

Community shop for Freshford and Limpley Stoke



We know that the villages want a community shop and post office because ...

- Parish Plan replies
- Shopping surveys in both villages
- Shopping commitments made in March 06

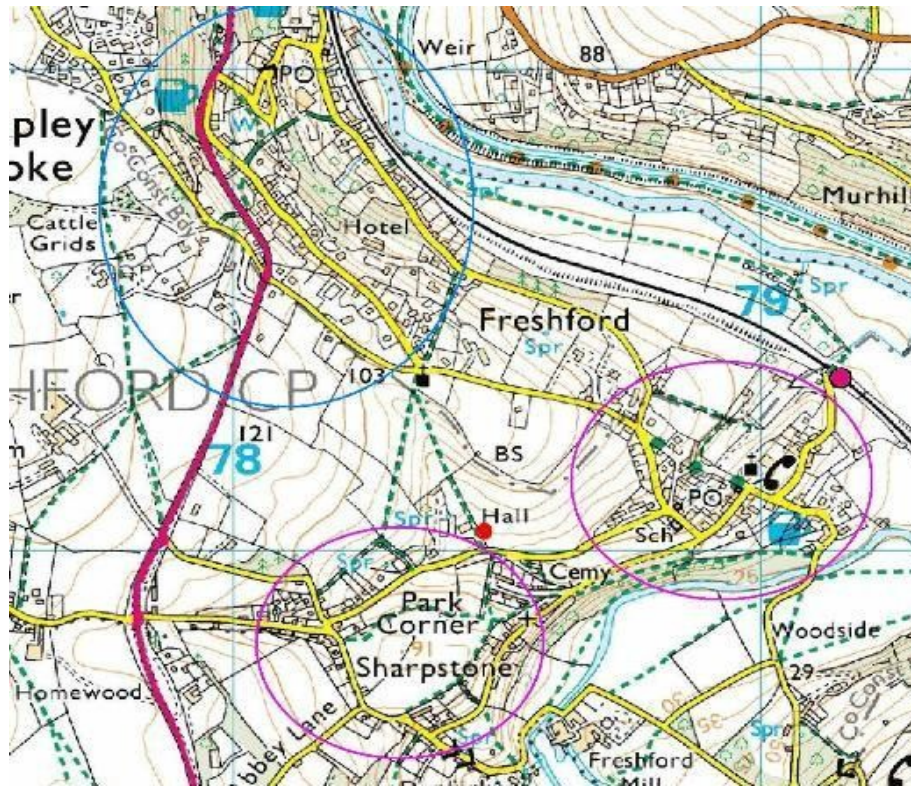
We know what people want from their shop:

- Full range of products and services, responsive to people's requests
- Long opening hours
- Local produce
- Deliveries to those who can't visit
- Special orders
- Village focal point

Locations found not viable:

- Retaining existing shop
- Extending existing shop
- Village centre new build
- Flat above the surgery
- Converting the barn by the Inn
- Incorporating the shop in the Village Hall
- Building a shop in the Village Hall car park

The only viable solution – new build by the Village Hall



- Good central location
- Car parking
- Land available
- Purpose-built
- Synergy between Village Hall and shop

Challenges



- Planning permission
- Funding:
 - Grants, loans, donations
 - Charity status
 - Match funding

How would it work:

- Full-time manager
- Lots of volunteers
- Management committee
- Maybe a separate sub-postmaster

Next steps

- Outline planning application
- Business plan
- Fundraising
- Detailed design and permission
- Construction
- Recruiting manager and volunteers
- Fitting out and stocking
- OPEN!

Timescale

Earliest possible date: December 2008

