

Scott's Place Toilets, Selkirk
Public Online Consultation Comments (9 December 2024 – 26 January 2024)

Response No.	Comment
1	If the toilets aren't going to reopen then I think this is a really good use of a derelict space. I've been to the General Store and was impressed with what they do. We need more reuse/repair centres like them across the Borders.
2	Yes, we need all the public toilets that we can get. Everyone needs to use toilets. More so with the rise in delivery vans and road transport generally. You are wasting money on unnecessary projects and ignoring basic bodily needs.
3	It's not financial sustainable over the longer term. The commitment of the group cannot be guaranteed.
4	It sounds like a good idea
5	If there's no hope of reopening as toilets then sale for community use as something else is preferable to demolition. However, as a sufferer of diverticulitis and weak bladder I find the lack of public toilets in the borders a huge problem. I'm sure the police would not accept the lack of toilets a valid excuse for urinating in a close and when open shops and cafes are unwilling to allow use of their facilities to non-customers. On the continent it is compulsory for them to do so, a policy we should adopt.
6	Great idea
7	A fantastic opportunity to not only reuse old items but to reuse an old building. It's in a perfect location for items to be dropped off or picked up safely.. delighted with the plans.
8	I feel we need to stop "reusing" and turning every available space into a recycling space...more affordable (for the shop owner) shops and reopen the public toilets.
9	Considering the number of properties the general store have in the town I don't think this is necessary. People would possibly just leave items outside littering the area during hours it wasn't open.

At times the car park can be full. This is not helped that vehicles appear to be stored there and never move. The area would be of better use by demolishing the building and increasing the number of car parking spaces.

The car parking surface is in a poor state. Rainwater drains are blocked which causes water to pool during heavy rain. Railings between Police station and car park also require maintenance.

- 10 A brilliant idea!! Not only will it improve the appearance of a disused building, but it will be an asset to the community and environment. Hope other empty and disused properties in the town are rejuvenated as well.
- 11 The only problem will be there are never any spaces in the car park.
- 12 The General Store has been a positive addition to Selkirk, and this would make good use of a currently unused property. It is ideally situated with parking.
- 13 Looks like an ideal solution as it gives a redundant space a useful function.
- 14 Brilliant idea to make use of an unused building.
- 15 Excellent idea. Much better than an empty building. The General Store has innovative ideas - shown by this proposal.
- 16 I think this is a good idea, as the toilets will simply rot away and be taken down.
- 17 If the former toilets in Scott's Place car park are not to be used as toilets again, I think they should be demolished and the site tidied up and provide additional parking spaces.
- I feel the General Store has more than enough premises in the Market Square and the West Port to fulfil for the collection of unwanted goods as they will all end up in the town centre shops after recycling anyway.
- Also, the SBC already provides a recycling hut at the Community Recycling Centre which is secure.
- If the public have free access to the proposed hut, I think it will be trashed regularly and become another dump unless it is manned and supervised during open hours.
- No, I do not approve of the proposal.
- 18 Helping reuse and recycling of household items become the norm is essential. People would be able to use the hub at the same time as using the glass and clothing banks in the carpark so shouldn't increase traffic at the carpark.
- Only disadvantage I can think of is where to put overspill and how to prevent "fly-tipping".
- 19 As a Souter, I, like many other souters, have used the toilets in times of need. When my children were young, they were a changing facility as well as the children using them as they got older. I think it's sad that the council are selling them off. With the bypass sure to come with the Center Parcs, then this is just another reason why visitors will bypass Selkirk. No toilets?
- 20 Best way to make use of an old iconic building. Been there such a long time, better to restore than demolish

- 21 The efforts made by the General Store on behalf of the community are to be applauded and supported. The proposal to make use of these toilets is based on a model that already exists in many communities. Instead of considering selling the toilets to the General Store SBC should take a good look at itself, take inspiration from the people who care, not about profit but about recycling, reusing and repairing and donate the building for the proposed usage.
- 22 The General Store's history of success leads me to be confident in their ability.
- 23 Whilst we are sorry that the toilets are having to be replaced. We think proposed General Store Hub is an excellent idea Go for it!!
- 24 The General Store already has four properties in the town.

I would like to see the building taken on by a group such as 'Selkirk and the Valleys'. Part of their current plan is to bring more tourism to Selkirk. At the moment there is no place for coaches to park near the town centre. The building could be transformed into a small tourist information hub, with two toilets.

The car park could then be designated for coaches only so the drivers could safely drop people off to walk around the town at their leisure. Passengers might also be dropped off in the Market Place at one of the bus stops. Then the driver would go to the coach park and have somewhere to wait without obstructing traffic in the town.

The coach park is something that this town desperately needs to regenerate itself and promote tourism to the area.