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Hills Group seeks residents' views on NAAFI site

Residents near a former military building are being offered the opportunity to put their ideas forward on possible future use of the site. On Saturday 22 October the company will be offering a tour of the former NAAFI building and site in Lower Compton near Calne . This will be followed by a meeting at Compton Bassett Village Hall.

The site was bought at public auction by the Hills Group earlier this year and it is on the perimeter of the company's waste and recycling centre.

The single-storey building has been the victim of vandalism and Hills is hoping that local residents will come along to show their support and share their ideas.

Mike Hill, chief executive of the Hills Group, said: "In our long association with Lower Compton we've tried to work closely with our neighbours. There has been a lot of interest in the site from local residents and we are now acting on that.

"If the public commitment is there then we will do our best to support people's wishes."

The company has set up a Facebook page (Lower Compton NAAFI) to help gather views.

Mr Hill said: "We haven't got an end date for the consultation because we want to make sure that everyone who wants to have a say gets a chance. We look forward to welcoming visitors on Saturday."

People who wish to take part in the tour should contact Monique Hayes on 01672 518941. The tour starts at the NAAFI building at 10.30am on Saturday 22 October. It will be followed by a meeting at the village hall at Compton Bassett from 11.15am-12.30pm.

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Notes for editors

- Journalists are welcome to attend the tour of the site. They should email <u>monique.hayes@hills-group.co.uk</u> or ring 01672 518941.
- The Hills Group acquired the NAAFI building earlier this year at an auction. The building was built to serve the former RAF Yatesbury site which closed in the 1960s.

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