

Comments to Question 1

1	War Memorial sacrosanct - should be left alone
2	It looks better with the softer planed borders than a harsh solid surround. The proposed change lacks sufficient consideration of water run off.
3	Waste of public funds.
4	Too expensive during the cost of living crisis
5	Making cut backs in so many vital areas that effect the wider community as a whole. Then proposing expensive upgrading of an area used by a minority.
6	waste of money
7	It is beautiful, a fitting tribute, and well maintained as it is. Money would be better spent elsewhere.
8	Think it's nice as it is
9	Waste of money at this point in time while many struggle with the cost of living. Council tax is going to go up as it is. Spend the money on repairing the High Street.
10	Nothing wrong with how it is nie

Appendix B - Written Responses to War Memorial Public Consultation

11	Considering the memorial has already been refurbished in recent years, it seems like a waste of time and money to do so again, especially when the proposed changes are for aesthetic purposes. To me, "crazy" paving is still paving -it works- why fix it if it's not broken?
12	I like it as it is. Putting benches around the memorial which is a traffic island in the middle of two busy roads is a potential safety issue and who would want to sit in the middle of a traffic island?
13	The current proposal involves removal of flowerbeds which are an attractive feature around the memorial. For the small number of occasions when services are held there it seems unnecessary to cause this.
14	<p>The new proposals will ensure that the War Memorial remains central to our borough and accessible to all"</p> <p>It doesn't make it any more accessible than it currently is. Currently it has a very wide path going all around it so anyone can get to any side of it no matter if they're walking or in a wheelchair. The current paving is also in good smooth level condition which again means it's as accessible now as it will be if it's repaved. Could maybe just do with a quick jet wash at most. It may increase the amount of people who can stand around it at once but on all but 1 day a year there's no one at all around it most of the time really, and on the 1 event day traffic lanes can be closed. I don't think capacity is a concern since I've not heard it mentioned in reference to this. So overall I don't see the point in this and I don't expect it would be close to the top issues of people in Brentwood.</p> <p>If anything to improve accessibility it's much more of an issue just getting TO the memorial in the first place. It's surrounded by 2 way roads on all sides, with zero pedestrian crossings of any type, and on which cars go along quite fast because they both have a very shallow angled slip road style junction onto a main road so vehicles don't have to slow down much at all when joining or leaving it. Just walking along that side on Shenfield road can be dangerous enough on foot due to those 2 roads, I imagine it would be worse in a wheelchair. Not to mention the 2 roads joining onto it are redundant because why have 2 junctions onto the same road a couple of seconds apart? If accessibility for the memorial is what's most important then adding zebra crossings to both sides of it would help much more, which would also help anyone walking along the road daily too which would be a very large amount of more people including a high amount of kids due to the schools next door. Or maybe even also closing one of those 2 roads and paving it, that'll be a massive increase in capacity and accessibility to the memorial.</p>
15	It removes all of the grass/ flowerbed areas. I agree that the memorial needs a bit of attention, and the paving seems outdated, but isn't that part of the charm of the relic?
16	Plus, removing the beautiful greenery/ flowerbeds in favour of stones seems ludicrous. Flowers look much nicer over the year.
17	cost of living crisis should be a priority as should the holes in the roads. Most holes recently filled have been done so badly that they need doing again so perhaps a change of contractor would be a good idea
18	There are more important things for the council to spend money on. It is not on the high street and will not benefit most people except on Remembrance Day.
19	Prefer grass / flowers to hard surfacing.

Comments to Question 2

1	"If it isn't broke don't fix it"
2	See previous answer re surface water drain off.
3	Quite unnecessary in this economic climate.
	It's beautiful and green spaces / plants are important. Plus the children On school visits like them. Stop getting rid of trees and plants!
4	This isn't London.
5	Cost.
6	It's fine as it is, why would anyone want to change it? money
7	The existing beds are crucial to the memorial area. The flowers make it. They are beautiful and well kept.
8	Plants are good
9	See previous reply - it only gets used once a year anyway.
10	Plants are lovely!
11	The planting beds are colourful and welcoming, and are themselves welcomed in a time where everyone is being encouraged to plant more and encourage a greener environment. As well as this, replacing the paving because someone thinks it's 'crazy' seems especially crazy to me. It's not hazardous and as most people see the memorial from a distance, I doubt it would even be noticed.
12	By all means replace the crazy paving but the planting beds are an attractive feature here and in other areas around the borough.
13	For reasons given already.
14	By "better use of the space" I assume that means capacity wise? Define better otherwise. Capacity doesn't seem like a concern of the current design since there's space for plenty of people to stand around the memorial currently despite nobody being around it at all most of the time I pass it, so why would space need to be removed from plant beds so there's more room for people to stand? There's also no issues with the crazy styled paving mentioned so I'm not sure why that would need to be removed. It's not crumbling apart or sticking up in places or anything and is in fairly good condition, it seems perfectly usable for anyone in the type of setting it's in (a very small war memorial area). A professional jet wash would probably make it look like it's not even that old.
15	The flowers are a major contributing factor to the beautiful nature of the memorial. Removing them is counter intuitive.
16	Again - want to keep it natural
17	too expensive
18	The additional cost
19	I do not view this as a green proposal.

Comments to Question 3

1	leave well alone
2	Less crazy paving and more planting beds
3	Renewal of the existing paving.
4	By all means rearrange the planters to maximize space, but please don't reduce the area available for pollinators and other wildlife within the memorial. It's their space too! Thanks
5	Extended pavement areas to use at events when roads closed. This would also help traffic calming
6	Keep it clean & swept would be fine.
7	More green areas
8	More plants and greenery to help reflection
9	Stay the same u til finances are improved or fundraising allows for improvements
10	spend the money on social housing. thats what all our war heroes would want you to spend it on. Look after the elderly rather than spend money on lip service and token gestures. you should be ashamed of yourselves
11	Leave as is.
12	More plants
13	Retain the flower beds but smarten the hard landscaping
14	Money spent more wisely rather than on vanity projects.
15	More plants
16	Whilst the idea of commemorating those who died for us is nice, the memorial we have now is more than adequate, especially compared to others. I don't think it needs to be drastically changed as the proposed ideas suggest, and spending loads of money on paving because it's 'crazy' is leaning on being out of touch, especially during these times.
17	See above
18	Replace the crazy paving with formal paving but keep the same footprint
19	No change necessary.
20	Nothing seems to need to be done. At most put a couple more standard benches down on the edge of the paved area on top of where the flower bed is. Accessibility to the memorial in the first place appears to be a bigger concern which is beyond the scope of these plans and consultations.
21	New paving at most, no reduction of flower plantations.
22	Continued planting of flowers which look lovely.
23	just tidy it up
24	Continue planting as now.
25	Happy to see changes to paving and possibly some relocation of memorials and benches. A large paved area is not necessary.
26	Status quo with planting of climate change friendly species of plants - including bee friendly.
27	Have some form of flowers planted with or around each memorial on the 3 corners.