

Rag	Name	Are you a military family that has visited the Poppy Pods at Tile Barn Outdoor Centre?	Are you a member of any of the following organisations?	Do you have any feedback for Hampshire County Council regarding the proposals?
		Yes	Defence discount card;Help for Heroes;	Pods get released and are very quickly booked. Consider trickle feeding the booking to allow people to gain a booking. Or only allowing 1 booking per year per person to allow other to book.
		No	Defence discount card;	I am a serving personnel, and have been trying to stay at the pods for the last few years. However, I've been unable to get in due to the complicated booking process. I think this should be considered moving forward.
		Yes	Defence discount card;	I believe that Hampshire County Council should continue with current arrangement and only allow usage by Military families and school/community groups only.
		Yes	N/A;	I think it's a good idea and a wise way to bring in money to sustain the poppy pods and its recreational areas.
		Yes	Defence discount card;Royal British Legion;	If on peak prices triple like is stated in this document I won't be bringing my family to the poppy pods again. Part of the appeal also was having a short break away in a location where all the neighbouring families where from the military community.
		Yes	Defence discount card;SSAFA;RAFFA;	I agree with the proposals. The benefit of having a 1 month priority booking for military personnel fir weekends and holidays seems fair and will maintain the integrity of facility for their original intended use.
		Yes	Defence discount card;SSAFA;RAFFA;	We stayed there over morthers day weekend this year and loved it.
		Yes	SSAFA;	Considering that the AFCC funded approximately 65% of the poppy pods, I think it is frankly disgusting to increase the cost of a peak stay for armed forces personnel by 286%. The armed forces has made a huge sacrifice over the past few years, heavily contributing to the coronavirus vaccine roll out, maintaining operational deployments in central Africa, the Afghanistan evacuation as well as the enduring operation in Iraq. During this period there have no pay increases for most armed forces personnel, with the cost of living significantly increasing for all. You may find that your current price increase will in fact price out the families that need to use this facility most.
		Yes	No;	I feel part of the attraction was being able to mix with military families, who has experiences similar to our own. I see the attraction with opening to the general public to increase revenue. But feel there should be more than 2 weekends dedicated military personal times. Maybe a full week in the Summer holiday's and a weekend during each of the school breaks for sole use by military, veterans and their families. This would create a happy compromise and open the centre for all, but not forgetting the purpose this village was created for.
		Yes	None;	The proposals go completely against the reason for which the pods were set-up. It has been very difficult to book at times owing to significant interest from military and veterans. Opening this up to the public would further prevent military families from accessing the facility. Opening the facility for more of the year or incremental raises in the cost for military families would enable greater income rather than preventing them from using the facility.
		Yes	Royal British Legion;Defence discount card;Help for Heroes;SSAFA;RAFA;	I think there are a lot more single parent families and larger families in the Military that require more than one pod. I think raising the prices to nearly £60 per stay weekend from £15 per night means that it would be unaffordable for a lot of single parent and military families to actually achieve as we have to factor in fuel, living costs and days out whilst there. Whilst I agree a we should be paying a little more than £15 for this facility I am just worried this once affordable military pod will become out of reach for some now.
		Yes	Defence discount card;	The proposals are awful. It was designed to allow military personnel and families the opportunity to have some affordable R&R as a family which can be hard to come by. Part of the purpose was to allow military families to become less isolated by being able to befriend other military families. We are still in contact with families we met on our trip. The proposals hardly feel in keeping with the ethos or purpose of the poppy pods. The current system works well and means we are able to benefit. I fear under the new systems we would be priced out or unable to book as they would get booked up by civilians as typically military families only get notice of their leave close to the time, at least this is true of my husbands cap badge.
		Yes	card;	should be means tested and it should be reserved, in the main for military families. There are so few opportunities for our military families these days and we need safe havens. I also
		Yes		I would not pay £51.19 / £58.01. These are very basic pods with limited amenities. There were no events taking place when we attended, and when they are, there is an additional fee.
		Yes	Defence discount card;	The pods were freezing cold when we visited (admittedly it was Mar), and we only stayed one night because it was too cold to stay another night.
		Yes	Defence discount card;	There needs to be more facilities available: food, coffee, portable heaters (in the colder months).
		Yes	Defence discount card;Help for Heroes;	The AFCC and RBL funded the majority of the costs to build these pods, therefore military personnel should continue to receive the generous discount of 77%.
		No	Royal Navy;	I think they should continue with the current arrangements as it is nice to be surrounded by military families and not be mixed with civilians. This is because everyone in the military environment is going through the same thing and children can make friends etc. They were built due to grants for the purpose of military families being able to connected and this now seems to detract from that. It appears that they now wish to run the pods as a commercial business rather than its intended purpose.
		Yes	Defence discount card;	booked up far in advance. Demand already outstrips supply at times I'd look to use one.
		No	Royal British Legion;	We used the poppy pods as a welcome, affordable place to go when husbands were deployed. Having only military families there added an element of safety and comfort. It also meant it was easy to ask for help if needed.
		Yes	Defence discount card;	ALLOWING THE PUBLIC TO BOOK.
		Yes	Defence discount card;	This seems to fly in the face of the intended reason the pods were made in the first place. Most of the investment in the first instance was made by military charities/funds. This support is being all but taken away by this proposal. I would be unable to afford to use these facilities if this proposal goes through. There will be no availability for military families and the sense of community will disappear
		Yes	Defence discount card;	We currently holiday at tile barn yearly but with the proposed changes to pricing it will no longer be viable for us.
		Yes	Defence discount card;Blue Light Card;	It is crucially important that the original intent, of supporting the military and veteran community, is maintained. I would like to see more than 2 military only weekends each year, and the early bird option for military and veteran families to book before anyone else, must always be very well publicised to registered families, and to the wider military community in the first place. I completely understand the need to restructure how the Poppy pods are run, to keep them financially viable, but this must not be at the detriment of military families.
		No	Defence discount card;	I am a member but have never actually been able to book a pod. :(nothing ever available
		Yes	Royal British Legion;Defence discount card;	
		Yes	SSAFA;	The kids play together nicely and people are very relaxed sharing equipment and helping each other with things like unpacking.
		Yes	Defence discount card;	I do not agree with the proposals. The majority of the funding for this project came to support holiday for the military and the increase up to over £50 per night i feel is too high. I feel the increase will stop the military from using the facility and this was the reason it was built!
		Yes	Defence discount card;	I as a member of the military will not use the facility at that price.
		Yes	Defence discount card;	I do agree that if the Pods have not been booked by military to be opened up for non-military to try to get additional funds.
		Yes	Defence discount card;	I think that funds can be made through the booking of the outdoor activities. Perhaps including that an outdoor activity has to be bought with each pod would bring in some of the additional funds required.
		Yes	Defence discount card;	I do not agree with the proposals. The sense of belonging to the military community will be lost if opened up to anybody. Proposals go against the against the initial proposals for the facilities.

	Yes	Royal British Legion;	I totally disagree with the opening up of the Pods to non-Military personnel. Many of our Wounded service personnel and veterans use these pods to get away. When we have stayed at the pods Tile Barn had allowed a large civilian group book in to the empty pods, they used the central area like there own private party, we had to complain about the noise and live music late into the night. The majority of the funding for these pods came from MOD. Please do not open them up to non military.
	Yes	Defence discount card;Help for Heroes;	
	Other	Hm forces ;	I worry that the poppy pods are already hard to book for availability! If opened to the general public would be even harder .
	Yes	Defence discount card;Help for Heroes;	I have never been able to book as it is always booked up
	Other	Military ;	Whilst i appreciate the need to balance the cost, it is a huge jump in cost to military for what is often the only family holiday one can afford. I think the option to open it to the public is a good idea, however i am sceptical as there is rarely availability at present.
	Yes	Defence discount card;	I am military however haven't booked to use the poppy pods as i could not find any dates at all on the booking system. If the new pricing system opens up bookings then this is a great move, if it reduces interest from HM forces this could push the community away even more if they have had the same booking issues as me.
	Yes	Defence discount card;	This should remain as a primarily military facility, it is hard enough to get dates to stay without it being opened to civilians. The proposed pricing for military families is far too great an increase, especially for those serving members on low incomes.
	Yes	RAF;	
	Yes	Royal British Legion;Defence discount card;SAMA82 ;	Sound infinitely sensible to me, thank you for asking for our views.
	Yes	SSAFA;	
	Yes	Defence discount card;SSAFA;	decompress away from the stresses and strains of the job is to be increased so much. Some things are worth more than the money surely!
	Yes	Defence discount card;	Yet another knife in the back of military personnel. With the cost of living increasing the poppy pods are a perk for military personnel so they are able to spend time with their families at a reduced cost, in celebration for their service to the country. Service personnel in this country are treated like diplomatic pawns when it suits and then dropped at a moments notice. Why are these pods not being offered up to homeless veterans before they are offered to civilians. Seems like another cash injection scheme created by the local councils. This is not well received as a current serving military person.
	Yes	Defence discount card;Combat stress;	The facility should stay as it is and not turned into a cash cow for the county council. This was not the aim of the site. This is socking what has been proposed
	Yes	Defence discount card;Royal British Legion;	This was built for military families to provide a "safe" and secure network where we can get support from those around us. If this is opened to non military families the whole thing will not work. Military personnel have a great ethos on respect and integrity. You will not get this from all families that are non military and it would be detrimental to those who thrive for this opportunity to spend time with those that "just know you and understand you" no matter where or when you served. I have enjoyed taking my boys there and meeting up with friends and their kids that have served . It was a great moment when these were built and emphasised the need for military personnel to come together in a private area and feel like a family even though no one knows each other . You can't mix this with families who have never been through, or engaged in this kind of bond. You will be making a huge mistake by opening this up to non military families so you can make more money .
	Yes	Defence discount card;	<p>We used the poppy pods in the first year and had a fantastic time. My serving spouse had been working away from home a lot but we didn't feel we'd been under undue strain, so wouldn't have thought we needed 'respite'. However, a weekend away from home, in this beautiful setting in the new forest, gave us much needed time and space to re-connect as a family. One other really important point I think may have been overlooked is that we really connected with other MILITARY families in the evening. There is something about being with others that 'get it' that made our time there really special. Forces families love to 'spin a dit' (retell a story) and often civilians cannot relate to it. Having to explain your lifestyle and justify your choices endlessly is tiresome, so mixing military and non-military users would, in my opinion, take something special, reassuring and restful away from the experience.</p> <p>In addition, serving families make significant sacrifices, for example moving often. This makes maintaining friendships and support networks harder. We are currently serving overseas and have faced many challenges, especially with covid, making this posting a lonely one. I would love for the poppy pods to be a place where military friends from different bases/ships/locations/countries etc could come together to rekindle and rebuild their distant friendships. I know this isn't a typical use or consideration, but for the often forgotten mental health of military spouses and their children, this would go a long way!</p> <p>In regards to the proposed increase in cost, I understand the need to balance the budget but as a family of 5 who would need two pods, the revised costs would not make the poppy pods affordable. Under the current pricing structure, a weekend for us would cost £60. The new structure would cost £232! There are many other more affordable options available.</p> <p>Overall I feel the changes detract from the original purpose of the poppy pods. Given that over 77% of the funding came from armed forces related funding/charities, the use of them should remain primarily for, and accessible to, armed forces personnel and their families. An alternative would be to keep weekends, including bank holiday weekends, exclusively for military use, but increase the price to market rates during school holidays and open these times up to the public. There is no comment about whether schools and youth groups would be required to pay the increased price for weekends, should there be availability, but it would seem more appropriate to increase the nightly, per person rate, during the week, as this form of usage does not appear to be part of the primary purpose of the poppy pods (given the funding structure), but more of a supplementary/secondary use to help maintain and fund the upkeep of the poppy pods. If Tile Barn is not able to break even as an outdoor centre, then maybe other parts of the centre should be reviewed for their profitability or other revenue generating activities offered? Or would moving the poppy pods to MOD land be more appropriate?</p> <p>I don't live in a quarter and my family miss out on the military cohesion. The poppy pods support this.</p>
	Yes	Defence discount card;	The poppy pods should be treated as a respectable military hide away. Opening the pods to the public is not what my family want. I want to contact with other military members that share the same values, that the poppy pods deserve.
	Other	Royal British Legion;Defence discount card;Help for Heroes;	I appreciate you will still be giving the military and veteran community a discount but it appears that the prices will be going up by a large amount unless I have read the report incorrectly. I feel that the military and veteran community do appreciate the use of the pods but i'm sure everyone is sick of all bills increasing in price! If there is any way to keep the prices the same across the board rather than means tested it would be very much appreciated.
	Yes	Defence discount card;	Thank you very much
	Yes	Defence discount card;	Poppy pods have been a great break away and knowing full well that you would have like minded people staying on site. New discount scheme would see military families paying far more than current booking fees which is what the poppy pods were designed for.
	Yes	Royal British Legion;Defence discount card;	How can you justify increasing the prices by more than three times? And then in 2023 it's nearly four times the amount! Why can you not keep the prices the same for all military and veterans? £15 per night is a reasonable amount to charge. The military community put their lives on the line for Queen and country and deserve a nice break without being massively out of pocket. Thank you for considering my feedback regarding this matter.
	No	Defence discount card;	HCC should not be allowed to dramatically increase the cost of a facility that was funded by the AFCC and RBL for the benefit of the Armed Forces. I support the opening of the facility to other users after an advanced booking window to members of the Armed Forces, but the success of raising funds through this route should be tested before increasing the costs to the Armed Forces.

		<p>Thats a big increase.</p> <p>To increase the prices by such a dramatic amount is a lot to ask when families such as ours like the outdoors and enjoy what's on offer but have no rise in wages. For that price per night to camp all be it in a wood hut not a tent is a lot to ask for. Holiday camps and hotel options will be competitive and offer a lot more amenities with also the option of being located in rural areas with outdoor activities.</p> <p>Every one is feeling the pinch, however the poppy pods have no external electricity outside of the solar power and require minimal maintenance. The other facilities on site are charged at extra except the wash rooms so I struggle to see the justification for the price increase of that much.</p>
	Yes	Defence discount card;RAFBF;
	Yes	Royal British Legion;
	Other	Royal British Legion;Defence discount card;Help for Heroes;
	Yes	none of the above;
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	Yes	Royal British Legion;Defence discount card;
	Yes	Help for Heroes;Royal British Legion;Defence discount card;
	Yes	Royal British Legion;SSAFA;Defence discount card;
	No	Royal British Legion;Defence discount card;SSAFA;Help for Heroes;
	Yes	Help for Heroes;

		<p>As you state early on in your proposal this facility was built using £300,000 of funding from sources specifically designed to support the military. The Council paid just £86,000 but got a £386,000 facility, meaning they only paid 22% of the costs of building this facility but could then profit from it. The current arrangement gives Hampshire Council very generous usage of the facility adding up to 200 days a year of profit making access, the lions share.</p> <p>The Council very publicly trumpeted it's signing of the Covenant in 2011, the middle of the conflict in Afghanistan, when it was a good PR move to do so. As a result it was able to secure Covenant funding to pay for its new facility which it opened in 2016 to great fanfare. They heavily emphasised its purpose in supporting the military and the council garnered a Royal opening, good press and plaudits. Now, less than a year after the armed forces have withdrawn from Afghanistan the PR glow has gone and the Council wants to maximise its revenue and the lions share of access, and the free money doesn't look good enough. The covenant looks great when it's a pipeline of free cash. But now there are more profits to be made and those public statements about supporting serving families look very inconvenient.</p> <p>Service families struggle to get access to the pods under current arrangements due to how quickly they book up. This will make it almost impossible. If the council wants to renege on its previous commitments which gained it the money to build this facility it should repay the funds that paid for 88% of this facilities construction and cease using its military nature of the facility at the site and online.</p>
Yes	Defence discount card;	
Yes	Defence discount card;	I agree with the proposals. A sustainable financial footing that enables continual maintenance and improvement benefits everyone. Advance booking window for military is welcome. I'd like to see use broadened and not dominated very a few repetitious customers. Whilst military-only events have their place, actually enabling military and other others to mix is a positive in my opinion; the military community can be too insular.
Yes	SSAFA;Defence discount card;	I think that the Poppy Pods are a wonderful facility and we have used them on numerous occasions and it has provided much needed respite in a safe environment for our family. When we have stayed we have liked the fact that we know all other people staying are military - it feels a part of the military community. I think that the price increase - albeit with a 25% military discount will price the facility out of some military families which is a shame. Given that the initial funding was from military charities I am not in favour of opening the pods to all - I would be interested to know how many empty bed spaces/pods there have been per year vs availability - and I feel the price rise would sadly prevent some military families taking respite there, which I believe was the purpose of the original funding.
Yes	Defence discount card;SSAFA;	As a family of 6. At the prices that the pods are increasing to, I won't be able to afford the pods. But it was fun whilst it lasted.
Yes	Defence discount card;	The proposals seem to be solely aimed at turning the Poppy Pods into a purely commercial entity. The planned 340% price increase to military members at the same time you are proposing to remove the privilege of having sole access at weekends and holidays seems pretty cynical. Given that HCC contributed less than 23% of the initial set up costs of this centre, to now attempt a restructure in order to extract more money from the demographic it was set up to provide for leaves a very sour taste.
Yes	Defence discount card;	Clearly no-one is going to be in favour of a price increase, but you are attempting to simultaneously decrease access and raise prices. I appreciate the need for a more sustainable commercial footing, in that vein I could accept a 100% price increase if military users retained sole access at weekends and cede primary access in school holidays.
Yes	RAF;	The Poppy Pods, should remain for military personnel over weekends and holidays as the current arrangements.
Yes	Defence discount card;	There are constantly oversubscribed and there was a pause on membership from the military due to the high demands. Appreciate the council need to raise money, the costs should increase for military personnel to £25 a night..
Yes	Defence discount card;	Yes I think military should be given more discount, 15% is nothing
Yes	Defence discount card;	To increase the price by some 325% is shocking. We have been trying for 3 years to get here and have always been beaten to it. Even doing it within 24hrs of the email stating you can book. Feel like the military are being used as a scape goat to feed the fat cats of the council. It's no longer a service for the forces, I am very disappointed.
Yes	Serving;	This proposal appears to be a stealth takeover of an excellent Welfare and respite facility for Service personnel and Veterans by HCC for financial gain. Given the fact that the facility was purchased using grants from the AFCC & RBL totalling £300,000 with HCC's initial outlay being £86,000. I appreciate that HCC staff and maintain the facility however the income generated to date (£341,250) highlights that the facility has almost broke even. It seems that all profits generated will now go to support " other key HCC Services". Given that the justification for the grant application was Service personnel/veteran based, is this proposal even legal? Furthermore, an increase in fees is now being levied against Service personnel and veterans which is being touted as a discount! This is unacceptable. Lets say it for what it really is. Your prices to serving personnel and Veterans is more than doubling. Was the plan always to make profit or to provide a welfare/respite haven for those that need it? Will a percentage of profits go back to the RBL or AFCC "to support further services"?
Yes	Help for Heroes;Defence discount card;Royal British Legion;	no
		<p>I do appreciate the requirement to review the current process and price structure, and fully appreciate the offer of means tested free access for respite for those Service personnel and Veterans with disabilities and on low incomes. I do, however, have a couple of concerns in that I don't think this fully recognises at all the benefit that a dedicated space provided to the military community.</p> <p>Firstly, those of us Veterans who have no disability, whose mental health is generally manageable and who would not receive a means-tested free place are seeing quite a considerable price hike. This proposal prices the pods similarly (or even higher) than general campsites up and down the country.</p> <p>Furthermore, by making the weekends open to both military and civilians there will be the loss of the 'security' of knowing that we'd be with people who have shared experiences, who 'speak the same language' and who provide support just by being together - something we no longer really get once we leave the fold of the Armed Forces. This was a guaranteed haven of shared understanding, where conversations didn't feel they needed to be quite so guarded - but this proposal now denies us that. I fully anticipate that the two military-only weekends per year would be booked up by those with disabilities and low incomes, so they - at least - would still receive some benefit. They are only one small part of the Service community though.</p> <p>While you say that registered military users will receive a one-month priority window for other weekends, it rarely works for those who are Serving to be able to plan and book months in advance (especially with the no refund policy that currently operates). For various reasons it may not be possible for Veterans to be able to plan and book within that window either.</p> <p>I would therefore now see no advantage in booking the Poppy Pods, and anticipate that many other previous users may now also be put off booking.</p> <p>Regarding the fee itself, the initial funding for the project came from 75% Armed Forces community contributions, yet we are now only receiving a 25% then 15% discount on the fee - I'm not sure I see how this is fair.</p> <p>I don't think this proposal recognises at all the enduring impact of Service life on an individual. While some people may see this centre as a 'nice to have', and I agree that it is in comparison with housing, feeding and educating people, I don't think that this view fully appreciates the delicate balance of mental health in our Service and Veteran community. It fails to truly acknowledge how nurturing little things like a weekend away in this haven are, a place where we can let go and can really keep us sustained for the months that follow. It is not only those who have a noted disability who struggle upon leaving Service life, many non-disabled Veterans also do so, often for many years. This proposal feels like another way in which service given to this country is no longer valued.</p>
Yes	Royal British Legion;Defence discount card;	Overall, I feel that this proposal revokes the initial aim of the centre, as a place where 'Armed Forces personnel and their families can come together and share support'. It is currently one tiny place out of thousands which was just ours on those weekends; non-military families have countless other options.

	Yes	Defence discount card;	Think it's unfair, military personnel barely get any benefits as it is. This is the only perk that isn't means tested. It's already shared with veterans who get to book all the good dates when released as they know their schedules. how are people actually serving supposed to get a booking when they're not fighting with civilians also for dates when we don't know exact dates for anything ever as it is
	Yes	;	I think it is bad form that you have funding mainly from AFCC fund to build this lovely pod village, now you are making it to expensive for the military to use; a 15% reduction on market rates is not sufficient! £30 for a weekend was a nice little break away. Going from £15 to £58 per night is excessive and not affordable for my family - you will notice a massive decline in military uptake. I understand that you need to make money, how about you provide half the pods to the military on current terms and then the other half open up to non-military at your new price. I think this proposition is going to result in military families not using the facility which is a real shame!
	Yes	Defence discount card;	Far too big price hike that will stop us from using the pods now. Such a shame
	Yes	Defence discount card;	Not sure why these price increases need to happen!?... these pods are an absolute asset to the military families and putting the prices up by that much will certainly put a lot of families off! We love going to the pods but they would not be worth paying nearly £100 come 2023! Really hope this doesn't happen as this is sometimes the only holiday some families get as they can't afford anything more....
	Yes	Royal British Legion;Help for Heroes;	I think these price I creases are ridiculous when this facility is supposed to provide respite for military families. Also, if they are open to the public will they be able to book at the same time. I enjoy going to meet other military families who are on similar situations and can connect with each other. With the intended price increases I wouldn't be booking any stays.
	Yes	Defence discount card;Active Ministry of Defence;	With regards to the proposals, I fundamentally disagree with these. There are thousands of Armed Forces families that could potentially wish to utilise the facilities, so to narrow it down to 2 weekends, which would be specifically targeted for respite for disabled personnel and those on low incomes, is basically removing this facility in its entirety from Forces Families. As a family who have both adults in the forces, trying to organise a 'weekend away' to focus just on these 2 weekends would prove exceptionally difficult to organise, never mind if given the opportunity due to being means tested. I appreciate that Military families will be offered a priority booking window for popular holiday seasons; however this year is a prime example that this may prove difficult to implement, as we are still waiting for the release of the pods for this year - I have tried to contact the centre direct and was told that I could not book until the pods have been released. Also increasing the costs from £15.00 per night, to £51.19 per night on peak times is limiting use of these by military families, as that will be over £100 a weekend, which when you include the activities becomes unaffordable. All in all, I believe that if you implement these changes, the military preference to utilise the Poppy Pods will be lost - this is a fantastic facility that actually shows support and preference to the military, so to implement such drastic alterations will cause friction and unwillingness to visit. I do however appreciate that if the pods are not booked in entirety, the Pods could run at a loss - but there are ways in which advertisement and engaging with local charities (Sea Cadets, Scouts etc) could make up for some of that. Also, I have only seen advertising of the Tile Barn once outside of the social media (which requires you joining the FB page), and I was only made aware of the Pods through word of mouth.
	Yes	Defence discount card;	To summarise, keep the costs as they are for the military, but offer them up to the public as well - this will not negatively impact the military families that do use the facility, but open it up to others and bring in revenue. Also, please increase advertising - even on the social media pages, it is limited.
	Yes	Defence discount card;	This is a fantastic facility for military families
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	Yes	Defence discount card;	I don't mind there not being any military only days, maybe half the pods could always be on offer to the general public and half go to the military that way you would always make extra money. The price increase for the military is massive and that would put me off staying there unfortunately as I would expect there to be more on offer, our solar powered light only stayed on for an hour max and rather than a better porch for the pods as they seem fine it would be good if there was a wooden play park or little obstacle course for the kids that they could just play on whenever they wanted.
	Yes	Royal British Legion;	The use of the facility should remain exclusive for serving military and veterans. The facility provides an environment where like minded families, all with similar stresses and strains on their lives can relax. The experiences of military families are unique and different to their civilian counterparts. This is particularly relevant when considering our WIS veterans who deserve an environment in which they can relax amongst other military families.
	Other	SSAFA;Defence discount card;	Was planning on visiting the facility when my kids are abit older. I am shocked and saddened at this proposal, especially the proposed price hike for military families. Having these pods available gives low income military families the option of having a family holiday. Considering due to the strains of service life, quite often 1 parent has to make a sacrifice on their career so finances are stretched. Highly disappointed. I am sure the small amount of money that this price hike would generate can be offset by other means.
	Yes	Defence discount card;	We used the pods a number of times under the original scheme of pay for membership and then free use. We would of been happy to pay the amounts proposed to stay. It is a beautiful place and great facilities the memories made will stay with us forever. My only concern is that military personnel are prioritised and that some lower income families would within the military may found the amount charged costly (especially if two pods are required) could it be a standard charge per family regardless of number of pods? Something to consider. The council need to help support this amazing facility.
	Yes	Royal British Legion;Defence discount card;	This facility has been a great weekend escape for me and my family, it has and I hope still will be a place very close to my heart where I come with my family to chill out, de-stress and make memories. , which is even more important now I have been diagnosed with secondary breast cancer. My family and I have been enjoying the pods for over 6 years, for the past couple of years before covid, it has been difficult to get a booking, I was unable to get any bookings this year and am disappointed. I feel the price rises will be difficult for service and veteran families to afford, which is such a shame as the location and the history of the military hospital should be cherished by the serving military and veterans, Hampshire county council are pushing us all out. This will result in the children of the future military not having access to making memories with their parents that spend so much r time away from their families. These price hikes stop now stop, the present hikes are high enough and achievable any more rises will leave families unable to afford to stay here.
	Yes	Help for Heroes;Defence discount card;Royal British Legion;	These pods were ment to be for forces families not everyone. When have stayed several times and it the people who go eg the military that make this a fab holiday, all coming together on an evening kids playing together etc etc mixing military and civies you will loose that feeling and it will become just another site for anyone and at the prices you will attract all the wrong people who will damage the pods where as military are nore respectful of the environment and pods.
	Yes	Defence discount card;Help for Heroes;SSAFA;Royal British Legion;	Losing the military only ethos will only take away what they pods are about. Going on holiday and being around everyone who's military is so much more comforting than being mixed.
	Yes	SSAFA;Defence discount card;	These have been mostly funded by military charities and are a vital asset to the military community.

		<p>I've not visited the pods as a military family as they are always booked far in advance. I am very familiar with the pods through work. I think the price rise for military families will make it unobtainable for many. Many of us are 'parent income families due to many military postings and moves. We are often at the stage which is labeled 'Just about managing'. This means we are unable to afford those special treats as the earnings are just above the benefits cap, but not enough to be anywhere near regarded as financially OK. I do think the prices need to increase as they have not increased for years, however the increase offered is over a 200% increase. Not only are you proposing this price increase but you are taking away the pods from military families in which it was designed for and opening it up to the public. Military families do not have access to the pods through any of the term time as this is solely used for groups organising with tile barn, this is the vast majority of the year we already do not have access. Change from military having access at the weekends to only having sole access to 2 weekends is almost an insult, especially when the reasoning isn't for it to be open to the whole of the serving and x serving community but to be pin pointed down to those with medical needs.</p> <p>Please reconsider your proposal to be more fair. A more fair non means tested price increase with more sole access for military personnel but with the option of some weeks/weekends to have shared access or even reversed, two weekends with non military access at all. There are many pods there, to have an agreement where 60% are always for military (at the times they are available now) and 40% to non military families with shared sole weekends for either side. Its such a shame to feel like the military families really don't have it easy. Think practically single parent family moving every couple of years to a new place away from friends and family for one and you are choosing to make the restbite as a family that is currently obtainable, unobtainable.</p>
No	Defence discount card;	
Yes	Defence discount card;	<p>It has been difficult to book poppy pods with the armed forces community and opening this up to everyone would make it even worse to be able to book and faking away a perk that we had will be met by upset.</p> <p>The price hike with the affordability will then cause the lower and disadvantaged not be able to book and this is only holiday that they have. It is a massive price hike and 15% isn't enough discount to accommodate a holiday with armed forces family. I don't agree with any of the changes.</p>
Yes	SSAFA;	<p>I feel as though military families will miss out of what it is intended for, being means tested is so unfair as most military family's are one income families due to the job - but aren't always able to receive benefits! Also would just be better to increase the price. Absolutely no perks of being in the armed forces any more as anything and everything is taken away. When we have come before we cherished the time with other military families and listening to their experiences, opening up to the general public will make it even more impossible to book and it loses its speciality, very very sad and disappointed by these proposals. Feel as though it's to push money and not for the people the pods have been created to help.</p>
No	Just a 'Wife' ;	<p>It is a disgrace that you are proposing to charge military families a considerable amount to stay in what was built specifically for families and veterans. £300,000 was donated by military charities of the total £386,000. £341K of which has been 'repaid' by the use of which it was intended for. How many service personnel do you think have the new increased prices available at the end of the month? I would hazard a guess that a good 70% of families who visit have zero disposable!! We come knowing that every weekend there are families like us, that understand the struggles we face, the insecurity, the anxiety, the months of missing family members, the deaths of our husbands, son, daughters, wives... We are able to unwind without having to focus of Operation Security. If it was opened up to NOT-military families we would be right back in an unsupportive place with opsec as a highest priority! Instead of increasing the pricing for those who it was intended for, increase the prices for those who use it commercially! Yet again though fat cat government officials are using the military and its families to line the pockets of its coffers!! NOT GOOD ENOUGH!!! This just shows that it doesn't matter what you do for this country, even charitable runds that were specifically given to support you in times of need aren't sacred. Makes me sick!!</p>
Yes	Defence discount card;	<p>The proposals to remove what was the original intention of The Poppy Pods as a place for military families to enjoy a week or weekend away, at a much reduced rate, is very sad indeed. I was present at the opening of The Poppy Pods as part of the choir and the sense of military community was very important and much appreciated. I was excited to visit with my family as my husband is away a lot and although we do not qualify for benefits, we do not have hundreds of pounds to spend on travel, accommodation and activities when going away, particularly at short notice/for just a couple of nights. We finally visited last year and all enjoyed our stay. It was nice to know that we didn't have to be as careful about any conversations about my husband's job, or our lives be sure everyone there was also military and it was all "normal". We were also able to book very last minute as our Welfare Team sent out communication that there were still spaces available.</p> <p>I feel that increasing the costs and reducing the chance for military families to book in the way that we have will limit the chances families like ours have to have even a short weekend holiday.</p> <p>It's taking away from the intention of the centre and ethos of it all. And that's without even getting to the funding for it coming from armed forces specific organisations or funds.</p> <p>With so much being taken away from the armed forces that is truly "for them", this feels like yet another set back in giving back to this group.</p>
No	SSAFA;	<p>As a serving military family, we feel the proposal to be not in the spirit to the vision of the scheme nor does it reflect the significant financial contributions made by the AFCC. We do not support the proposal.</p>
No	British army ;	<p>This is disgraceful this was created mainly using money aimed at military. The person involved wanted this to be solely for military and veterans. You have now opened this for anyone meaning it's not something for the military but for every man and his dog and you also want to charge a ridiculous amount which is a disadvantage to thousands of military families who have no money to afford this now. It was hard enough to start off with to get the chance to have a break here, now you have made it impossible you should be thoroughly ashamed of yourselves. How do you get to use money for military for Joe blogs to now take over most of the bookings. Military families usually can't afford breaks as they are generally a one income house due to lifestyle and moving so much and you have taken an option from them that can help assist their mental health. I hope you're investigated for this and I hope they all boycott it. This is unacceptable</p>
No	Defence discount card;	<p>This is disgusting. We haven't been able to book the pods in the last 4 years. Which prunes they must be popular. Military families often operate last minute as things change all the time, so to open bookings to the public disadvantages us.</p> <p>Means testing is unfair. We are not entitled to benefits as we earn 'too much' but we are barely scraping by.</p> <p>£15 to 50 is insane and makes it unaffordable.</p> <p>This is absolutely a disgrace. I'm dumbfounded that this is even a suggestion.</p> <p>This needs to stay for military only. Do you understand that military people often only feel safe around other military people??? I'm disgusted at HCC. Absolutely disgusted. You obviously have no clue on military life at all.</p>

			<p>The proposals will further disadvantage military families who often struggle as it it to afford holidays due to</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. struggling to find a second income for the non-serving Spouses. 2. Struggling to afford a holiday that could have to be cancelled last minute due to military postings or deployments out of their control. 3. The military community have an understanding of one another, the struggles and difficulties we all go through. Part of the attractions of the Poppy Pods is being surrounded by other military families who are in the same position and have an instant understanding. 4. The Poppy Pods are incredibly popular currently and very difficult to book, we have tried every year for 4 years and never been able to get one. If booking was open to a larger group then military families would likely never get a chance to book. <p>The Poppy Pods were build with the sole purpose of giving military families a get break from the difficulties they face. The majority of the money came from military charities, they are named Poppy Pods due to the poppies military tie. If they are opened up to all and it becomes a free-for-all for a pod with less and less military families being able to book then I fear that the purpose they were build for, the reason military charities gave so much money to enable them to be built, will be completely lost and the appeal of them will disappear.</p> <p>Military families will also be highly unlikely to access these through welfare due to the enormous amount of stigma within in the army and a refusal to ask for help. There is a reason that suicide amongst soldiers considerably is higher than any other group. They don't ask for help, they don't like to admit 'weakness' and I don't think those who truly need a break, somewhere to forget the realities of life and just relax, will actually access the Pods through welfare.</p>
	Yes	Defence discount card;SSAFA;Royal British Legion;	
	Yes	Labour Friends of the forces;Royal British Legion;Defence discount card;	They're not great. Keep things the way they are and advertise the pods more. I have been married to my husband for 17 years and only found out about these pods late last year,
	Yes	Royal British Legion;SSAFA;	The suggested consultation would price our military family out of coming to the Poppy pods. On average, my husband is away 5months of the year, we have very few opportunities for respite as a family. Having time amongst other service families is important due to the unique stresses and experiences this life provides us. Experiences that civilians do not understand and therefore are unable to support (even family and friends), being surrounded by people who "get it" is so very important for ourselves and our children. Means testing would also cut our family out of the opportunity to attend the Poppy pods. Although my husband is not a low earner and I work, we are by no means well off and have minimal funds left over at the end of the month due to the expense of constant childcare required by the unpredictability of my husband's work/deployment schedule. We are not eligible for any benefits due to income and therefore, miss out on means tested provisions every time. The Poppy pods are one of the only provisions still accessible by all military families and we would be incredibly sad for this to no longer be such a viable option due to availability to book or unobtainable price hike.
	No	Royal British Legion;Defence discount card;Help for Heroes;BLESMA;SSAFA;Combat stress;	We are a military family who has many many times tried to book the poppy pods and they have been full, and I can think of multiple other families who have done the same but they are always full. So why are you opening up the pods to the general public when you are already full- you are now making it almost impossible for military families to book these facilities and they are a one of a kind! A place where military families can be with others who understand and support them. I wholeheartedly disagree with these being opened to the general public and I think the proposal should be reconsidered.
	Yes	Defence discount card;	Increase in price means we are out and have visited for a few years now when we can get in due to its popularity with military families. Not sure it was designed or intended to be such a money making scheme but more for rest bite for serving and ex military personnel. Very disappointed with this latest development!
	Yes	Defence discount card;	This is an excellent facility but not enough of the military know about it. Better communication and booking would allow more military to utilise it. Whilst a small price increase is inevitable in the current climate and would likely be accepted by the military community the current proposal sees a significant increase which will price it out of the majority of users budgets. A big selling point for the military is the community spirit you get from having sole military use, everyone has the same mindset. You may lose this with the proposal put forward and I don't think the military will use it as much. it will just become another campsite that offers a small military discount. This is a huge shame given that it was built largely through military charities/funds for the military community.
	Yes	Defence discount card;	As a member of the Armed forces, I would not be in support of the commercialisation of a scheme set up to support military families.
	Yes	Defence discount card;	none
	No	Regular Army;	For a start, your question set is skewed - there is nowhere for me to register that I am a serving military member. The current question only allows me to register that I have used the Pods. I haven't - yet. I would also like to register my disagreement with the changes. A lot of Forces Covenant money went into this project and I believe it should be left predominately for Serving/Veterans use. Perhaps you could open up certain weeks/weekends only for mixed groups (perhaps 6 weekends or 3 weeks a year?)
	Yes	Defence discount card;	I believe the discount for military personnel should be greater than 15%. 25% sounds more reasonable.
	No	British Army;	The village was built with military money and support therefore it should stay for the military and veterans. Commercialisation of a welfare asset is yet another kick to all serving members of the military and the charities that have contributed to this establishment and it seems to me that getting the military and charities to fund something that you are then going to charge people for is a disgrace and an obvious cash grab. This puts a dark shadow on any military organisations contributing to any developments under your council as they will just be exploited to make money.
	Yes	Defence discount card;Royal British Legion;	If I was a gambler I would put money on the odds that within 2 years HCC will have driven off any business from UK Armed Forces members, the cynic in me believes this is probably their desired outcome. I recommend they re-familiarise themselves with the Armed Forces Covenant, https://www.armedforcescovenant.gov.uk/about/ before taking a decision that will see them disadvantaged at a time of great economic uncertainty. This is a privilege that has been earned through service and sacrifice, I am saddened to see the lack of respect displayed by HCC.
	Yes	Defence discount card;	I feel this is another way to overlook the outstanding work the Armed forces do, in favour of profit. I doubt many Armed forces members will continue to use the facility if the prices increase. I certainly wont. The benefits applied to the Armed forces in civilian industry have slowly eroded over time, more emphasis being placed on students. The increase in prices for these Pods will simply follow this trend and once again go against everything the Armed Forces Covenant was set up to combat.
	Yes	Royal British Legion;Defence discount card;SSAFA;	I am strongly against the proposed changes to the poppy pod's. As a serving member of the Armed Forces I find there are very few "safe spaces" for military personal and Veterans to get together and de-stress. Currently this facility is ideal for such activity with no alternative in Hampshire. With rising costs to every household in the U.K. and no planned pay rise for serving soldiers, now is not the time to increase costs to service families. We in the Armed forces give up a lot for the U.K., its not unreasonable to get a little back.
	Yes	Royal British Legion;Defence discount card;	I think to reduce the availability of poppy pods for military families and almost increase the costs so significantly is a real shame. Whilst campaigns such as Afghanistan are no longer active, the military are busier than ever. Covid has seen military families affected at short notice to support testing and vaccination programmes. The situation in Eastern Europe has seen an increase in military deployments to NATO partner countries in the area. The proposed increases will put the pods out of reach for many military families. Whilst inflation has risen considerably, military pay rates have not. I would encourage the council to look at other ways to maintain this facility without affecting military families. The use of the facility for weddings is one option which would increase revenue.
	Yes	Defence discount card;	The proposal is absolutely fine.
	Yes	SSAFA;Defence discount card;Help for Heroes;	I believe that changing this facility to only allow military personnel to take a standard "discounted" rate, commercialises a facility which was intended to benefit military personnel. It is a real shame that this is what is being proposed, especially considering the benefit and respite it currently provides to families.

			<p>I think it's difficult enough to book the pods when it's just military let alone open to the public. Weekends and time as a family unit is hard most of the time but to restrict that even more is really upsetting. Not only that, we don't fall under the bracket of low income, but we're hardly flushed as a family of 5, so when we book 2 pods it's an expense but one we really cherish as we can't afford holidays.</p> <p>The main funding came from military and now to take that away or restrict it, to also make gains on that I think is awful.</p> <p>Military families move so often, the children and schools are disrupted, often families apart for long periods of time or even a few days, but they are always saying goodbye and having to just get on with it. The pods are, I feel, a restbite for all. Its a chance to rekindle as a family unit, so tech, more conversations and it would be a real shame to take this village of pods away from the safe military family we know are there. Its a defeat net knowing that the other occupants are and have experienced the same as the other. There's a mutual respect and that's the bond the military bring. Please don't take another safety net away. We love the few times we have visited the pods.</p>
	Yes	No organisation ;	All makes good sense and should increase occupancy.
	No	Royal British Legion;	Thank you for retaining our RBL Branch ANZAC Sunday usage for Lunch and Tea. Much appreciated
	Yes	Defence discount card;Royal Air Force Association;	Whilst I'm content with the proposal, I am an officer so able to afford the increase in the military rate whereas other military personnel with young families may not be able to do so. Therefore, would it be possible to increase the level of military discount for the junior ranks (OR1 to OR4) (e.g. 25% to 33%)?

Green	Positive	12
Amber	Neutral	60
Red	Negative	44

