



#### 4. **Options available with reasons for suitability**

1. **Do nothing** – not an option. Shelter needs to be put back in public use
2. **Existing site** – will remain subject to vandalism and misuse with limited views.
3. **NE Corner of Lane End garden** – Reduced risk of vandalism and antisocial behaviour. Satisfactory disabled access. Minimum groundworks required for installation. Good views of seascape from Reculver, Pier, Wind Farm, Forts, Isle of Sheppey and Hampton Pier. Possible obstruction of views from nearby properties.
4. **Grass slope to east side of Lane End** - Reduced risk of vandalism and antisocial behaviour. Considerable groundworks required for installation to eliminate ground slippage and to create access. Limited access for disabled persons. Good views of seascape from Reculver, Pier, Wind Farm, Forts, Isle of Sheppey and Hampton Pier. Possible obstruction of views from nearby properties.
5. **Western Slopes above Spa Esplanade** - Close to original location, Detailed groundworks required for base works and minor reshaping of slopes in the immediate area to accommodate shelter footprint. Adjacent to existing sloping path. Reasonable disabled access. Reduced risk of vandalism and misuse. Good views of seascape from Reculver, Pier, Wind farm, Forts, Isle of Sheppey and Hampton Pier. No views blocked from adjacent properties.  
**RECOMMENDED OPTION**

#### 6. **Reasons for supporting option 5**

- a. Retains shelter close to original position
- b. Improved views – unobstructed by Beach Huts
- c. Will fit well in landscape. Very similar effect to original. Highlights local heritage and traditional appearance
- d. Good general and disabled access.
- e. Will permit “horseshoe” style seating all with good sea views
- f. Open location reduces risks of vandalism and misuse

#### 7. **Implications**

- (a) Financial Implications.

£6000 replacement roof and structure, groundworks and relocation (We plan to seek local sponsorship and grants once costs are confirmed, else the 2010/11 BMF)

£1000 - £2000 new seating depending on material and style

(b) Legal Implications. None

**Other implications**

(c) Staffing/resource – Yes – planning time

(d) Property Portfolio – Yes – loss of amenity if not refurbished and relocated

(e) Environmental/Sustainability - No

(f) Planning/Building Regulations - Unlikely

(g) Human Rights issues - No

(h) Crime and Disorder – Yes Reduce Vandalism & misuse

(i) Biodiversity - No

(j) Safeguarding Children - Potentially

(k) Energy efficiency - No

**8. Conclusions**

The relocation of the green shelter is essential to ensure the continued preservation of part of Herne Bay's heritage by returning it to public use where it will both enhance the amenity and enjoyment of the area with reduced risk of vandalism. The recommended location fulfils these values.

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**FURTHER INFORMATION**

Superimposed photographs of typical shelter at the three locations will be on display.