to the train station) would encourage people to come to Falkirk and spend their money. This could create sustainable long term income for the area. Rather than the short term one off cashflow that selling the area would generate.</p>	<p>The Council is committed to providing a new arts facility and are actively seeking to identify a new alternative location which will be suitable for a variety of uses. The provision of a new facility will take time but it is important to consider all aspects of the project to ensure a consensus agreement on such an important project which will be extensively used in future years.</p>
69	ANON-P8YS-QBQB-T	2022-11-04 18:08:57	No		
70	ANON-P8YS-QBD6-1	2022-11-04 18:16:22	Yes	<p>I would like to see further consultation about the proposed replacement for the town hall and publication of results from previous surveys. While the existing town hall needs to go, it's not clear if the proposed replacement will accommodate local amateur groups.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments which have been noted. There is no legal requirement for a further consultation on the proposed replacement of the town hall under the Common Good legislation. This matter will be the subject of future reports to Falkirk Council who will debate and vote on the recommendations. The results from the previous Common Good survey which commenced on 1st July 2021, were published as an appendix to the report to the Executive Committee on 8th December 2021 and an e-mail response was sent to all respondents in February 2022. With regard to the proposed replacement the Council will endeavour to ensure it will be suitable for a variety of users.</p>

71	ANON-P8YS-QBDA-C	2022-11-04 18:16:22	No	<p>This is an outrage. FTH has deliberately been allowed to run down and Falkirk Council members have been unable to put petty squabbles and political posturing aside to lock down solid plans for a replacement on par with current facilities, and have this ready before closure of the current facilities.</p> <p>This consultation is also a joke. Why is there no option for the community to take over FTH and theatre?? Most assuredly they would do a better job of securing funding to carry our necessary repairs and improvements and maintain this crucial facility than the council has over the past decade. While I think this is no more than a PR exercise,it's the only avenue open to me at present to voice my dissent and opinion.</p> <p>Falkirk Council should be ashamed of themselves....I've seen better organisation and teamwork at a Primary school bake sale.</p>	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. This is a statutory consultation which is legally required to be undertaken under part 8 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015. The views of the respondents will be considered by the Council. The current facility has reached the end of its remaining useful life and the repairs required to sustain it until a replacement facility is in place are deemed not to be cost effective or best value for the Council. An application for a Community buy-out would require continuous substantial financial support and commitment and would be unlikely to be meet the required approval criteria.
72	ANON-P8YS-QBDH-K	2022-11-04 18:22:17	No	A proposal for a new town hall should be put forward before closure of the current town hall...Falkirk needs a town hall.	The Council agrees that a new arts venue is required and is actively seeking to identify a suitable alternative location. The current town hall has reached the end of its remaining useful life and is not fit for purpose and the Council has already made the decision to close the building in February 2023.
73	ANON-P8YS-QBD7-2	2022-11-04 19:00:24	No	Town Hall should only be closed and demolished once a location and plans have been approved for new town hall	The Council agrees that a new arts venue is required and is actively seeking to identify a suitable alternative location. The current town hall has reached the end of its remaining useful life and is not fit for purpose and the Council has already made the decision to close the building in February 2023.
74	ANON-P8YS-QBDN-S	2022-11-04 19:24:43	No	<p>This is a very much used building and to close it with no alternative is ridiculous. You have all had ample time to agree on an alternative and if you cannot work together in the interests of the community then that is the failing of the council and the community should not suffer because of this. Too many organisations use this for it to close and leave them all high and dry. If the council feels it is too much for them even though that is what their role is then maybe it should be signed over to the community to look after. The many amateur dramatic companies would surely be happy to club together to keep it going. The council should do better - no matter the party they are with they should be working in the interests of the Falkirk District and not themselves</p>	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The current town hall is is physically obsolescent and no longer fit for purpose and the Council have already agreed to its closure. It is actively seeking to identify a site for a new, replacement facility and has been engaging with local groups to find suitable alternative venues in the short-term.
75	ANON-P8YS-QBDX-3	2022-11-04 19:27:59	Not Answered	Keep the Town Hall. Falkirk desperately needs it. Spend money to upgrade. Cheaper than a new build - if that ever happens.	Thank you for your comment but you have not answered the survey question.

76	ANON-P8YS-QBDF-H	2022-11-04 19:38:35	No	There has been inadequate consultation with impacted organisations. No closure ordemolition should take place until suitable alternative arrangements are in place.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. All organisations who use FTH have been contacted to attempt to facilitate alternative premises. Suitable alternative arrangements may require organisations to alter performance arrangements i.e. perform over extra days. The Council has already agreed to closure of the building due to it's poor conditon and is actively seeing to identify a suitable location for a new facility.
77	ANON-P8YS-QBDQ-V	2022-11-04 19:43:38	No		
78	ANON-P8YS-QBD4-Y	2022-11-04 19:45:29	No	Due to the current economic climate, Falkirk Council really needs to look at priorities that are for the common good, not just yet another "look at me" project. How can you even consider the building of a new facility and the multi millions cost, to tax payers ? Get a grip, the country is in crisis.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council is committed to providing a new arts facility and is actively seeking to identify a new alternative location which will be suitable for a variety of users, however it is acknowledged that the associated cost will be expensive but still worthwhile.
79	ANON-P8YS-QBDR-W	2022-11-04 20:22:35	No	As the tow hall us well used the council should have had the foresight to build a new town hall before the existing one was condemned, if memory serves me well this is what happened when the old Newmarket St town hall was to be closed.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council has already been considering various alternative options and had originally intended to keep the Town Hall operational until a new facility was available but the poor conditon was much worse than originally anticipated and the required repairs too costly to represent a best value option.
80	ANON-P8YS-QBDC-E	2022-11-04 21:05:49	Yes	The centre of the town is doing falkirk no great favours at the moment we have an eyesore of a former bus station at one end which noone seems to be ready to do anything about and the outdated shabby remains of the muninciple buildings at the other - if buisness rates , insurances etc are being paid on these deserted building tare them down. The council needs funds to put towards the improvement of the town at a time when funds are being cut. Do the right thing and clear that land asap and start work on the new HQ without further delay	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council is keen to progress with improving and enhnacing the town centre for all residents and visitors.
81	ANON-P8YS-QBDE-G	2022-11-04 21:22:22	No	There should be a new building for the use of before any demolition takes place	Thank you for your comment which has been noted. The Council had originally indended that the current Town Hall would remain operational until a new facility was completed.
82	ANON-P8YS-QBDT-Y	2022-11-04 21:47:05	No	Town Hall- especially Town Hall Theatre should not be closed until a new theatre is built.	Thank you for your comment which has been noted. The Council had originally indended that the current Town Hall would remain operational until a new facility was completed.
83	ANON-P8YS-QBDJ-N	2022-11-04 21:48:58	Yes		
84	ANON-P8YS-QBDZ-5	2022-11-04 22:30:03	Yes		
85	ANON-P8YS-QBDV-1	2022-11-04 23:00:52	No		
86	ANON-P8YS-QBDU-Z	2022-11-04 23:15:38	No	not without building an alternative arts centre. falkirk has 160000 people and we deserve to have somewhere to practice and experience the arts	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council will consider your point prior to making a decision and isactively engaging with local groups to assist where possible with finding alternative premises.

87	ANON-P8YS-QBD3-X	2022-11-04 23:19:36	No	Falkirk needs a town hall! Falkirk Bohemians most recent SOLD OUT show just proves this! That was just one of the many companies that use the facility. Various children also use the venue for shows which helps to boost their confidence. No town hall will just make individuals go somewhere else rather than local for entertainment which as A result will make restaurants suffer	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council is actively engaging with local groups to assist where possible with finding alternative suitable premises in the short term.
88	ANON-P8YS-QBDY-4	2022-11-04 23:47:04	No	I fear that we are going to be left without a town hall. My daughter has danced in shows there for 15 years since she was age 3- I do not think it should be demolished unless you can definitely promise to the people of Falkirk that it will be replaced, where and it must be now 2-3 years down the line. We need it built now. I fear if it is demolished then the council will waste time humming and hawing and we will never have a town hall. I mean look at our town centre it is a disgrace	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council is committed to providing a replacement arts facility and is actively seeking to to identify a suitable alternative location.
89	ANON-P8YS-QBD9-4	2022-11-04 23:57:29	No	I think it is a disgrace that this will leave an area the size of Falkirk without a decent performance venue capable of hosting full scale musical productions. The FTH has decent wing space, flying ability and a good standard of technical equipment around the stage area which no other local venue has. The ability to stage full scale musicals and concerts is of vital importance to the cultural life of the surrounding area, and, also has a vital positive effect on the mental health of those taking part and on that of their audience. Many performers and members of their audiences also spend money in the hospitality venues close to the FTH which in turn has a positive impact on the local economy. The building of a replacement venue must now be assured and started as a matter of urgency or the whole Falkirk area could become a cultural desert.	Thank you for your comment. The Council agrees that a modern replacement facility is required which will be suitable for a variety of users/ performers. It is committed to providing a replacement facility and is actively seeking to identify a suitable alternative location.
90	ANON-P8YS-QBDK-P	2022-11-05 00:38:22	No	The fact there is no alternative venue for live theatre in the area, be it professional or amateur is an outrage! Having just finished a sell out week with Falkirk Bohemians the public are obviously still supporting the need for an arts venue! This is damaging the lives and mental health of hundreds of local people , people the council are meant to be serving! The unfair way this has been done is nothing less than criminal and needs to be taken further! We need proof that a plan is underway for a new centre before the current facility is closed!	Thank you for your comment. The Council has already agreed to the early closure of the town hall on the recommendations of an external design team and is committed to progressing a business case for a new Town hall / Arts Centre.

91	ANON-P8YS-QBD2-W	2022-11-05 07:51:28	Yes	As long as once the buildings are demolished, the council replace the offices, and a new theatre fit for purpose, this would bring much needed revenue to the town.	Thank you for your comment. The Council will consider your points.
92	ANON-P8YS-QBAM-N	2022-11-05 08:27:06	Not Answered	I feel that the above question is poorly worded and doesn't allow for open discussion. There should have been public consultation before the decision to close was made. If the building had been properly maintained over the years then we wouldn't be in this position. It was promised previously that the Town Hall would not be demolished until a new one was built. Unfortunately it would seem that the building is now not safe enough to be kept in use beyond February 2023, but the plans for a new hall were thrown out last year so now we have nothing that is on a par with the facilities we had at Falkirk Town Hall Theatre. Grangemouth and Bo'ness are also in need of upgrading, yet groups are expected to use them in the meantime. The council needs to consult with the user groups in regard to plans for a new arts centre, so that the correct facilities are in place and it will be fit for purpose. Not to put forward a new plan as a 'fait accompli'! If we could be assured that closure of the current Town Hall would result in a new one being built without unnecessary delay and with proper consultation, and putting the money obtained from selling the land towards that, then I might consider ticking the 'yes' box. But I don't agree with the way the decision was made and I don't agree that the building should be closed before a new one is built,	Thank you for your comments. Unfortunately you have not answered the survey question and your comments are outwith the scope of this consultation.

93	ANON-P8YS-QBDD-F	2022-11-05 08:40:55	No	<p>I think the Town Hall should remain in operation until a new premises is available for the many groups who rely on the venue to perform!! Amateur Theatre groups/Dance Schools/Musicians/orchestra groups/touring acts/local schools to name but a few. There are hundreds of local adults and children who have performed in Falkirk Town Hall without fail every year and this is a huge part of their life which is being taken away!! The touring shows that perform in the Town Hall bring custom into the area with people eating at various restaurants in the town before heading to a show and staying overnight in the local hotels - this business will stop. I myself performed in the Town Hall for many years as part of the Children's Theatre, Yourh Theatre and Stenhouse School of dance. My daughter has performed there every year for the last 14 years with McKechnie School of Dance. This year our show has been reduced to one night only which ultimately means that many parents/friends/relations who support the school year on year will not be able to get a ticket to come and watch their children. We are now left with nowhere to put on our future shows due to not having a suitable venue that can provide the sound/lighting/visual equipment that we need. I think the decision to demolish the building without</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments. The current Town Hall has reached the end of its economic life and is not fit for purpose in terms of health and safety provisions. The Council is engaging with local groups to assist with identifying suitable alternative premises and is committed to identifying a new, modern arts facility.</p>
94	ANON-P8YS-QBDP-U	2022-11-05 09:21:49	No	<p>The Town Hall facility MUST NOT be lost. It is a huge benefit to every child in the area... from taking part in shows, competitions etc to going along as part of an audience. Council should take stock of how this is a vital service to the community young and old. In difficult times the Arts are invaluable mental and spiritual lift to everyone. Just this week there is a sellout amateur production which can also be accomplished by the numerous Falkirk groups which nurture and produce talented Falkirk Bairns. Not forgetting the numerous West End and Worldwide stars who flourished from the Town Hall stage.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments. The Council agrees that a new arts facility is required and is engaging with local groups to identify suitable alternative premises in the short term until a new, modern facility can be established.</p>
95	ANON-P8YS-QBDB-D	2022-11-05 09:29:21	No	<p>Before this is closed there should be a new site purchased and construction started on a new town hall. This should be on Falkirk High Street to support the Town Centre and are Falkirk the heart of the community again.</p> <p>Until a firm commitment is made on the new town hall, no one believes it will actually happen.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council is committed to providing a new facility however, this will require to be assisted by funding from the sale of the cleared site. The Council is actively seeking to identify a suitable alternative location for the new arts centre.</p>

96	ANON-P8YS-QBDM-R	2022-11-05 09:32:14	No	<p>Until a new venue is created the council should maintain the use of current town hall as the closure impacts on the wider community.</p> <p>FDC have not considered the detrimental effect that closing the venue will have on the groups that use it, with no other buildings in the falkirk area suitable for requirements some of these groups will fold, having a lasting effect on people who rely on them.</p> <p>Poor decision making and bad management from FDC from the outset, disgusted that the Council will disregard the community that it is supposed to serve and carry on with plans regardless.</p> <p>FDC you should be ashamed of yourselves - embarrassed to say I live in Falkirk area.</p>	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The current Town Hall is is physically obsolescent and no longer fit for purpose and the Council have already agreed to its closure. A new alternative venue is being sought which will be suitable for the community. The Council is actively engaging with local groups to identify other available premises in the short term.
97	ANON-P8YS-QBUS-F	2022-11-05 10:32:57	No	<p>FC have no alternative VENUE to replace this venue. New schools, a new College recently built with no raised seating/Stage for such shows which currently run at FTH. If there was an alternative, I'd fully back the demolition of such an uneconomical building which must cost a fortune to run and maintain. GIVE US AN ALTERNATIVE THEN WE'LL AGREE</p>	Thank you for your comments. The Council is actively seeking to identify a new alternative location to replace the current Town Hall. It is committed to providing a new, more cost effective facility.
98	ANON-P8YS-QBUA-W	2022-11-05 10:41:15	No	<p>To demolish the Town Hall without a replacement seems crazy to me. There are no other suitable 'alternatives' locally that would suffice to do what the Falkirk Town Hall attended to.</p>	Thank you for your comments. The Council is actively seeking to identify a new alternative location to replace the current Town Hall. It is committed to providing a new, more cost effective facility. The current building has reached the end of its remaining useful life and is physically obsolescent.
99	ANON-P8YS-QBUG-3	2022-11-05 13:14:05	Yes	<p>The council should have agreed to have a new place arranged in falkirk long before this time. As we need a new facility for arts etc in the town before they run it down any further as it is like a ghost town.</p>	Thank you for our comments which have been noted.
100	ANON-P8YS-QBU7-K	2022-11-05 13:14:18	No	<p>A town the size of Falkirk to have no theatre facilities is a disgrace. Those who have been democratically elected to represent their community should be hanging their heads in shame. I agree we may need a new town hall but the one we use at the moment should not be demolished till a new one is in place.</p>	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council is actively seeking to identify a new location for a modern facility to replace the current town hall which is physically obsolescent and no longer fit for purpose.

101	ANON-P8YS-QBUH-4	2022-11-05 13:17:21	No	<p>I think if the townhall was to be demolished, then it should be definetley replaced with a new premises/venue.</p> <p>Consultation could be done between the council & other venues to hold the shows, for instance the Dobbie Hall. This being so people can still have something to attend. I know we have attended lots of events for adults & families. It is so handy to go for a night out & great we dont have venture further afeild such as Glasgow.</p> <p>It would be such a shame to lose this facility. I had actually bought tickets for a show for a christmas present for family in March & unfortunatley this has been cancelled. I have had to book the same show but will have to travel to Glasgow now.</p>	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council is committed to providing a new, modern arts facility and is engaging with local groups to identify suitable, altenative venues in the short term.
102	ANON-P8YS-QBUF-2	2022-11-05 14:10:27	No	This should not be done until there is an alternative venue in place. There are an abundance of groups and talents which utilise the town hall and closure and demolition is not in the best interest of the community.	Thank you for your comments. The Council is actively seeking to identify a new location for a modern facility to replace the exiting building which is no longer fit for purpose. It is also engaging with local groups to try and identify alternative venues in the short term.
103	ANON-P8YS-QBU4-G	2022-11-05 14:27:19	No		
104	ANON-P8YS-QBU1-D	2022-11-05 15:57:32	Not Answered		
105	ANON-P8YS-QBUC-Y	2022-11-05 16:06:16	No	Not unless there is a replacement plan for equivalent theatre facility	Thank you for your comment which has been noted. The Council is actively seeking to identify a new location for a modern and cost effective facility.
106	ANON-P8YS-QBU6-J	2022-11-05 18:04:01	No	You should not be closing it at all until a replacement is in place	Thank you for your comment which has been noted. The Council is actively seeking to identify a new location for a modern and cost effective facility.
107	ANON-P8YS-QBUT-G	2022-11-05 18:20:15	No	Town Hall should remain until a replacement has been agreed	Thank you for your comment which has been noted. The Council is actively seeking to identify a new location for a modern and cost effective facility.

108	ANON-P8YS-QBUJ-6	2022-11-05 19:43:12	No	<p>FTH brings many people (and their money) into the town. Closure of FTH without an immediate replacement will not only result in the loss of an Arts Centre for the people of Falkirk, but it will deny local shops, bars and restaurants the custom these shows bring in. It truly highlights how short sighted the members of the council are. I believe the various Arts groups are supposed to “go on hold” for 6 years (more likely to be longer) They've barely survived a two year closure due to Covid will they survive another six years? To claim that it will cost £6,000,000 to keep the Town Hall running. This just highlights how the council have failed in the upkeep of the building! The more people of Scotland hear about this fiasco caused by Falkirk Council, the more people will realise the councilors are simply there to line their own pockets and not support their population. To hear that, due to Party politic voting, and not supporting the people of their population, the people are losing out on a suitable venue Disgusting!</p> <p>I notice there has been no threat to the football stadium, whose footprint would provide even more building space! Definitely a case of discrimination!</p>	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council is committed to providing a new, modern arts facility and is engaging with local groups to identify suitable, alternative venues in the short term.
109	ANON-P8YS-QBUV-J	2022-11-05 20:15:05	No	<p>Why in this economic climate would the council want to waste money? The funds for this demolition should be spend on bettering the existing road network and helping out the people of Falkirk district.</p> <p>I am apposed to this proposal.</p>	Thank you for your comments. The property has reached the end of it's economical life and is no longer fit for purpose. Demolition of the Town Hall will enable the site to be sold to partly fund an new modern facility which the council is committed to providing. Transport links are financed by a seperate budget.
110	ANON-P8YS-QBUZ-P	2022-11-05 21:25:45	No	<p>Falkirk Town Hall should not be demolished prior to a new one being built.</p> <p>Falkirk has some amazing talent. Come on Falkirk council don't demolish Falkirk town hall.</p>	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council is committed to providing a new, modern arts facility and is engaging with local groups to identify suitable, alternative venues in the short term.
111	ANON-P8YS-QBU3-F	2022-11-05 22:12:48	Yes	Having been born and raised in Falkirk as were my 5 children I am absolutely disgusted with all councillors of Falkirk Council you will destroy the heart of Falkirk demolishing the Town Hall	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Town Hall is no longer fit for purpose and the Council is actively seeking an alternative location for a new modern facility.
112	ANON-P8YS-QBUY-N	2022-11-06 07:10:35	Yes		
113	ANON-P8YS-QBU9-N	2022-11-06 09:12:40	No	Shocking	Thank you for your comment which has been noted.

114	ANON-P8YS-QBUD-Z	2022-11-06 10:41:53	No	<p>A large town like Falkirk should not be left with no facilities for cultural events. Build something before you close the current perfectly adequate facility.</p> <p>You have already cancelled most of the events from February 2023 so this consultation is too little, too late. It feels like a waste of time answering this question as the decision has already been made, a tick box exercise to fulfil your legal obligations?</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council is actively seeking to identify suitable, alternative venues for local groups to perform in the short term.</p> <p>The current Town Hall is no longer fit for purpose and does not represent best value for money to retain in operational use and the Council has already agreed to its early closure.</p>
115	ANON-P8YS-QBU2-E	2022-11-06 10:47:19	No	<p>This has been known about for years, yet disgraceful petty politics has delayed the promised replacement town hall/performing space resulting in the sad and frankly shameful situation we find ourselves in now. By expediting the demolition do you think people will forget sooner and move on? No and please do not presume your residents have no grasp of economics or don't understand the situation you find yourselves in caused, I might add in no small part, by your own ineptitude. Some of us understand more than you appear to. You are supposed to represent the people of Falkirk and do what is best for those who elected you. Instead you play your games. This town is dying and you should be ashamed.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council had originally anticipated the Town Hall would remain operational until a location having been identified and new facility available. The condition of the Town Hall has unfortunately deteriorated further with the recent failure of the boiler and is no longer fit for purpose. The Council is still committed to providing a new, modern arts facility and is actively seeking a suitable alternative location.</p>
116	ANON-P8YS-QBU8-M	2022-11-06 16:49:05	No	<p>They need to put a new town hall in place first. So the local people can benefit from. It is a life line for some people to socialise when they are in their, theatre or dance groups.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Town hall has unfortunately reached the end of its useful life and is no longer fit for purpose. The Council is committed to providing a new, modern venue and in the meantime is engaging with local groups to find suitable short-term alternative premises.</p>
117	ANON-P8YS-QBUP-C	2022-11-06 16:50:39	No	<p>Falkirk needs a building where shows, concerts etc can be shown. The Town Hall should not be demolished until a substitute is found.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments. The Town hall has unfortunately reached the end of its useful life and is no longer fit for purpose. The Council is committed to providing a new, modern venue and in the meantime is engaging with local groups to find suitable short-term alternative premises.</p>
118	ANON-P8YS-QBUM-9	2022-11-06 17:17:05	No	<p>This should not happen until there is an alternative in place</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments. The Town hall has unfortunately reached the end of its useful life and is no longer fit for purpose. The Council is committed to providing a new, modern venue and in the meantime is engaging with local groups to find suitable short-term alternative premises.</p>
119	ANON-P8YS-QBUB-X	2022-11-06 19:41:33	No	<p>While I understand why this may be beneficial there has been so much time and money wasted on not agreeing a venue for the new town hall and until there is a clear plan as to where the new town hall should be built and commitment to fund it the town hall should stay in use as the valuable theatre venue which is relied on by so many local organisations.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments. The Town hall has unfortunately reached the end of its useful life and is no longer fit for purpose. The Council is committed to providing a new, modern venue and in the meantime is engaging with local groups to find suitable short-term alternative premises.</p>

120	ANON-P8YS-QBPS-A	2022-11-06 21:15:54	No	The demolition should not happen until a new venue has been built. It is a disgrace the current building has been allowed to get into such a state of disrepair. The council must have known the issues which would be faced trying to separate the buildings but have chosen to mislead the public. Shame on you Falkirk Council!	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Town Hall has reached the end of its useful life and is no longer fit for purpose. The Council had originally anticipated that the building would remain operational until a new facility was in place, however, it was only after a recent investigation by external consultants that the full extent of the complex issues and associated costs were identified. The Council is committed to providing a new, modern replacement venue and is actively seeking to identify a suitable location.
121	ANON-P8YS-QBPA-R	2022-11-06 21:16:57	No		
122	ANON-P8YS-QBP6-D	2022-11-06 21:20:28	No	Should be replaced before closure. BAR NONE.	Thank you for your comment which has been noted. The Council has already taken the decision for the early closure of the Town Hall and is actively seeking to identify an alternative location for a replacement arts facility.
123	ANON-P8YS-QBP7-E	2022-11-07 09:06:23	Yes		
124	ANON-P8YS-QBPG-X	2022-11-07 09:18:42	No	The town hall should not be demolished until a suitable replacement has been built or a least close to being completed.	Thank you for your comment which has been noted. The Town hall has reached the end of its useful life and it no longer fit for purpose but the Council is committed to providing an alternative, replacement facility and is actively seeking to identify a new suitable location.
125	ANON-P8YS-QBPN-5	2022-11-07 11:40:11	No	Need to stay open until new facility is started being built.	Thank you for your comment which has been noted. The Town hall has reached the end of its useful life and it no longer fit for purpose, however the Council is committed to providing an alternative, replacement facility and is actively seeking to identify a new suitable location.
126	ANON-P8YS-QBPX-F	2022-11-07 11:50:05	No	Not until a replacement facility is in place, not Grangemouth as that's older.	Thank you for your comment which has been noted. The Town hall has reached the end of its useful life and it no longer fit for purpose. The Council is committed to providing an alternative, replacement facility and is actively seeking to identify a new suitable location.
127	ANON-P8YS-QBPF-W	2022-11-07 12:27:15	No	The Town hall should remain operation until a new venue of equal or superior capability is available. This situation has been on-going for a long time and the Council has had the opportunity to make suitable plans on the replacement. Should the demolition take place before the replacement is available then I have no doubt that the replacement will never happen.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The council has already taken the decision for the early closure of the Town Hall. The Council is actively seeking to identify a new suitable location and is committed to providing a modern, cost-effective arts facility.
128	ANON-P8YS-QBPQ-8	2022-11-07 14:51:49	No	The town needs a town hall and this plan should be scrapped.	Thank you for your comments. The Town hall has reached the end of its useful life and it no longer fit for purpose. The Council is committed to providing an alternative, replacement facility and is actively seeking to identify a new suitable location.
129	ANON-P8YS-QBPR-9	2022-11-07 16:20:21	Yes		
130	ANON-P8YS-QBPW-E	2022-11-07 20:40:05	No		
131	ANON-P8YS-QBPE-V	2022-11-07 21:29:08	No	A new theatre facility should be opened before closing the Town Hall. The closure will impact Falkirk and surrounding communities more than you could ever imagine. Having performed on this stage from age 5 to 17, and also in my professional career, I truly appreciate the Town Hall being an integral part of the Falkirk area. It has attracted and hosted many well know acts over the years, but my worry is that they will not come back if they have to find alternative venues in Central Scotland during the demolition/construction period. What is the timescale for the new venue opening??	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council is actively seeking to identify a new suitable location for a new arts facility however, until this is agreed it is unable to provide a timescale for its opening.

132	ANON-P8YS-QBPT-B	2022-11-07 23:47:01	No	A new facility needs planned and commissioned prior to demolishing the existing town hall. People of Falkirk need to see Falkirk Council's commitment and investment in the Arts.	Thank you for your comments which has been noted. The Council is actively seeking to identify an new, suitable location for a new arts facility which it is committed to providing.
133	ANON-P8YS-QBPJ-1	2022-11-08 10:16:42	Yes	<p>I do agree but only from a practical and financial point of view.</p> <p>The indecision by the Council over the last few years has resulted in this extremely undesirable position being reached and a new venue really needs to be sorted out quickly (but not hastily) by the current Council.</p> <p>Falkirk residents have had the opportunity to see touring shows and acts as well as the many local arts and theatre groups at the Town Hall. I have enjoyed many of these over the past 25 years since moving to the area.</p> <p>The population of Falkirk should have a purpose-built arts venue delivered as soon as possible.</p>	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Town Hall has reached the end of it's useful life and is no longer fit for purpose and the cost to retain it is not financially cost-effective nor does it represent best value for money. The Council is committed to providing a modern, efficient arts centre and is actively seeking to identify a suitable location for the new venue.
134	ANON-P8YS-QBPZ-H	2022-11-08 12:13:31	Yes		
135	ANON-P8YS-QBP5-C	2022-11-09 11:16:43	No	Town hall should not come down until a replacement has been built	Thank you for your comments. The Town hall has reached the end of its useful life and it no longer fit for purpose. The Council is committed to providing an alternative, replacement arts facility however this will require to be partly funded from the proceeds of the sale of the site.
136	ANON-P8YS-QBPU-C	2022-11-09 11:17:09	Yes		
137	ANON-P8YS-QBP3-A	2022-11-09 11:18:04	Yes	If it needs to be done it needs to be done no matter how sentimental it is.	Thank you for your comment which has been noted.
138	ANON-P8YS-QBP2-9	2022-11-09 11:18:48	Yes		
139	ANON-P8YS-QBP8-F	2022-11-09 11:19:24	No		
140	ANON-P8YS-QBPM-4	2022-11-09 11:19:34	Yes		
141	ANON-P8YS-QBPY-G	2022-11-09 11:19:52	No	The town hall is an integral part of our town and one of the few things left to do in town, until and alternative was found to host the events I dont think it should have been closed never mind demolished as do many other tenants and residents within the falkirk area	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council has already taken the decision for the early closure of the Town Hall as it is no longer fit for purpose nor cost-effective to operate in its existing condition. The Council is committed to providing a new arts facility and is actively seeking to identify a suitable alternative location.
142	ANON-P8YS-QB8A-Z	2022-11-09 11:21:18	Yes		
143	ANON-P8YS-QB8S-J	2022-11-09 11:21:20	No	They should keep Falkirk Town hall till a suitable replacement facility is in place.	Thank you for your comment which has been noted. The Town hall has reached the end of its useful life and it no longer fit for purpose, however, the Council is committed to providing an alternative, replacement venue and is actively seeking to identify a suitable alternative location.
144	ANON-P8YS-QBPD-U	2022-11-09 11:21:34	No	In the blurb at the beginning, it states the building is in poor condition. This is due to the lack of maintenance of the building and in my view, this has accelerated the need for it to be demolished. It is a recurring theme whereby buildings are not being maintained and then the public are told it needs to be demolished.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council had originally anticipated that the Town Hall would remain in operational use until a new replacement facility was available. The current Town Hall has reached the end of its useful like and it is not cost-effective nor best value for the Council to retain in its present conditon and affirms the decsion taken for it's early closure.

145	ANON-P8YS-QBP9-G	2022-11-09 11:23:17	No	I think Falkirk Council have known for a long time that the Town Hall has been earmarked for closure and have made no attempt to put an alternative or alternative arrangements in place. This has resulted in shows having to be cancelled at short notice to performers and ticket holders. If they concentrated on the opinions of the people who elected them and concentrated less on vanity projects there may have been some sympathy for them .	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council has been actively seeking to identify an alternative suitable replacement venue for a number of years. It was originlly anticipated that the current Town Hall would remain operational until a replacement building was constructed/delivered but recent complex issues have been identified which have contributed to the decision for the early closure. The Council is still committed to providing a new modern arts facility.
146	ANON-P8YS-QB8G-6	2022-11-09 11:23:41	Yes		
147	ANON-P8YS-QBPK-2	2022-11-09 11:23:52	No	A suitable alternative should immediately be sourced, a town without a townhall is a disappointing embarrassment excuse of a council decision. Its unsuitable for events to come to Falkirk as there is no viable building, if the council had identified and made a start on a replacement building then the public would be more open to having the previous demolished. Its just seems that this is just the next on the list of bad council decisions without any public approval. It is my opinion that the council should do better for the residents.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council is actively seeking to identify a new, alternative location for a new arts facility which will be suitable for all future users.
148	ANON-P8YS-QB8H-7	2022-11-09 11:25:03	Yes	Let's get rid of inefficient and ineffective infrastructure as soon as possible. Making sure it is replaced by something self sustaining (ground source heat pumps, wind turbines, solar and batteries) as an example of what can be achieved. Saving time, money and effort for future generations.	Thank you for your coments which have been noted. The Council is committed to providing a new modern and cost-efficient arts facility.
149	ANON-P8YS-QB8F-5	2022-11-09 11:25:15	Yes	Should not have been allowed to get to this condition in the first place.	Thank you for your comments. The current Town Hall has reached the end of it's useful life and is phycally obsolescent.
150	ANON-P8YS-QB84-K	2022-11-09 11:25:42	Yes	However we are where we are.	
151	ANON-P8YS-QB86-N	2022-11-09 11:25:47	Yes	IF it is necessary, it has to go ahead. It appears from the press that bookings have been taken into next year, which have been cancelled and refunded. Ongoing consequences for the shows and organisations booked have been variously reported. However, there seems little point in retaining the Municipal Buildings if they are no longer needed. I trust alternative offices and other facilities have been sourced and put into use?	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. This consultation is specifically in relation to the proposed early demolition Falkirk Town Hall and your comments are therefore outwith the scope of this Consultation.
152	ANON-P8YS-QB8N-D	2022-11-09 11:26:44	Yes	Given the costs of retaining the town hall in isolation sadly the only cost effective and practicable solution is to progress demolition. Unfortunately this will cause disruption to the users where no suitable alternative exists and this is a consequence of a timeous decision making failure by the Council.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council is actively engaging with local organisations to try and find alternative, sutiable premises in the short-term.

153	ANON-P8YS-QB87-P	2022-11-09 11:27:39	Yes	<p>If it is going to be demolished, then it should happen quickly. My reason for saying this is that it appears to save substantial costs. If that is not the case, then I do not think the building should be demolished</p> <p>However, I very strongly feel that Falkirk needs a town hall and one should be started asap. Given the number of people who live in Falkirk and surrounding area, we should be looking to DEVELOP Falkirk not reduce it !</p>	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The early demolition of the Town Hall will provide financial savings for the Council and allow quicker progress for the sale of the whole site with the capital receipt being used to partially fund a new arts facility.
154	ANON-P8YS-QB8W-P	2022-11-09 11:30:33	Yes		
155	ANON-P8YS-QB8C-2	2022-11-09 11:31:00	Yes		
156	ANON-P8YS-QB81-G	2022-11-09 11:32:32	Yes	<p>When it is demolished there should be single bedroom homes built for elderly and disabled people. The land under no circumstances should be sold to a private housing developers.</p>	Thank you for your comments which have been noted however these are outwith the scope of this consultation.
157	ANON-P8YS-QB8E-4	2022-11-09 11:32:36	Yes	<p>Not the best location for access by public. I feel a different location might well attract more people to the venue</p>	Thank you for your comment which has been noted. The Council is actively seeking to identify a suitable alternative location.
158	ANON-P8YS-QB8T-K	2022-11-09 11:32:43	Yes		
159	ANON-P8YS-QB8R-H	2022-11-09 11:32:56	No	<p>It is ridiculous that the only real cultural facility in Falkirk should be demolished before an alternative new facility is firmly in train. The so called benefits are all about money, and there appears to be no guarantee a new hall will ever be built. Wanton vandalism will be the legacy of this administration.</p>	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Town Hall is no longer fit for purpose and the Council is actively seeking an alternative location for a suitable new facility. It is committed to providing a new modern, cost-effective arts centre.
160	ANON-P8YS-QB8J-9	2022-11-09 11:33:19	Yes	<p>The building is old and would need to be refurbished if kept open</p>	Thank you for your comment which has been noted.

161	ANON-P8YS-QB8X-Q	2022-11-09 11:33:57	No	<p>I do not agree with this decision I feel this is purely for financial gain as this site is a large part of the council complex, therefore would exclude a large proportion of land 7navailable for sale.</p> <p>The current town hall can accommodate 1000 people attending events there are no other facilities within Falkirk Council area that can accommodate that number, dobbie Hall Larbert is 200 Grangemouth Town Hall is I believe 300 this would rule out many artists coming to Falkirk Council area as it would not be financially viable I think this would have an adverse effect on the people of Falkirk District and would mean them having to go outwith the area for events thus Falkirk District losing financially. I was part of the children's theatre and have attend3d and performed at many events at the Town Hall and would be sad to see it go. I feel an investment in the Town Hall would stand it well for the future and would be a cheaper option than demolishing it and building a new facility within the District. I have always promoted Falkirk District as a vibrant and viable place for artist to tour and I feel they will exclude Falkirk in future tours no matter what.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Town Hall is no longer fit for purpose and has reached the end of its useful life. It is physically obsolecent and not cost-effective to operate thus the decsion for its early closure has already been taken. It acknowledges there is currently not a direct replacement building but has been engaging with local groups to try and find altenative venues in the short term. The sale of the whole site is required for it to be fiancially viable to a developer and the proceeds of sale will partly be used to fund a modern replacement arts centre, suitable for all future users.</p>
162	ANON-P8YS-QB8Z-S	2022-11-09 11:37:28	Yes	<p>I have lived in Falkirk since 2015 and only been in the town hall once. I would not feel any disadvantage from its demolition. I feel there are other locations in Falkirk that could feasibly be used to put on shows and functions that are currently put on at the town hall.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments which have been noted.</p>
163	ANON-P8YS-QB8V-N	2022-11-09 11:38:53	Yes	<p>If the building is no longer viable knock it down</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment which has been noted.</p>
164	ANON-P8YS-QB8Q-G	2022-11-09 11:39:32	No	<p>Falkirk Town Hall has been a valued asset to the people of Falkirk district for many years, and whilst I understand the need for demolition rather than costly repairs, there should have been plans in place for a replacement before demolishing the current one.</p> <p>My whole family has happy memories of Children's Theatre pantos which we all took part in. This is the only space with fly galleries, so cannot hold similar events in the other halls nominated to hold such events. The dressing room space is second to none and the whole facility is to be commended.</p> <p>Falkirk will not be the same without it.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments. The Council has been and is still actively seeking to find a suitable alternative location for a modern, cost-effective arts facility. It had originally intended that it would be operational until a replacement building was constructed/delivered but recent external professional views have identified costly and complex issues for the Council .</p>
165	ANON-P8YS-QB85-M	2022-11-09 11:43:35	No	<p>Closure should only take place once a new arts venue has been found/built.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment which has been noted.</p>
166	ANON-P8YS-QB8U-M	2022-11-09 11:43:54	Yes		

167	ANON-P8YS-QB83-J	2022-11-09 11:46:59	No	Falkirk Town Hall should remain until all existing bookings are completed. In fact the councillors rather than playing petty politics should have not approved this without a new facility been available.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The decision for the early closure of the Town Hall has already been taken.
168	ANON-P8YS-QB8Y-R	2022-11-09 11:47:19	No	It's an integrated part the Falkirk community where else in Falkirk can the shows and performances be shown	Thank you for your comments which has been noted. The Council has been and is currently engaging with local groups to identify suitable alternative venues.
169	ANON-P8YS-QB89-R	2022-11-09 11:48:46	No		
170	ANON-P8YS-QB8K-A	2022-11-09 11:49:03	No		
171	ANON-P8YS-QB82-H	2022-11-09 11:50:33	No	Put a plan in place to build a new town hall before any demolition commences, seems to be no firm date for a new facility	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council is actively seeking to identify a suitable alternative venue for a new arts facility.
172	ANON-P8YS-QB88-Q	2022-11-09 11:51:13	Yes		
173	ANON-P8YS-QB8D-3	2022-11-09 11:51:29	No	Closed at the end of the year without consultation. Typical of Falkirk Council, no care for community views	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Committee decision for the early closure of the Town Hall was a democratic vote
174	ANON-P8YS-QB8P-F	2022-11-09 11:51:49	No		
175	ANON-P8YS-QB8M-C	2022-11-09 11:52:33	Yes	Absolutely, as quick as possible as it's too costly	Thank your for your comment which has been noted.
176	ANON-P8YS-QBNS-8	2022-11-09 11:59:54	Yes		
177	ANON-P8YS-QB8B-1	2022-11-09 12:01:01	No	<p>FTH should not be demolished until suitable facilities found/built, so many from entertainment and arts will have nowhere to hold their shows. This will be a big loss to Falkirk.</p> <p>The proposed sum from the sale of the land for the Common Good Fund is minimal and should be a lot more than proposed as this land belongs to the people of Falkirk.</p> <p>The biggest problem with the condition of the building is due to the fact that Falkirk Council have refused to keep up with repair etc and I feel this has been done on purpose so that they are now able to say it is beyond economic repair.</p> <p>Why can't the Council make use of current buildings and office space instead of building a fancy new HQ.</p>	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council is actively seeking to identify a suitable location for a modern, cost effective arts facility and has been engaging with local groups to find alternative performance venues. The capital receipt for the sale of the whole site will be used to partially fund a replacement facility. The cost of providing this replacement building is anticiapted to be substantially less than the proceeds of sale so the remainder can be used to fund other projects. The Town Hall has eached the end of its useful life and and is phycally obsolescent and the substantial costs to repair does not represent best value for money for the Council. The Council has successfully refurbished offices in Iarbert and is now not intending to build a new HQ.

178	ANON-P8YS-QBNA-P	2022-11-09 12:05:13	Yes	<p>It feels that this a fait accompli - the Council needs to get this done, for all the above reasons, and has to go through the motions of a public consultation. There are no other viable options, if the Town Hall is not in a fit state to be repaired.</p> <p>It is noticed that there is nothing about the future Town Hall, or if there is even going to be one. The Theatre in Falkirk is a benefit to the community, and that, and the Town Hall should have a physical presence in the town centre.</p> <p>How is this going to progress, once the FTH has been demolished? Will the monies saved in taxes, etc., go towards a new FTH, or will it go to supporting existing services? If the latter, where will the new Town Hall be, and the new Theatre, if these are going to exist in a physical format?</p>	Thank you for your comments. The Council is committed to providing a new, modern arts facility and has been engaging with local groups to try and identify suitable, alternative venues, in the short term. It is proposed that a new arts facility, the location of which has not yet been agreed upon, will be partially funded from the proceeds of the the sale of the whole site. The Council is actively seeking to find a suitable location for the building.
179	ANON-P8YS-QBNH-W	2022-11-09 12:19:18	Yes		
180	ANON-P8YS-QBN6-B	2022-11-09 12:19:29	Yes	<p>This decision is made on the fact that Council should hold there head in shame as demolition Of this building has been caused by council neglect and is disgraceful</p>	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Town Hall is phically obsolescent and is no longer fit for purpose.
181	ANON-P8YS-QBN7-C	2022-11-09 12:32:37	Yes		
182	ANON-P8YS-QBNG-V	2022-11-09 12:34:47	Yes	It makes economic sense.	Thank you for your comment which has been noted.
183	ANON-P8YS-QBNN-3	2022-11-09 12:35:59	No	An alternative site should have been found as this council area has so few entertainment sites that are the same size as the town hall.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council has been and continues to actively seek to find new suitable alternative location for the new arts facility.
184	ANON-P8YS-QBNX-D	2022-11-09 12:39:40	No		
185	ANON-P8YS-QBNF-U	2022-11-09 12:43:03	No	Not until a new or temporary facility is available within Falkirk and not any other area of Stirlingshire.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The council is committed to providing a new arts facility in Falkirk and continues to engage with local groups to find suitable alternative venues in which to perform in the short term.
186	ANON-P8YS-QBNQ-6	2022-11-09 12:48:45	No	You knew this would happen and did nothing to seperate the building or make it fit for purpose, took show bookings then shut out the blue.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. It was originally intended that the building would remain in operational use until a new facility was contructed/delivered. The complexities and the cost of the proposed split from the Municipal Buildings was only recently advised by external professionals.
187	ANON-P8YS-QBN1-6	2022-11-09 12:48:52	No	We need a town hall before you knock this one down	Thank you for your comments which ahave been noted. The Council is committed to providing a new arts centre but relies on the sale of the whole site to partially fund an new modern, fit for purpose facility.
188	ANON-P8YS-QBN4-9	2022-11-09 12:49:06	No	I am concerned that there is no other suitable venue in place for the residents of Falkirk to enjoy the frequent shows that are performed at the Town Hall. This will impact on the lives of many, especially those that cannot travel to other towns and cities.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council is actively seeking to identify a new suitable alternative location for a a modern arts centre.
189	ANON-P8YS-QBNR-7	2022-11-09 12:52:56	Yes	This seems to have been dragging on for ages, just get it done	Thank you for your comments which have been noted.
190	ANON-P8YS-QBNC-R	2022-11-09 12:53:52	Yes	It's a relic, and not fit for purpose, should have been demolished ages ago	Thank you for your comments which have been noted.
191	ANON-P8YS-QBNT-9	2022-11-09 12:56:25	Yes		

192	ANON-P8YS-QBNE-T	2022-11-09 13:01:06	Yes	It's important an alternative is given for the clubs that use it to rehearse and also for shows to take place in the interim. It's also important there are no delays to the new building and it is ready for use as soon as possible for any credibility to be retained.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council has been and continues to engage with local groups to try and identify suitable alternative venues. The Council is actively seeking to find a new location for the arts facility.
193	ANON-P8YS-QBNZ-F	2022-11-09 13:01:18	Yes		
194	ANON-P8YS-QBNV-B	2022-11-09 13:03:43	Yes		
195	ANON-P8YS-QBNJ-Y	2022-11-09 13:04:05	No	<p>The town hall is beneficial to the community and although the costs to keep the hall as a stand-alone building is further accelerated than initially thought this does not supersede the benefits the Falkirk residents gain from having such a facility.</p> <p>There is not another building in the near area that can provide this same function or provide such facilities to the locale. Speeding up non usage and demolition of the site should not take place without the offer and upgrade to a new site.</p> <p>The fact that the costs were only realised us such a late stage also draws into question the councils ability to future plan!</p>	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Town hall has reached the end of its useful life and is not longer fit for purpose. It is inefficient and not cost-effective to maintain. The Council is committed to proving a new arts facility but will rely on the partial proceeds of sale to fund a new building. It has actively been seeking to find a suitable alternative location for a number of years.
196	ANON-P8YS-QBNU-A	2022-11-09 13:11:46	No	I think it will adversely effect groups and Falkirk business so should be maintained until the new one is available.	Thank you for your comments. The Council has been and continues to engage with local groups to find suitable, alternative venues in which to perform. The Town Hall is inefficient to run and not cost-effective to maintian and the deceiaon to clase the facility has already been taken.
197	ANON-P8YS-QBN5-A	2022-11-09 13:12:19	Yes	Good money being thrown away if continued to be used. What percentage of the local population have actually used it? in my 55 years I have been in it 4 times max.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted.
198	ANON-P8YS-QBNK-Z	2022-11-09 13:18:26	Yes		
199	ANON-P8YS-QBN3-8	2022-11-09 13:20:57	No	<p>this seems to be a knee jerk reaction, no demolition should be carried out until a guarantee has been given that the council will in fact provide a new and suitable venue for the people of Falkirk. If the demolition goes ahead, the ground should be used to build the new facility, with a state of the art conference and civic arts centre and not sold of for housing development.</p> <p>If sold for housing development I fear that any money generated by the sale would be lost within the council budgets and not used for the "common good" of the people of the town.</p>	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council is committed to providing a new arts centre but relies on the sale of the whole site to partially fund a modern, fit for purpose facility.

200	ANON-P8YS-QBN9-E	2022-11-09 13:21:21	No	<p>I don't agree that the site should be sold for houses, I don't agree that a new Town Hall / Art Centre is not going to be built before the current one is closed and I don't agree that Common Good is being served by the Council's actions.</p> <p>The fact that this decision has been delayed and the building has been left in a poor state of repair and not updated consistently, has meant we are in this position now, which is akin to purposely getting to a point where all other choices are poor ones.</p> <p>Frankly, the Council should explain why they have made such a big mess of this in the first place and stop trying to say they are making the right decision now, when ALL the previous decisions have been bad ones.</p>	Thank you for your comments which have been noted . The Council has been actively seeking to identify a location for a new modern arts facility for a number of years and continues to do so. This process has not been straight forward nor easy due to a variety of complex factors including the recent pandemic. It is a substantial project with many aspects for consideration and all the previous decisions have been democratically voted on and taken by Council in good faith.
201	ANON-P8YS-QBND-S	2022-11-09 13:32:25	Yes	The original assessment should have been more thorough to avoid this change in plans. And to ensure plans for the new site were progressed and available for consultation and review. I'm frustrated in the way this has been planned and the lack of information available on the new site. I do agree the demolition needs to go ahead, but the area will be left without its central arts and activities venue for a long time. This is disappointing and I'm not surprised so many people feel let down by the council in this process. Which leads us to doubt the plans for the new site being planned and opened.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The original intention was to keep the Town Hall operational until a replacement facility was constructed/delivered. The true complexities and costs were not known until more recent investigations. The Council did not plan for these changes. It is still seeking to identify a suitable location for a new arts facility which will be considered satisfactory by elected members.
202	ANON-P8YS-QBN8-D	2022-11-09 13:34:34	Yes	Put monies to redeveloping the west end of the High street to include a civic centre	Thank you for your comments. The Council is actively seeking to identify a suitable location for the new facility.
203	ANON-P8YS-QBNM-2	2022-11-09 13:36:45	Yes		
204	ANON-P8YS-QBNP-5	2022-11-09 13:37:14	No	I think the town hall should be bought up to standard healthy and safety standards It will be a shame to see it go as I used the building a lot	Thank you for your comments. The Town Hall is not fit for purpose and it is not cost effective to maintain the building. This would not represent best value for money for the Council.
205	ANON-P8YS-QBNB-Q	2022-11-09 13:58:28	Yes		
206	ANON-P8YS-QBRS-C	2022-11-09 14:04:29	Yes	if it not severing any purpose to the public interest	Thank you for your comment which has been noted.
207	ANON-P8YS-QBRA-T	2022-11-09 14:21:54	Yes	If it is proved to save money then I agree to an accelerated demolition	Thank you for your comment which has been noted.
208	ANON-P8YS-QBR6-F	2022-11-09 14:33:49	Yes	Agree with saving money.	Thank you for your comment which has been noted.
209	ANON-P8YS-QBR7-G	2022-11-09 14:46:59	No	Another Town Hall should be in place before demolition	Thank you for your comment which has been noted.
210	ANON-P8YS-QBRG-Z	2022-11-09 14:51:08	Yes		
211	ANON-P8YS-QBRN-7	2022-11-09 14:57:52	Yes	As long as there will be a replacement theatre planned	Thank you for your comment. The Council is committed to providing a replacement arts facility and is actively seeking to to identify a suitable, alternative location.
212	ANON-P8YS-QBRX-H	2022-11-09 15:08:22	Yes	Before the closure takes place a temporary facility must be found	Thank you for your comment. The council has already taken the decision to close the Town Hall and is actively engages with local groups to assist in finding suitable venues in the short-term.

213	ANON-P8YS-QBRF-Y	2022-11-09 15:24:04	No	Not until the new town hall is underway. A perfectly good site on the high street was proposed and rejected by the councillors , after a lot of money was wasted in the input to this site. The council have only theirselves to blame for this situation. It's always the residents who pay for the councillors folly..	Thank you for your comment. The Council is actively seeking to identify a suitable alternative site which can be unanimously agreed upon.
214	ANON-P8YS-QBR4-D	2022-11-09 15:30:19	No	There is nothing wrong with the current Town Hall ! and there is NO replacement building planned/agreed ! The Town Hall should not be demolished and a builder put in cheap housing on the land ! This is the perfect site for a Town Hall (Arts Centre)	Thank you for your comments. The Town Hall is not fit for purpose and it is not cost effective to maintain the building. The Council has already agreed to the sale of the whole site. The use of the site will be a Planning decision.
215	ANON-P8YS-QBRQ-A	2022-11-09 15:31:24	No	If the council can afford to build a new council headquarters then surely they can afford to maintain the town hall?	Thank you for your comment. The council has not built a new headquarters, it has refurbished an existing Council building. The Town Hall is currently not fit for purpose and it would not be best value for the Council to spend additonal money on maintenance which would not improve the poor condition enough to meet the required health and safety standards.
216	ANON-P8YS-QBR1-A	2022-11-09 15:32:43	No	A new building should be put in place before demolition begins. Falkirk needs a town hall and theatre and arts centre.	Thank you for your comments. The Council is actively seeking to identify a suitable location for the new facility.
217	ANON-P8YS-QBRR-B	2022-11-09 15:33:05	Yes	This should have been done some time ago when it was identified the building was no longer fit for purpose.	Thank you for your commensts which have been noted.
218	ANON-P8YS-QBRC-V	2022-11-09 15:35:35	No	This is going to have a devastating effect on local Arts organisations who rely on the seating capacity of the Town Hall to break even on performances.	Thank you for your comment. The Council is committed to providing a replacement arts facility and is actively seeking to to identify a suitable, alternative location. It has been and continues to engage with local groups to assist in finding suitable alternative venues in the short-term.
219	ANON-P8YS-QBRW-G	2022-11-09 15:44:34	Yes	Hopefully this will be an opportunity to build a better replacement. If we are to "keep culture alive" in Falkirk that must be the priority.	Thanks you for your comments which have been noted.
220	ANON-P8YS-QBRE-X	2022-11-09 16:02:46	Yes		
221	ANON-P8YS-QBRJ-3	2022-11-09 16:09:34	No		
222	ANON-P8YS-QBRT-D	2022-11-09 16:16:00	Yes	I deeply regret the closure of the Town Hall, having performed there many times as a member of the now defunct Falkirk Players. However, if the building is not fit for purpose and the cost of demolition means an overall cost saving, then the work should commence as soon as possible, ensuring that the Common Good Fund benefits. I also believe that the construction of a modern replacement for the facility should start as soon as possible. I wonder how long the council was aware that the Town Hall was no longer fit for purpose and whether plans for a replacement could have been made before now?	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council is actively seeking to identify a suitable location for a new arts centre. It was originally intended that the Town Hall would remain operational until a replacement facility was constructed /delivered but recent advice from external consultants required a further review of the original proposals.
223	ANON-P8YS-QBRV-F	2022-11-09 16:17:02	Yes	Rarely am interested in shows there	Thank you for your comment which has been noted.
224	ANON-P8YS-QBRZ-K	2022-11-09 16:17:48	No	The Town Hall should not be closed or demolished until a new Town Hall is in place in the town of Falkirk.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council is actively seeking to identify a suitable location for the new facility.

225	ANON-P8YS-QBR5-E	2022-11-09 16:46:50	Yes	The replacement Town Hall/Theatre should be progressed now ASAP. We cannot afford to delay with party politics delaying the much needed replacement. Last years debacle must not be repeated.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The council are actively seeking to identify a new site for a replacement arts facility.
226	ANON-P8YS-QBRU-E	2022-11-09 16:48:20	Yes		
227	ANON-P8YS-QBRY-J	2022-11-09 16:54:34	Yes		
228	ANON-P8YS-QBR3-C	2022-11-09 16:55:56	No	Falkirk Council should have an agreed approved plan for alternative plan in place for a replacement Theatre and events space BEFORE the Town Hall is knocked down. To leave the people of Falkirk with NOTHING is disgraceful and should not be happening.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council is actively seeking to identify a new site for a replacement facility. It continues to engage with local groups to find alternative venues in which to perform in the short term.
229	ANON-P8YS-QBR9-J	2022-11-09 16:57:06	No	This is a result of delays and poor decision making from councillors over a number of years. The council should have partnered with the college when building and provided a performing arts facility.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted.
230	ANON-P8YS-QBRK-4	2022-11-09 17:01:24	Yes	it is imperative that the council make a decision quickly about the new arts centre/civic centre.	Thank you for your comment. The council are actively seeking to identify a new site for a replacement arts facility.
231	ANON-P8YS-QBR2-B	2022-11-09 17:03:59	Yes	I always found it very uncomfortable, and not user friendly	Thank you for your comment which has been noted.
232	ANON-P8YS-QBRD-W	2022-11-09 17:06:50	Yes	Found it uncomfortable and not user friendly	Thank you for your comment which has been noted.
233	ANON-P8YS-QBR8-H	2022-11-09 17:25:16	No	This has been talked about for years, and the demolition shouldn't be happening until an alternative and long term facility is available. With every year that passes, the chance of getting a brand new facility will become less, and the chances of future generations having no such facility will increase - a sorry state of affairs for a town like Falkirk !!	Thank you for your comment which has been noted. The Council is committed to providing a new arts venue and is actively seeking to identify a new location.
234	ANON-P8YS-QBRP-9	2022-11-09 17:43:16	No	There are no facilities of this type in Falkirk for residents or visitors. Falkirk town, as a whole, is a disgrace and an embarrassment! As a resident, I feel let down by the Council. Having discussed the town hall and the town itself with friends and relatives, we all agree it is all about money!! It is bad enough losing the town hall facilities but there is nothing to replace it with. This is a very bad idea for tourism and for residents.	Thank you for your comment which has been noted. The Council is required to make substantial financial budget savings. The Town Hall has reached the end of its meaningful useful life and is too costly to adapt to meet the necessary Health and Safety standards. A new, modern facility will be beneficial for performers and staff and the Council is actively seeking to identify a suitable location. The early closure had not been the original intention of the Council and it is actively seeking to identify a new location to encourage the visiting public.
235	ANON-P8YS-QBRM-6	2022-11-09 17:53:38	Yes		
236	ANON-P8YS-QBRB-U	2022-11-09 17:56:03	No	There does not appear to be a plan to replace it.	Thank you for your comment which has been noted. The Council is actively seeking to identify a location for the new arts venue.
237	ANON-P8YS-QBBS-V	2022-11-09 18:07:26	Yes		

238	ANON-P8YS-QBBA-A	2022-11-09 18:11:38	No	May have a different answer if I knew when the new town hall was going to be built, or if the drawbacks of the proposal were clearer in the consultation- only benefits are listed.	Thank you for your comment which has been noted. The Council is actively seeking to identify a suitable location for a new arts venue with a decision still to be made by Council. The consultation question is specifically on the proposed accelerated demolition as the building has reached the end of its meaningful, useful life and for the reasons listed in the Introduction and Background of the Consultation Notice this suggest there are no drawbacks but only benefits to the Council for demolition of the building as it currently exists.
239	ANON-P8YS-QBB6-Y	2022-11-09 18:11:39	Yes	Do not throw money at a building that's not fit for purpose	Thank you for your comment which has been noted.
240	ANON-P8YS-QBB7-Z	2022-11-09 18:44:24	Yes	Council cannot afford to hang on to costly buildings. But would prefer the land was used for the community	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Planning process will determine the future use of the site.
241	ANON-P8YS-QBBG-G	2022-11-09 19:17:38	Yes	There appears to be no clear rationales NOT to accelerate the demolition, thus I agree it needs to move fast.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted.
242	ANON-P8YS-QBBN-Q	2022-11-09 19:32:04	Yes		
243	ANON-P8YS-QBBX-1	2022-11-09 19:34:59	Yes		
244	ANON-P8YS-QBB4-W	2022-11-09 19:48:13	Yes	Save the money and get it demolished.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted.
245	ANON-P8YS-QBBQ-T	2022-11-09 19:52:39	Yes	It's about time, spend the money on schools.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted.
246	ANON-P8YS-QBB1-T	2022-11-09 19:57:28	Yes	Typical Falkirk Council, let's consult on demolishing a building that's already falling down. Why waste the time, do it.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council is legally obliged to consult with the local community under the provisions of Part 8 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 for proposals to common Good land.
247	ANON-P8YS-QBBR-U	2022-11-09 19:59:17	Yes	Is it not already being demolished. Carry on, building is already falling down.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted.
248	ANON-P8YS-QBBC-C	2022-11-09 20:11:24	Yes	Despite saying yes, the public need to know the timeframe for a new Arts venue.	Thank you for your comment which has been noted. The Council is still actively seeking to identify a suitable location for a new arts venue. Unfortunately the time-frame is presently unknown.
249	ANON-P8YS-QBBW-Z	2022-11-09 20:35:56	Yes	Both buildings are well past their lifespan. Leaving the Town Hall on its own would not only cost excessive amounts to maintain as previously noted but it would look unsightly on its own in the middle of a cleared demolition site and may attract vandalism. Additionally, it would impact on potential value and timing of receipts.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted.
250	ANON-P8YS-QBBE-E	2022-11-09 20:40:15	Yes	I am extremely disappointed that a decision to close the town hall was taken without a clear and agreed plan for an alternative venue being in place. It is also very disappointing that no plan was agreed for the relocation of the technical equipment such as lighting etc. to improve an existing facility upon closure. However, now that the decision has been made, it seems sensible to speed up the demolition process to maximise what little gains we can from this sorry state of affairs.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The early closure of the building was not the original intention of the Council but the poor condition of the building and the substantial costs to disentangle the shared plant were not best value for the Council. Best endeavours will be made to relocate any equipment for re-use but it may not be physically or financially possible for certain apparatus.
251	ANON-P8YS-QBBT-W	2022-11-09 20:46:45	Yes	But not to make way for expensive flats.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Planning process will determine the use once the site is marketed.
252	ANON-P8YS-QBBJ-K	2022-11-09 20:55:03	No	I think they should have built a new facility first as the town hall is an extremely important cultural facility for the local community.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council agrees that a new arts venue is required and is important to the local community. It is actively seeking to identify a new location.

253	ANON-P8YS-QBBZ-3	2022-11-09 20:59:39	Yes		
254	ANON-P8YS-QBB5-X	2022-11-09 21:20:34	No		
255	ANON-P8YS-QBBU-X	2022-11-09 22:04:56	No	The town hall should stay until a new facility is in place. You cannot have The town of Falkirk without a Town Hall	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The current Town Hall has reached the end of its meaningful and useful life and is not fit for purpose. The Council is actively seeking to identify a suitable new location for a replacement facility.
256	ANON-P8YS-QBB3-V	2022-11-09 22:29:00	Yes		
257	ANON-P8YS-QBBY-2	2022-11-09 22:32:20	Yes	None	Thank you for you comment.
258	ANON-P8YS-QBB9-2	2022-11-09 22:32:46	Yes	In the interests of H&S yes. Not as a preparation for a vanity project	Thank you for you comments which have been noted.
259	ANON-P8YS-QBBK-M	2022-11-09 22:53:35	Yes		
260	ANON-P8YS-QBB2-U	2022-11-09 23:05:18	Yes		
261	ANON-P8YS-QBBD-D	2022-11-10 07:20:57	Yes	Age of the building, and financial pressures means we need to get rid of what is now an outdated eyesore	Thank you for your comments which have been noted.
262	ANON-P8YS-QBB8-1	2022-11-10 08:19:37	Yes	If not safe, and costly to run, it should be demolished BUT there should be a firm plan for the Town Hall replacement, as this provides the Town with identity, is an income generator to the town when events are on, and is a central aspect of the community for other activities like; blood donations and family based activities. Definite alternatives should be available for all the activities established at the moment, with decent rates agreed, to be no more than is currently beign paid.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council is actively seeking to identify a new location for a new and modern arts facility which will be suitable for a variety of uses by the community
263	ANON-P8YS-QBBP-S	2022-11-10 08:35:54	Yes		
264	ANON-P8YS-QBBB-B	2022-11-10 11:21:06	Not Answered	not sure about it	Thank you for your comment but you have not answered the survey question.
265	ANON-P8YS-QB6S-G	2022-11-10 11:40:44	No	The town hall should never be closed without a new town hall/arts and theatre building built as it is a huge loss to the local community!	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The current Town Hall has reached the end of its meaningful and useful life and is neither fit for purpose nor best value for the Council to retain in its present conditon. The Council agrees that a replacement facility is required and is actively seeking to identify a suitable new location.
266	ANON-P8YS-QB66-K	2022-11-10 11:43:46	No	Town hall should stay open we don't need more people not coming into the town centre	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The current Town Hall has reached the end of its meaningful and useful life and is neither fit for purpose nor best value for the Council to retain in its present conditon. The Council agrees that a replacement facility is required and is actively seeking to identify a suitable new location.
267	ANON-P8YS-QB6A-X	2022-11-10 11:43:48	No	Council should have over the years maintained the building so people could continue to use and for entertainment it supplied to us all	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. Regular maintenance was undertaken by the Council, however, the building has reached the end of its useful and meaningful life and it is now not cost effective to continue to spend the substantial sums required by Health and Safety.

268	ANON-P8YS-QB6H-5	2022-11-10 12:34:14	No	Should not be closed till an appropriate alternative facility is up and running or closed temporarily in order to rebuild on same site. Apart from during COVID lockdowns the Town Hall is well used by numerous local groups as well as attracting 'big names' to perform. These acts, as well as appealing to local people, bring others in who also spend in local restaurants, shops etc. The site has the benefit of being central with good parking. I assume if knocked down housing would be built on site, thus adding to traffic congestion as well as adding more strain to the already overstretched infrastructure.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council has already made the decision at its meeting in December 2022 to close the building. It is now actively seeking to identify a suitable new location for a replacement facility. The future use and associated considerations in respect of the site will be determined through the Planning process once the site is marketed.
269	ANON-P8YS-QB67-M	2022-11-10 12:34:43	Yes	Demolition of the Town Hall would press the Council to get on with building a new purpose built place.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council is actively seeking to identify a new location for a new and modern arts facility.
270	ANON-P8YS-QB6N-B	2022-11-10 13:01:54	Yes		
271	ANON-P8YS-QB6X-N	2022-11-10 14:53:09	Yes		
272	ANON-P8YS-QB6F-3	2022-11-10 16:17:26	No		
273	ANON-P8YS-QB64-H	2022-11-10 16:23:38	Yes	Don't sell the land.	Thank you for your comment which has been noted.
274	ANON-P8YS-QB6Q-E	2022-11-10 16:38:08	No		
275	ANON-P8YS-QB61-E	2022-11-10 16:51:04	No	What a fiasco - why are you consulting when the decision has been made. And why did you allow tickets to be sold for future dates then have to cancel - smacks of incompetence.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The council has a legal requirement to consult with the community under Part 8 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 with regard to proposals for Common Good land. The Council will vote on this matter at a meeting in February 2023.
276	ANON-P8YS-QB6R-F	2022-11-10 19:07:52	Yes	Whilst agreeing the Town hall and Municipal building are unfit for purpose it would be sensible to have replacements built prior to demolition.	Thank you for your comment which has been noted. The original intention of the Council was to have replaced the facility prior to the early closure.
277	ANON-P8YS-QB6C-Z	2022-11-10 19:08:58	Yes	Is there going to be a new facility built to show concerts?	Thank you for your comment which has been noted. The Council is committed to providing a new facility and is actively seeking to identify a suitable new location.
278	ANON-P8YS-QB6W-M	2022-11-10 19:19:07	No		
279	ANON-P8YS-QB6E-2	2022-11-10 19:24:05	No		
280	ANON-P8YS-QB6T-H	2022-11-10 20:12:12	No	Another building should have been obtained prior to the closure	Thank you for your comment which has been noted. The original intention of the Council was to have replaced the facility prior to the early closure.
281	ANON-P8YS-QB6J-7	2022-11-10 21:19:10	Yes	Reluctantly I would agree. Losing a theatre venue from the town is a crying shame but I understand the delays caused by party politics which blocked a new venue have in part caused this issue. Sadly, it is time to put sentiment to one side and move forwards to save further waste of time and money and focus on the future as soon as possible	Thank you for your comments which have been noted.
282	ANON-P8YS-QB6Z-Q	2022-11-11 09:44:27	No		
283	ANON-P8YS-QB6V-K	2022-11-11 09:51:38	Yes	An inefficient and un-attractive building	Thank you for your comment which has been noted.
284	ANON-P8YS-QB65-J	2022-11-11 10:55:30	No	Should not close till alternative facilities are available.	Thank you for your comment. The decision for the early closure of the building has been already made and the Council is actively seeking to identify a new suitable location for a replacement facility.
285	ANON-P8YS-QB6U-J	2022-11-11 11:01:05	No	Not until satisfactory alternative accommodation and facilities are available.	Thank you for your comment which has been noted. The Council is actively seeking to identify a location for the new arts venue and has been engaging with local community groups to explore alternative interim venues.

286	ANON-P8YS-QB6Y-P	2022-11-11 16:19:20	Yes		
287	ANON-P8YS-QB69-P	2022-11-11 22:58:31	Yes		
288	ANON-P8YS-QB6K-8	2022-11-12 08:12:08	No	Like all the previous 'consultations' this is a waste of time and money. The decision has already been made. You are ticking boxes	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council is legally obliged to consult with the local community under the provisions of Part 8 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 for proposals to common Good land. A decision will be made on this matter by the Council at its meeting in February 2023.
289	ANON-P8YS-QB62-F	2022-11-12 08:38:22	No	There is nowhere else for performing arts in Falkirk. Amateur organisations, of which there are many, have nowhere to perform. Its an absolute disgrace. Money was wasted on consultants to provide a plan for a new arts venue, totally incompetent Falkirk Council.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council will continue to engage with local groups to explore interim alternative venues. The Council requires the professional expertise of external consultants due to the complex nature of the works involved to ensure the correct advice is taken with regard to the necessary processes.
290	ANON-P8YS-QB6D-1	2022-11-12 08:45:06	No	Falkirk Town Hall is very important to the people of Falkirk, where they can attend concerts and functions, to demolish the Town Hall would be the wrong decision and detrimental to the town. The people's voice should be heard and acted on accordingly	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council acknowledges that a new arts centre is required and is actively seeking to identify a suitable new location. The current building has reached the end of its meaningful and useful life. the boiler plant has recently failed and a temporary modular plant has been brought on site to honour operational performances up to the point of closure in Feb 2023. The Council will make a decision on this consultation at its meeting in Feb 2023.
291	ANON-P8YS-QB68-N	2022-11-12 09:29:51	No	This closure would leave the people of Falkirk without the facility for entertainment, and it would also compromise local amateur dramatic groups and dance schools etc.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council has already made the decision at its meeting in December 2022 to close the building. It is now actively seeking to identify a suitable new location for a replacement facility. It is also continuing to engage with local community groups to explore alternative interim venues.
292	ANON-P8YS-QB6P-D	2022-11-12 09:37:03	No	The acts that we have seen have been excellent, and good value for money, and will give boost to local business on the night of the performance. With the proposed closure people would need to travel to Glasgow / Edinburgh, and it would be far more costly than the Falkirk option. There was a full schedule of acts booked for next year, we had already booked for Lulu and The Drifters.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council has already made the decision at its meeting in December 2022 to close the building. It appreciates the the huge disappointment shared by performers and users but is actively seeking to identify a location for a new, modern facility.
293	ANON-P8YS-QB6M-A	2022-11-12 09:48:31	No	I am concerned that there are not any suitable replacement venues. Without another venue, the young people of Falkirk will really suffer. Music and arts will be neglected because not everyone can afford to travel in order to perform or enjoy the arts. We have so much talent in Falkirk. Please don't leave us without a functional town hall.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council has already made the decision at its meeting in December 2022 to close the building. It appreciates the the huge disappointment shared by performers and users but is actively seeking to identify a location for a new, modern facility which will be suitable for all users. The Council will continue to work with local groups to explore interim alternative venues.
294	ANON-P8YS-QBXS-J	2022-11-12 10:03:33	No	Whilst I agree in principle that demolition and resale is the right decision. We need clarity on a timescale and location of new town hall before the old one closes.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council is actively seeking to identify a suitable new location however it has already taken the decision at its meeting in December 2022 to close the building in February 2023.
295	ANON-P8YS-QBXA-Z	2022-11-12 10:52:10	No	The town hall is well used by its community for a variety of purposes. So it should not be knocked down until a replacement is built.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council acknowledges the variety of use of this building previously however it reached the end of its useful life and is no longer fit for purpose. The boiler plant has recently failed and the building does not meet the required health and safety standards. The Council is actively seeking to identify a suitable location for a new venue.

296	ANON-P8YS-QBX6-N	2022-11-12 11:34:15	Yes	<p>I agree because this issue has blighted the Council for nearly 10 years with opposition parties causing mayhem with their petty games. It's made the Council look totally incompetent and destroyed our historic town centre through their lack of decision making and investment.</p> <p>We need a new arts centre in the traditional High St and this is unlikely to happen until the arguing over the current site is dealt with. It is embarrassing a town the size of Falkirk will be left with no suitable arts venue/town hall but this building has past it's sell by date, a fact Labour knew years ago when they pushed forward investment in this building wasting time and tax-payers money only to arrive at the same point more sensible officers suggested years ago.</p> <p>Falkirk needs a modern multi use venue to progress urgently, but the current site needs removed from the options for this discussion to move forward. Demolish the whole site, bring families into the town through the sale of the land to a housing developer and use this income to move the agenda forward for a new town hall and council chamber in the High St that will actually deliver economic benefit to the people of this district.</p>	Thank you for your comments which have been noted.
297	ANON-P8YS-QBX7-P	2022-11-12 13:18:27	No	The building shouldn't be removed without a replacement in place to use in its place. Following on the heels of Covid cancellations this will do irreparable damage to arts groups.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council is actively seeking to identify a new location for a modern replacement . It appreciates the disruption due to cancellations however the building is not fit for purpose and does not meet the standards required to fulfil the health and safety regulations without investing substantial money which is not best value for the Council. the council continues to engage with local groups to identify suitable interim venues.
298	ANON-P8YS-QBXG-6	2022-11-12 20:31:00	No		
299	ANON-P8YS-QBXN-D	2022-11-13 09:45:10	No	Falkirk has nothing to offer now. This is the only venue where events take place which is accessible to a lot of people.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The council is actively seeking to identify a new suitable location for a modern facility.
300	ANON-P8YS-QBXX-Q	2022-11-13 10:19:37	Yes		
301	ANON-P8YS-QBXF-5	2022-11-13 11:42:56	Yes	Sadly I agree, however it should never have come to this. It's a disgrace. A new town hall should be expedited.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted.
302	ANON-P8YS-QBX4-K	2022-11-13 12:30:06	No		
303	ANON-P8YS-QBXQ-G	2022-11-13 12:49:23	No	We must wait until a new town hall at least has been proposed and decided upon. We have already lost our bus station now we are going to lose our arts and entertainment town hall. We have a lot of buildings lying empty surely we can wait a bit longer. The town hall may have seen better days but we could use some of it until we have a better plan. The council has had this on its agenda for at least 5 years . We are too good at pulling things down just like they did with the old town hall in Newmarket Street.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council is actively seeking to identify a new location for a modern facility. The town hall is no longer fit for purpose and recently the boiler plant has failed. A temporary modular plant has been brought on site to honour productions up to the point of closure in Feb 2023. Health and safety standards would not be satisfied without substantial financial investment which is not best value for the Council. The Council have already agreed to its closure in February 2023.

304	ANON-P8YS-QBX1-G	2022-11-13 13:14:10	No	The present Town Hall should not be demolished until a new one is built. Many organisations use the hall and there is no alternative venue in Falkirk. I am certain many of these organisations will cease to exist if this venue is lost. Falkirk Council is not considering their community with the decision to demolish the building when there is no alternative.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council is actively seeking to identify a new location for a modern facility. The Council appreciates that the building has been well used to date and it had not been the original intention to close the building early but the poor condition has rendered it unfit for purpose and not best value to further maintain. The Council is engaging with local groups to explore new interim venues.
305	ANON-P8YS-QBXR-H	2022-11-13 17:44:08	Yes	My only concern about the demolition is the guarantee of reasonable timescale in which to build a replacement Town Hall/Theatre and community facility. The town is already struggling to bring people into retail areas so it is vital to maintain a central location for this too	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council is actively seeking to identify a suitable location for a new, modern facility. Regretably it is unable to comment on timescales as this is outwith the scope of this consultation.
306	ANON-P8YS-QBXC-2	2022-11-14 01:22:26	Yes	Nothing	Thank you for your comment.
307	ANON-P8YS-QBXE-4	2022-11-14 10:41:40	No	Falkirk Council have completely mishandled this whole sad sorry affair and my suspicion is that no matter what anyone says the outcome has already been decided and the closure of the Town Hall is a 'done deal'. Town Hall is well used by many, many organisations and even the Council have been using it as a meeting place, where ironically enough they announced this coming closure. Where will all these organisations go now? Building yet more houses near the town centre is used as an excuse that it will encourage more people to shop there, which is nonsense, since there is nowhere there for them to shop! All that will happen is you will get people migrating from Edinburgh, Glasgow to Falkirk as houses are cheaper here and then they will jump on the train which is a stone's throw away from there and commute and shop there.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council is legally obliged to consult with the local community under the provisions of Part 8 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 for proposals to common Good land. A decision will be made on this matter by the Council at its meeting in February 2023. It is acknowledged that this venue has been widely used but it is no longer fit for purpose and has reached the end of its useful life with the boiler plant most recently having failed to work. The Council is actively seeking to identify a new location for a modern facility and continues to engage with local community groups to identify suitable interim venues. The site will be marketed in the future and the planning process will identify the most appropriate use for the land.
308	ANON-P8YS-QBXW-P	2022-11-14 10:47:01	No	This venue is essential for providing cultural experiences for all FC area residents! To close and demolish it without a new alternative to replace it is a disgrace!	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council acknowledges that a new arts centre is required and is actively seeking to identify a suitable new location however, the current building has reached the end of its meaningful and useful life and is no longer fit for purpose with the boiler having recently failed to work.

309	ANON-P8YS-QBXT-K	2022-11-14 14:45:17	Yes	<p>1. I agree that there is little choice except to demolish the Town hall, but at the same time I am unhappy because demolishing a building has a major environmental cost, and in principle it is always better to renovate than demolish for environmental reasons. concrete structures cannot be recycled.</p> <p>2. I am also unhappy that sensible ideas about a replacement for the town hall have not been followed through. I believe this is mainly because of poor cooperation across party divisions in the Council, and I appeal to Falkirk Councillors to work together for a solution that will provide a suitable venue for music and the arts in Falkirk.</p>	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. Unfortunately the building has reached the end of its useful and meaningful life and is no longer fit for purpose with the boiler having recently ceased to work. There is no requirement for the building in its existing condition and the future development of the site will require its demolition but the Council will endeavour to ensure this process is completed sensitively. The Council agrees that a new replacement facility is required and is actively seeking to identify a new, suitable location.
310	ANON-P8YS-QBXJ-9	2022-11-14 21:56:02	Yes		
311	ANON-P8YS-QBXZ-S	2022-11-15 10:27:22	Yes	Would hope for quick replacement and alternative arrangements until built	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council agrees that a new replacement facility is required and is actively seeking to identify a new, suitable location. It continues to engage with local groups to explore interim venues.
312	ANON-P8YS-QBXV-N	2022-11-15 21:02:15	No	There needs to be more than one choice in which the community does not lose a Town Hall. The location of the Town Hall is essential in drawing people to the town centre, including adequate parking facilities. The council has not adequately provided detailed plans or other options.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council has been working on this project for a number of years and with several suggested alternative options. It was not the original intention to close the facility without a suitable replacement, but it is no longer fit for purpose with the boiler having recently failed. The Council agrees that a new arts venue is required and is actively seeking to identify a suitable location.
313	ANON-P8YS-QBX5-M	2022-11-16 12:36:43	Yes	If its getting demolished anyway then why not just accelerate the demolition and save money. I also hope that there is going to be another town hall built somewhere so that shows/acts can still be performed for the local community	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council is actively seeking to identify a suitable location for a new, modern facility.
314	ANON-P8YS-QBX3-J	2022-11-16 15:17:43	Yes	I would however like to know more about service provision in the interim period between its demolition and the establishment of a new permanent town hall and associated buildings. Also, what type of development can be expected on the original site? How much money can be expected from its sale and are there plans on how that money could be spent for the benefit of Falkirk and its residents.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council continues to engage with local groups to explore interim venues. Unfortunately your points are outwith the scope of this Consultation but the Council is actively seeking to identify an alternative location for a new, modern facility.
315	ANON-P8YS-QBX9-R	2022-11-17 10:01:00	Yes		
316	ANON-P8YS-QBXK-A	2022-11-17 12:12:20	Yes	Lets not have another empty derelict building.	Thank you for your comment which has been noted.

317	ANON-P8YS-QBX2-H	2022-11-17 15:01:12	No	While it is clear that the Town Hall building is nearing the end of its servicable life, I belive that its closure is being pursued with undue haste. Many organisations made commitments based on the assurance that the excisting building would be kept open until a suitable replacement facility is available. Falkirk Council has a duty to these people to keep the existing building functioning at least until existing committments have been met. To my knowlege, that would mean that the building should be closed no earlier than the summer of 2023.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The building has reached the end of its useful life and is no longer fit for purpose which has been further validated with the recent failure of the boiler. A temporary modular plant facility has been brought in at additional cost to honour the current operation, up to the point of closure in February 2023. It was not the original intension for the early closure of the building without a suitable replacement however, the Council has a duty to ensure best value for money and while also ensuring the health and safety of the performers and users.
318	ANON-P8YS-QBXP-F	2022-11-21 06:34:43	No	Until an alternative venue is found the Town Hall should stay.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council has already agreed to the early closure of the building in February 2023.
319	ANON-P8YS-QBXM-C	2022-11-22 19:52:31	Yes	Was there at weekend place is a dump.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted.
320	ANON-P8YS-QBXB-1	2022-11-22 19:57:15	Yes	Councillors should hang there heads in shame wasting time and money consulting on keeping this place open. Demolish it now and stop pandering to rent a mob who make money from the place.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council is legally obliged to consult with the local community under the provisons of Part 8 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 for proposals to common Good land. A decision will be made on this matter by the Council at a meeting in February 2023.
321	ANON-P8YS-QBMS-7	2022-11-22 20:00:03	Yes	Demolish it!	Thank you for your comment which has been noted.
322	ANON-P8YS-QBMA-N	2022-11-22 20:01:58	Yes	The site should be sold to help fund the new centre	Thank you for your comment which has been noted.
323	ANON-P8YS-QBM6-A	2022-11-22 20:10:14	Yes	Labour Councillors Bissett, Nimmo and Hanna are to blame yet again for time wasted, get on and get it demolished. Get the new one built in the town centre.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted.
324	ANON-P8YS-QBMH-V	2022-11-22 20:12:18	Yes		
325	ANON-P8YS-QBM7-B	2022-11-22 20:13:01	Yes		
326	ANON-P8YS-QBMG-U	2022-11-22 20:15:53	Yes	Stop wasting time and money on pointless consultations. Do your jobs and stop dithering. Typical Falkirk Council. Shambles.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council is legally obliged to consult with the local community under the provisons of Part 8 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 for proposals to common Good land. A decision will be made on this matter by the Council at a meeting in February 2023.
327	ANON-P8YS-QBMN-2	2022-11-23 15:58:57	Yes	Think you should clear the site as soon as possible and get it sold.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted.
328	ANON-P8YS-QBMX-C	2022-11-24 14:03:53	Yes	I think both buildings are old and worn looking	Thank you for your comments which have been noted.
329	ANON-P8YS-QBMF-T	2022-11-24 21:27:28	Yes		
330	ANON-P8YS-QBM4-8	2022-11-24 21:30:06	Yes		
331	ANON-P8YS-QBMQ-5	2022-11-24 21:32:58	Yes	I have not left my details for fear of Facebook abuse. Close and demolish the building quickly.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted.
332	ANON-P8YS-QBMR-6	2022-11-25 09:48:49	No	Please keep the town hall until a new one is built.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The building is no longer fit for purpose and the Council is actively seeking to identify a site for a replacement facility.
333	ANON-P8YS-QBMW-B	2022-11-27 17:10:36	No	The town and all the local arts and musical groups need a town hall, it has a great history and for many is an integral part of the town and it's history. If the town hall is demolished then it's imperative that a new one is built as soon as possible.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council acknowledges the previous history and beneficial use and agrees that a new replacement facility is required. It is therefore actively seeking to identify a new, suitable location for a modern arts centre and continues to engage with local groups to explore intrerim venues.

334	ANON-P8YS-QBME-S	2022-11-28 21:24:05	No	I think that there should be more encouragement to bring shows, events and attract people to the good town of Falkirk.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council agrees that a new replacement facility is required and is actively seeking to identify a new, suitable location fr a modern arts centre which will be suitable for all users.
335	ANON-P8YS-QBMT-8	2022-11-28 21:32:04	No		
336	ANON-P8YS-QBMJ-X	2022-11-29 11:06:45	No		
337	ANON-P8YS-QBM5-9	2022-12-01 02:30:38	Yes		
338	ANON-P8YS-QBMU-9	2022-12-01 19:04:29	No		
339	ANON-P8YS-QBMY-D	2022-12-06 19:19:44	Yes		
340	ANON-P8YS-QBMK-Y	2022-12-10 16:42:48	No	<p>Falkirk Council promised the Falkirk Arts community that they would not close the Town Hall until a new Town Hall was in place.</p> <p>The decision to close the Town Hall earlier than planned, indeed while the Town Hall had a very healthy balance of future productions, was a disgraceful slap to the Arts world. It was a morally bankrupt decision based on flawed information provided to councillors and should be overturned.</p> <p>There are no current plans in place to renew the Town Hall. No site is known; no budget is approved; no brief has been prepared; no timeline has been indicated.</p> <p>This is a dreadful development for all Falkirk Arts community participants who don't know if they'll have to hang on for 3-4-5 years, or more. Many of the arts societies and groups will be lucky to be with us in 5 years time, despite many of them having been in existence for over 50 years.</p> <p>It is a calumny that this decision be allowed to go unchallenged. Falkirk Council must reflect the wishes of its residents. Closure of their Town Hall shows a dreadful disregard to the men, women and children who use this facility.</p> <p>It must be overturned.</p>	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The original intension of the Council was to keep the Town Hall operational until an replacement facility was developed, however, unfortunately the unforeseen, substantial cost to divide the shared services as confirmed by external professionals together with the continuing deterioration of the building has resulted in the earlier than anticiapted closure. The Council has a duty to ensure best value for money and the added recent failure of the boiler re-inforces the correct decison for the early closure was made by the Council in December 2022. The building is not fit for purpose and the Council's duty of care to ensure the health and safety of the performers and visitors is paramount. An alternative location to identify a suitable location for a new, modern facility is being actively pursued and while regretablely no timeline is presently known, the Council will endeavour to resolve as quickly as possible assuming political consensus can be reached and without further delay for the residents of Falkirk.
341	ANON-P8YS-QBMD-R	2022-12-14 07:27:46	Yes	It would be irresponsible to keep the building that will get vandalised.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted.
342	ANON-P8YS-QBM8-C	2022-12-14 07:30:03	Yes	Stop wasting time and money and get on with it. It's what your paid for!	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council is legally obliged to consult with the local community under the provisons of Part 8 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 for proposals to common Good land. A decision will be made on this matter by the Council at a meeting in February 2023.
343	ANON-P8YS-QBMP-4	2022-12-14 07:31:57	Yes		
344	ANON-P8YS-QBMM-1	2022-12-14 09:29:29	Yes		

		2022-12-14 16:16:30		<p>This is a loaded question. I don't think it should be closed at all, far less demolished. I think it's terrible that a town the size of Falkirk, attracting tourists to the area through the Kelpies and Falkirk Wheel, will not have a centrally located Town Hall for residents across the district and visitors to Falkirk.</p> <p>It's clear that money is the only motivating factor here. What has happened with the plans for a new town hall? If they are no longer being pushed on, the the existing town hall should stay. However, I see that only today you were discussing its closure at a council meeting. The only reason there is a consultation is to tick a box relating to a statutory consultation with the local community that needs to be done because the town hall sits on Common Good Land.</p> <p>I note that today's meeting report notes that some organisations have been 'settled' at other venues but some of these are Grangemouth Town Hall and Debbie Hall - both of which I'm sure I have seen as being potentially closed to save money! None of these smaller venues will be suitable for all shows and it's a terrible shame that the Town Hall has attracted many comedians, plays and shows of note as well as being a venue for dance, song and acting performances for local people.</p> <p>The only reason you don't want to retain the Town</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council is legally obliged to consult with the local community under the provisions of Part 8 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 for proposals to common Good land. A decision will be made on this matter by the Council at its meeting in February 2023. The early closure of the Town Hall without a replacement facility was not the original intension of the Council however, professional expert guidance confirmed that it would be comple, costly and disruptive to seperate the shared services and the cost to meet the health and safety standards would not represent best value for the Council. The most recent failure of the boiler has re-inforced this was the correct decison. The Council is committed to providing an new modern facility and is actively seeking an suitable location and while it also appreciates that currently there is currently no single, large alternative venue in Falkirk, it continues to engage with local groups to explore intrim smaller venues. Falkirk is will continue to be a popular town for tourists regardless of the closure of the Town Hall however, the Council agrees that a new facility will enhance business and tourism and politcal consensus must be achieved for the Council to deliver on this project.</p>
345	ANON-P8YS-QBMB-P		No		
346	ANON-P8YS-QBZS-M	2022-12-14 20:32:38	Yes		
347	ANON-P8YS-QBZA-2	2022-12-14 20:34:09	Yes	Waste of money to keep it.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted.
348	ANON-P8YS-QBZ6-Q	2022-12-14 20:38:33	Yes		
349	ANON-P8YS-QBZH-9	2022-12-14 20:45:17	Yes	Why keep a cold, damp and falling down building.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted.
350	ANON-P8YS-QBZ7-R	2022-12-14 20:47:32	Yes	Or just keep wasting money.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted.
351	ANON-P8YS-QBZG-8	2022-12-14 20:49:07	Yes		
352	ANON-P8YS-QBZN-F	2022-12-15 07:24:22	Yes		
353	ANON-P8YS-QBZX-S	2022-12-15 07:27:11	Yes	It is closing why not demolish it. Get on with it.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted.
354	ANON-P8YS-QBZF-7	2022-12-15 07:30:15	Yes		
355	ANON-P8YS-QBZ4-N	2022-12-15 20:46:45	Yes	Waste of money to keep it	Thank you for your comments which have been noted.
356	ANON-P8YS-QBZQ-J	2022-12-15 20:50:27	Yes	Site should sold as soon as, get some money in for once.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted.
357	ANON-P8YS-QBZ1-J	2022-12-15 20:53:26	Yes		
358	ANON-P8YS-QBZR-K	2022-12-16 20:06:30	Yes		
359	ANON-P8YS-QBZC-4	2022-12-16 20:07:33	Yes		
360	ANON-P8YS-QBZW-R	2022-12-17 19:53:45	Yes		
361	ANON-P8YS-QBZE-6	2022-12-17 19:54:50	Yes		
362	ANON-P8YS-QBZT-N	2022-12-19 16:09:06	No	It is unclear why this needs to take place other than it is too hard for councillors to agree a positive solution that would result in Falkirk retaining a "town hall"	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council approved the decision for the early closure of the Town Hall in February 2023 as a consequence of the building being no longer fit for purpose and having reached the end of its useful life. This pragmatic decision has been re-inforced with the most recent failure of the boiler which would have resulted the immediate closure had a temporary modular plant not been provided, to honour the last production until February 2023.
363	ANON-P8YS-QBZJ-B	2022-12-20 13:33:57	Yes		

364	ANON-P8YS-QBZV-Q	2022-12-23 17:47:40	No	original proposals were that there be no gap in provision between closure of the FTH and the opening of a new facility	The original intension of the Council was to keep the Town Hall operational until an replacement facility was developed, however, unfortunately the unforeseen, substantial cost to divide the shared services as confirmed by external professionals together with the continuing deterioration of the building has resulted in the earlier than anticiapted closure. The Council has a duty to ensure best value for money and the added recent failure of the boiler re-inforces the correct decison for the early closure was made by the Council in December 2022. The building is not fit for purpose and the Council's duty of care to ensure the health and safety of the performers and visitors is paramount. An alternative location to identify a suitable location for a new, modern facility is being actively pursued and while regretablely no timeline is presently known, the Council will endeavour to resolve as quickly as possible assuming political consensus can be reached and without further delay for the residents of Falkirk.
365	ANON-P8YS-QBZ5-P	2022-12-27 08:48:46	Yes	Yes but as a resident with a parking permit, I am very concerned about the land being sold and loss of our resident parking.	Thank you for your comments which have been noted but these are outwith the scope of this Consultation.
366	ANON-P8YS-QBZU-P	2022-12-29 18:18:51	No	A new town hall of comparative size and, facilities should be in place before the old one is decommissioned	Thank you for your comments which have been noted. The Council agrees that a new facility is required and is actively seeking to identify a new location. The current town hall is not longer fit for purpose and has reached the end of its useful life. with the recent failure of the boiler re-inforcing this positon. There is a risk of vandalism and additional cost to the Council to retain the property.
<u>PAPER RESPONSES</u>					
367		11/11/2022	No		
368		11/11/2022	No		
369		11/11/2022	No		