

Consultation on the proposal to site the works known as the Kiddey Stones at Castle House

(Appendix B)

1. Introduction

We, Newark and Sherwood District Council, sought the views of the public and key stakeholder groups on the proposed plans that would see work by the famous sculptor, Robert Kiddey, put on public view for the first time in 40 years, as part of plans to create a new art trail in the town and beyond.

Robert Kiddey was a sculptor, artist and teacher, born in Nottingham in 1900. In the 1920s, he was credited with the frieze of figures around the top of Nottingham's Council House on the Market Square and a carved panel called 'The Divine Tragedy' which was accepted for the Royal Academy's annual exhibition in London. His work then became known internationally and he exhibited at the Royal Academy and Salon des Beaux-Arts in Paris. In 1931 he moved to Newark and took up a teaching post at the newly opened Technical College where he remained for 50 years. He passed away in Newark in 1984 and there is a blue plaque dedicated to him in Mill Gate where his studio was located.

The Kiddey Stones comprise 12 pieces of stone forming four panels. The individual tablets measure just over 2m in height and 1m in width and are created from carved sandstone in bas-relief, each depicting a different aspect of electricity production. The Kiddey Stones have been cleaned and restored. The Council are considering whether to create a new art trail around Newark town centre and beyond and the tablets could become a free-standing public art installation, acting as the beginning of the new trail. The proposal suggests that the trail would create a new experience for visitors and residents within the town and help generate additional footfall.

The proposed installation aligns with our Community Plan objectives in relation to heritage and culture, particularly specific actions around increasing the quality and quantity of public art in the district. Robert Kiddey was an international sculptor with a strong association to Newark and as such, putting the stones on public display could be something that the residents of Newark and Sherwood may like to see.

The proposal was approved in principle by Cabinet on 6 June 2024, subject to a period of public consultation.

2. Stakeholder Consultation Summary

The intention of siting the stones in the location outlined by the proposed plans is that it would enable the historic stones, which are owned by Newark Town Council, to be on public display for the first time in circa 40 years in a prominent location. Due to a number of factors, including the ownership, the size and associated historical significance, it was necessary to seek the views of our partners and key stakeholders. A summary of the key points shared from each of the stakeholders is outlined below, however the full responses can be reviewed within the appendices.

Newark Town Council (Appendix C)

Upon the closure of the Wilford Power Station in the 1980s, the stones were removed and given to Newark Town Council. After which the stones were stored, unseen, at Newark Cemetery and

have not been redisplayed since. In September 2024 the Town Council agreed in principle a long-term loan of the stones to Newark and Sherwood District Council. Their feedback included:

- That the stones be utilised at Castle House as part of a public art trail
- That all costs associated with siting the stones at Castle House are to be met by Newark and Sherwood District Council
- There is appetite to be involved in further discussions on both the stones and the development of a wider art trail as plans develop

Nottinghamshire Police (Appendix D)

As part of developing the proposals for siting the Kiddey Stones, we consulted with Nottinghamshire Police Force on the proposed location of Castle House. Due to the age and historical significance of the stones, it was felt that this feedback from the District Commander for Newark and Sherwood, as well as the Designing Out Crime officer, would be key to understand their views on the risks of potential vandalism or damage and whether that would be exacerbated by the proposed location. Their feedback included:

- An acknowledgement that complete protection of any items displayed in an open public space is challenging and there will be a risk with any chosen location, however that the proposed location does benefit from CCTV coverage and is within a generally well-lit area
- Consideration could be given to a physical protective barrier, such as a high quality glass or polycarbonate enclosure, to be installed around the stones
- A gated area could provide some defence in the form of a physical barrier to the stones, but would not entirely protect the stones from damage
- The anchoring system used when the stones are sited would be of particular importance to prevent damage and theft

Newark Civic Trust (Appendix E)

Newark Civic Trust is a society for people who share an interest in environmental matters, with a specific concern for the built environment of Newark and its surrounding villages. Their feedback on the plans were:

- Supportive of siting the Kiddey Stones at Castle House on the basis of a strong mid-century history of municipal buildings across the UK utilising available space for locally created sculptures
- The proposals align into the ambitions of the Towns Board, who have expressed a desire to 'open up' Newark to include the Riverside and surrounding area and as such believe that the proposed location would add to the experience for both residents and visitors to Newark
- That displaying the stones would connect Newark's built environment to that of its industrial past
- Consideration should be given to the specific design and previous siting, ensuring careful interpretation is given to retain the integrity of the stones

3. The open survey

A working group was formed and subsequently met in August 2024 to discuss and co-design the open survey consultation questions. The working group decided on three key questions which gathered respondents' postal codes, their connection to the district, as well as an open text box which invited respondents to share their views on the proposals.

The survey was available to members of the public from 2 September until 30 September 2024. The survey was promoted online with a dedicated webpage on the NSDC website, outlining the Kidney Stones proposals. We also utilised our social media platforms and a number of scheduled posts promoting the consultation were shared throughout the consultation period. The consultation was also emailed out to the Resident Panel to invite them to share their views on the proposals.

The consultation received 881 responses that provided enough information to be analysed, this equates to 0.72% of the Districts overall population. As such, it can be considered that the survey received a significant level of engagement with residents and received a significantly higher rate of engagement than other recent examples of consultation including Sherwood Avenue Park, the Play Park Investment Plan and the Library Gardens consultation exercises respectively.¹

The survey was accessed 1,247 times, with 853 of those being considered 'complete' responses whereby the respondents answered all 3 questions. The remaining 394 responses were considered to be 'partial' responses. The survey software will count every time the link has been used but if a 'complete' response has not been collected, it will be recorded as a partial response even if no data has been collected. **Partial responses can occur when respondents:**

- Did not select 'finish' on the survey
- Did not complete every question
- Did not submit any response; this may occur in instances when a respondent has followed the link to read more but has taken the decision not to submit a response at that time
- Have experienced something on their personal device which has stopped them from finishing their response, such as their phone or laptop battery dying. If this occurs, the software will save any data that has been shared so far as a partial response, however the respondent then may have followed the link again at a later date to submit a complete response. Wherever there is a clear suspected duplication, that will be indicated within the report.

Breakdown of partial responses:

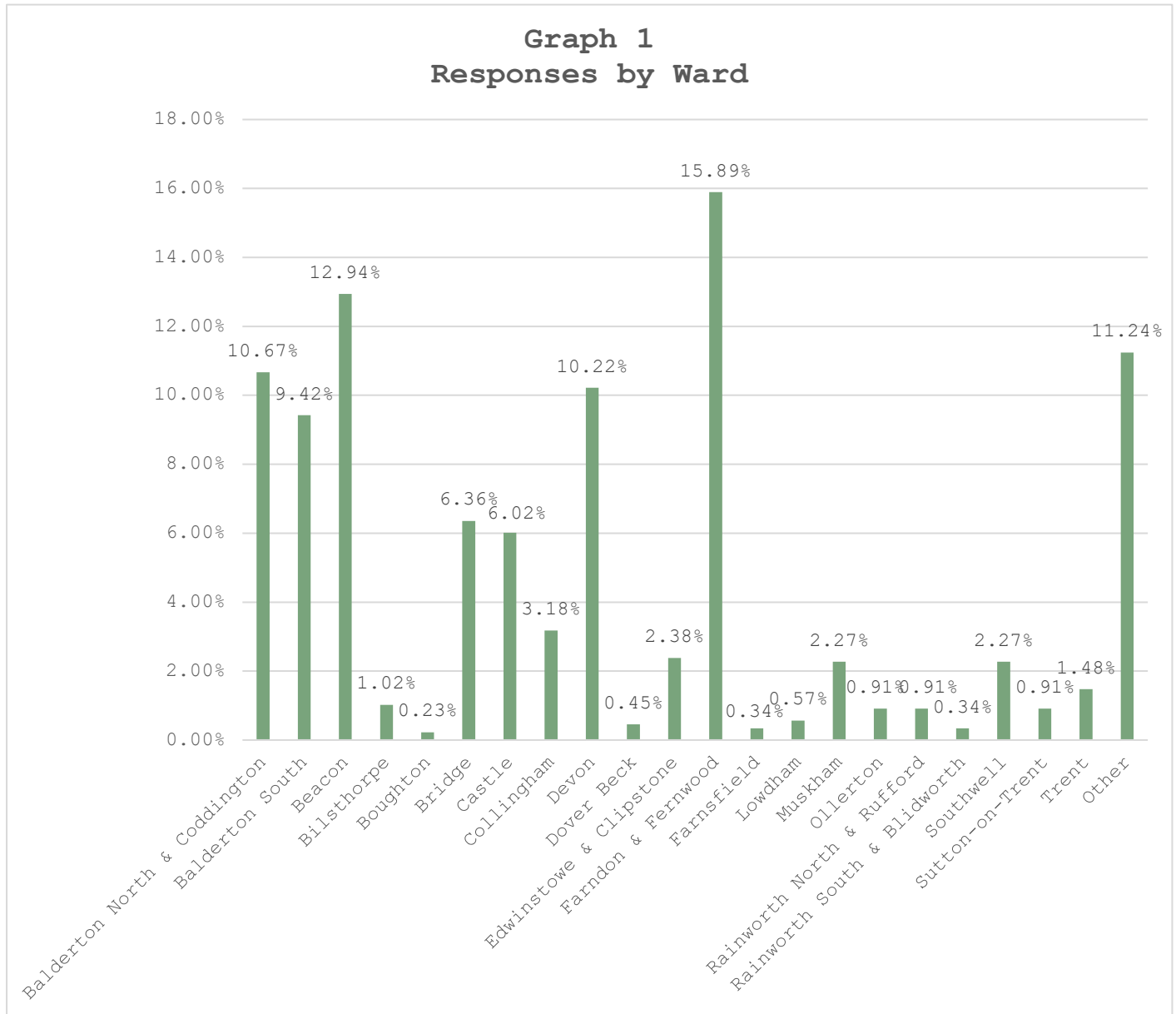
223 partial responses provided a postcode, 195 of those also provided a descriptor of who they are but did not include any views on the proposals. 28 of those partial responses provided a postcode, descriptor of who they are and some form of comment on the proposals.

171 partial responses did not provide a postcode, provide a descriptor of who they are, or provide any views on the proposals and as such could be assumed to be the markers of those who followed the link but immediately closed it again. The 28 partial responses which provided enough information to be analysed will be combined with the 853 complete responses, for the purposes of this report 881 total responses will be reported on.

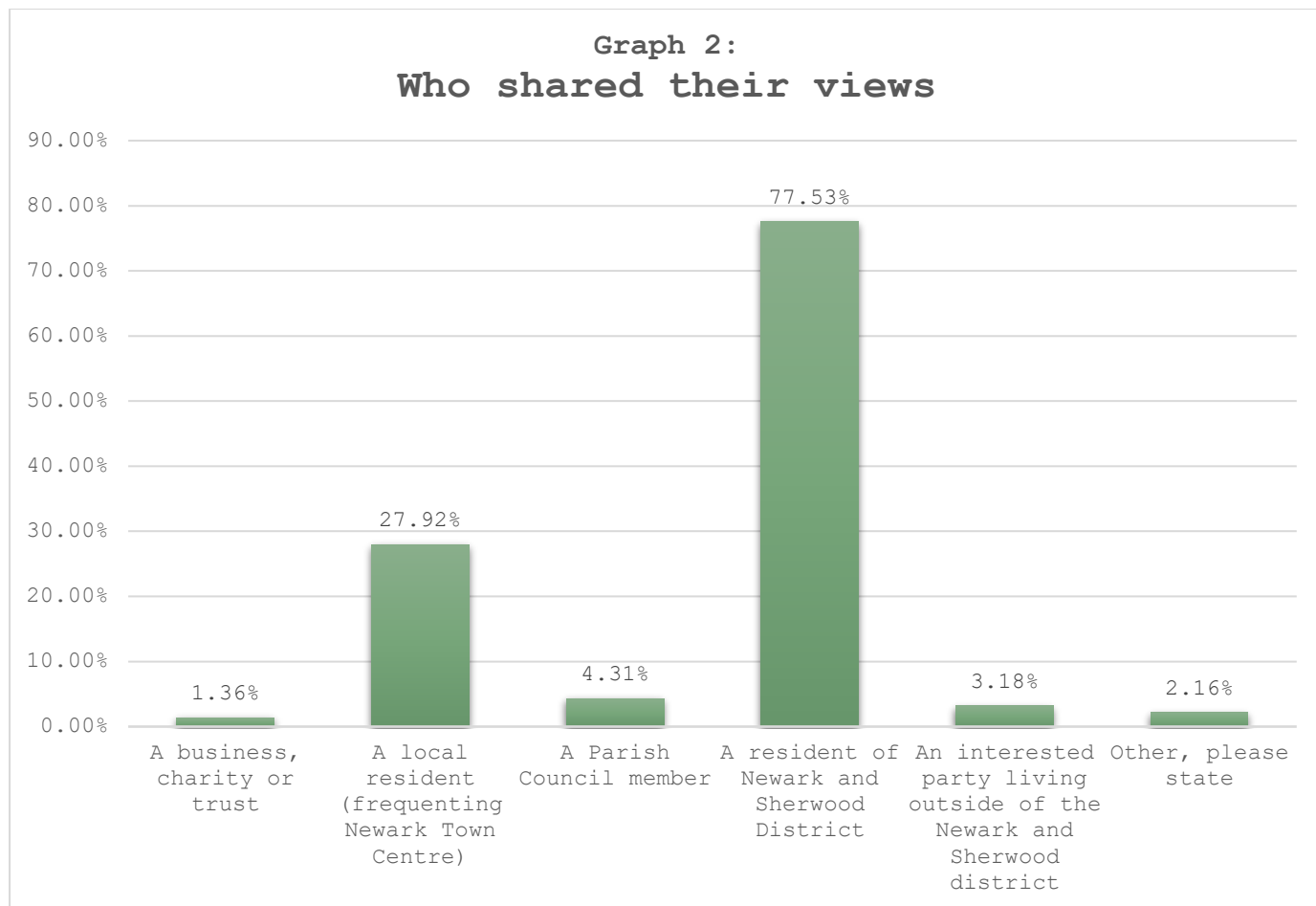
¹ Consultation on the development of Sherwood Avenue Park received 317 responses
 Consultation on the Play Park Developments at Sconce and Devon Park received 191 responses
 Consultation on the land adjacent to the library received 113 responses

Respondents by location

88.76% of respondents provided a recognised postcode which indicated that they were a resident of Newark and Sherwood, the highest proportion of residents lived in the Farndon & Fernwood Ward (15.89%). 11.24% of respondents either provided a partial postcode or an unrecognised postcode, which included those from outside of the district.



This was also reflected in the findings of the second question when respondents were asked ‘how would you describe yourself’ depicted within graph 2 below. Respondents were able to select one or more categories to describe themselves, with 77.53% of respondents describing themselves as a resident of Newark & Sherwood. Respondents also had the option of self-describing, with 18 respondents choosing this option. Of those 18, 5 (28%) described themselves as a frequent visitor for family and/or leisure purposes, 4 (22%) described themselves as a current or former Parish Council Clerk, 2 (11%) were either a business/local club representative, Councillor or someone who frequented the district for work, respectively. With Nottinghamshire resident, living outside of Nottinghamshire or other being selected by a further 1 (6%) respondents respectively.



4. Analysis of respondent's views

Respondents were asked to share their views on the proposed plans through the use of an open text box in 150 words or less. All 881 comments were read and assigned an overall theme of being either supportive, unclear or unsupportive. Collecting qualitative data can provide responses where views are not explicitly stated or whereby it is necessary to interpret what the views of the respondent were. Where views were explicitly stated this has been counted as such, where views were not explicitly stated or have been considered to be unclear. All information provided within the comment has been used to determine whether the comment is supportive, unsupportive or remains to be unclear. These categorisations have been assessed on three separate occasions by three officers, the purpose of this was to ensure that the interpretations of responses were captured as accurately as possible.

More specific themes were then identified and categorised as primary and secondary reasons/concerns which are detailed according to those themes in the tables below. The primary reason/concern was counted as the first point that was made within the comment shared, any second points made by the same respondent were counted again but classed as a secondary reason/concern and captured in the same format below. Some comments contained more than two reasons/concerns; in this instance the two most prominent reasons/concerns were counted.

Table 1 outlines all 359 comments (40.75%) which have been categorised as supportive of the proposals. The top three themes which emerged within the primary reason/concern of comments

received included 117 (32.59%) comments relating to the cultural and historical significance of the Kidney Stones, 95 (26.46%) comments of generalised support for the proposals, as well as 64 (17.83%) being supportive of displaying the stones but indicating that the proposed location of Castle House for the siting of the stones is not supported or could be better placed elsewhere. Of these top three themes, cultural and historical significance (3.34%) and not being supportive of the proposed location to site the stones (3.34%) were also mentioned within the secondary concerns. When the primary and secondary reasons/concerns are combined this equates to 35.93% and 21.17% respectively.

Table 1: Supportive of the proposals			
Primary reasoning/concern	Detail	Mentions	% of comments
Overall supportive of the proposals		359	40.75%
Cultural / Historical Significance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Important to display items of local cultural and historical significance in public places • Recognises the districts industrial past • Celebration of a local artist • Support for public artworks 	117	32.59%
Support proposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kidney Stones should be on display • A good idea • Generalised support and agreement for the proposals 	95	26.46%
Against location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uncertainty that the location is the right place for the Kidney Stones • Not in a prominent or centralised location • A lack of footfall to Castle House • Suggestion that a number of other locations could be better suited, including the Castle Grounds, Stodman Street Development and the Town Centre • The stones should be protected from the elements and vandalism by storing in a museum 	64	17.83%
For location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In favour of the Kidney Stones being displayed outside of Castle House • The stones would benefit from the security of being outside of Castle House 	25	6.96%
Concern cost is too high/not best value for money	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern that the proposed costs are too high • Kidney Stones should be displayed but at a lower cost 	20	5.57%
Good for tourism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Kidney Stones would be an attraction for visitors • Increased footfall could benefit the local economy 	17	4.74%

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supportive of seeing the stones as part of an arts trail 		
Location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supportive of displaying the stones around the Town, not just at Castle House Uncertainty around where the Kidney Stones could be displayed to their full advantage Specific feedback on the proposed plans to site the stones, including suggestions on dynamic placement and materials used 	12	3.34%
Vandalism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supportive but concern that the stones may be subject to vandalism Ensure that the stones are protected from the risk of vandalism 	8	2.23%
Cost of living crisis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supportive of displaying the stones but suggestion that the plans are delayed due to the increased financial pressures 	1	0.28%
Secondary reasoning/concern	Detail	Mentions	% of comments
For location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supportive of displaying the Kidney Stones outside of Castle House Central location, a gateway to Newark Town Centre Close proximity to the train station 	23	6.41%
Cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supportive but feel that the cost of siting the stones is high Supportive but feel it may not be the right time to spend this money due to other economic challenges Supportive if the cost is not excessive and/or is within existing budgets Suggestion that alternative funding arrangements are considered Suggestion that a cost/benefit analysis could be carried out to justify the expenditure 	19	5.29%
Good for tourism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Kidney Stones would be an attraction for visitors Supportive of seeing the stones as part of an arts trail 	18	5.01%
Vandalism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Important that the stones are safeguarded from deliberate damage and theft 	18	5.01%
Against location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suggestion that a number of other locations may be better suited, including siting on roundabouts, Castle Grounds, Newark Town Centre, Millgate, etc. 	12	3.34%

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wrong location to enable as many people to see them as possible 		
Cultural / Historical Significance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for the display of artwork around the district • Important to display items of local cultural and historical significance in public places • Celebration of a local artist 	12	3.34%
Concern cost is too high/not best value for money	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alternative forms of funding could be sought • Concern that the cost is excessive • Concern that the expenditure is unnecessary in the current economic climate and not in the best interest of taxpayers 	5	1.39%
Better spent elsewhere	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The money could be put to better use within the current economic environment, supporting residents with the cost of living pressures • Money could be used to support the most vulnerable members of the community 	5	1.39%
Location	<p>Specific feedback on the proposed location, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The siting of the stones won't be clearly visible to people travelling past on the train • Not a central location for local residents but would suit those travelling to the area by train 	3	0.84%
Cost of living crisis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This project will be of benefit to residents who will be restricting their paid cultural experiences due to economic pressures • Concern at the expenditure value when residents are facing cost of living pressures 	2	0.56%
Responsibility of Newark Town Council (NTC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NTC as the owners should have responsibility for locating the stones and doing so within local buildings owned by the Town Council 	1	0.28%

Table 2 outlines all 17 comments (1.93%) that were considered to be unclear, or that provided an indication the respondents were neither supportive nor unsupportive of the proposals. 6 of those comments (35.29%) did not provide sufficient detail in order to categorise the response. 5 (29.41%) respondents made comments regarding the location, 4 (23.53%) respondents made comments stating that there was a lack of information available in order to provide their views on the proposals. In addition to this, 1 comment was captured within the secondary reasons/concerns which related to a lack of information, taking the total comments who felt there was a lack of information to 5 (29.41%).

Table 2: Unclear comments OR Neither supportive nor unsupportive			
Primary reasoning/concern	Detail	Mentions	% of comments
Unclear comments OR Neither supportive nor unsupportive of proposals:		17	1.93%
Unable to categorise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partial postal code • Test response • Not enough information 	6	35.29%
Location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respondents agree with the proposed site, however the comments seem to indicate the respondents believe the proposed site to be the Castle Grounds, rather than Castle House 	5	29.41%
Lack of information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ‘What are the Kidney Stones?’ • ‘Why has the display of the stones not been address before now and why it has taken so long?’ 	4	23.53%
Responsibility of Newark Town Council (NTC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Query as to why NTC are not contributing towards these proposals 	1	7.69%
Support proposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In favour of displaying the stones, however felt there is a lack of information 	1	7.69%
Secondary reasoning/concern	Detail	Mentions	% of comments
Lack of information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unsure about the details of the proposal, including budgetary considerations and the practical composition of the stones according to the plans 	1	7.69%

Table 3 outlines all 505 comments (57.32%) which have been categorised as being unsupportive of the proposals. The top three themes which emerged within the primary reasons/concerns included reference to the proposals being a waste of money which was mentioned by 180 (20.43%) of respondents, 117 respondents (13.28%) felt that the money could be better spent elsewhere and 82 respondents (9.31%) referenced the cost of the proposals. Of these top three themes, reference to the proposals being a waste of money (1.58%), the money could be better spent elsewhere (16.83%) and mention of the cost (6.34%) were also mentioned within the secondary reasons/concerns. When the primary and secondary reasons/concerns are combined this equates to 22.02%, 30.11% and 15.64% respectively.

Table 3: Unsupportive of the proposals			
Primary reasoning/concern	Detail	Mentions	% of comments
Overall, unsupportive of proposals		505	57.32%
Waste of Money	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waste of public money • Unnecessary spending 	180	35.64%
Better spent elsewhere	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generalised comments that the money could be put to better use elsewhere 	117	23.17%

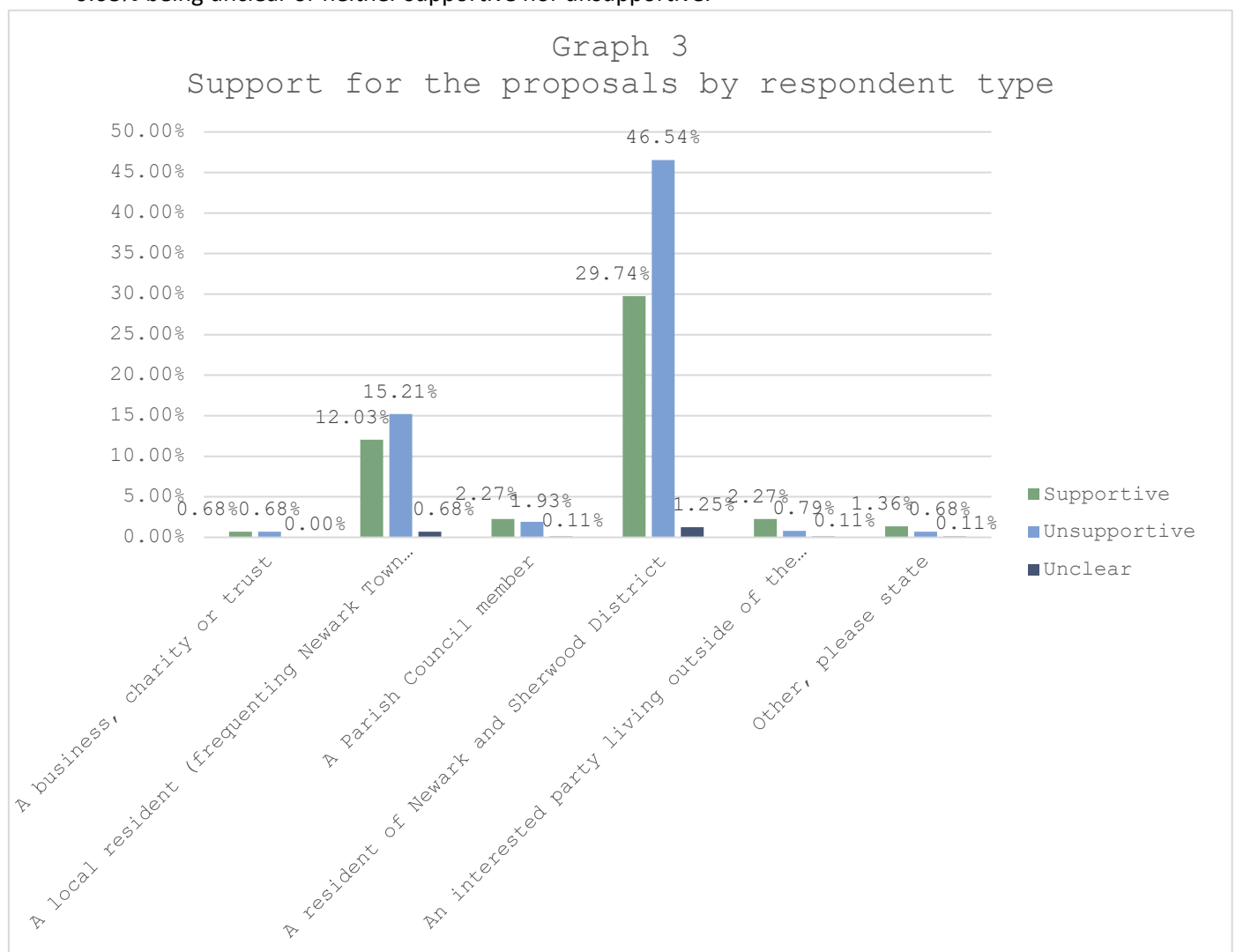
	<p>Specific examples of what the money could be better spent on, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road maintenance/filling potholes • Supporting vulnerable residents with the cost of living • Flood defences • Community events and activities • Spaces for children • Supporting businesses • Local services 		
Cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Too expensive/cost unjustifiable • Inappropriate timing to be spending money on this project, in light of other challenges facing residents including the cost of living and council tax rises • Unsupportive of the proposals because of the associated costs • Lower cost proposals should be sought • Not an appropriate use of taxpayers/public money 	82	16.24%
Do not support proposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unnecessary proposals with little/no added value for residents and/or the town • Not NSDC's responsibility • NSDC out of touch with the wants/needs of residents 	42	8.32%
Against location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wrong location • Not centrally located • Wrong side of the train line • Not an area with enough footfall • Other locations should be explored, including Civil War Museum, Castle Gardens, Library Gardens, Town Hall, Newark Town Centre, Sconce & Devon Park, Riverside Park, elsewhere within Nottinghamshire 	32	6.34%
Cost of living crisis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inappropriate expenditure within the current economic climate • Insensitive of NSDC to spend public money on this project when residents are facing times of financial hardship • Not the best use of public money at this time 	31	6.14%
Seek funding elsewhere	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public money should not be used to fund this project • Seek funding from sources including Lottery Funding, local businesses, existing museum budgets 	7	1.39%

Vanity project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inappropriate to fund a vanity project in times of financial hardship Public money could have better uses than funding a vanity project 	6	1.19%
Lack of Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Desire to understand more about the wider plans including development of an art trail and associated benefits, unsupportive due to this lack of information Problems accessing some of the links which detailed the proposals and illustrations, unsupportive based on the information accessed 	3	0.59%
Responsibility of NTC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any proposals to site the stones should be funded by NTC as the owners of the stones The proposals will predominantly benefit Newark, as such should be paid for by NTC rather than NSDC 	3	0.59%
Cultural / Historical Significance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The stones have historical significance to Newark; however the financial climate means this project should not go ahead at this time The proposal does add value to Newark as a tourist destination, however the cost of the proposals is high and not enough detail provided as to what the expected benefits will be. Unsupportive until the proposals have been comprehensively challenged and benefits evidenced 	2	0.40%
Secondary reasoning/concern	Detail	Mentions	% of comments
Better spent elsewhere	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Generalised comments that the money could be put to better use elsewhere Specific examples of what the money could be better spent on, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flood defences Improving social housing Road surfacing/potholes Bridge repairs Reducing Council tax Protecting the most vulnerable residents with services such as homelessness support, access to food and heating Protection and preservation of parks and outdoor spaces Leisure facilities 	85	16.83%

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Support for local businesses/high streets ○ Reducing crime and anti-social behaviour ○ Public services such as police and dentists 		
Against location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Poor proposed location ● Not central to residents or visitors ● No reason to visit Castle House ● Stones have no relevance to Castle House, better located at a power station or other energy generating company/site ● Suggestion that the stones should be incorporated into another ongoing or upcoming development ● The stones will predominantly benefit Councillors, Officers and visitors to Castle House 	58	11.49%
Cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Inappropriate to site the stones at the costs stated within the proposals due to the economic climate ● Too expensive/excessive cost ● Cost of proposals over inflated, alternative quotes should be sought ● Consideration of the ongoing maintenance costs and any cost of repairing any vandalism 	32	6.34%
Cost of living crisis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Not appropriate to go ahead when residents are feeling the impacts of rising costs ● The money should be used to support vulnerable residents through challenging economic times 	19	3.76%
Waste of Money	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Wasteful spending when essential services are suffering ● Waste of money siting the stones in the proposed location 	8	1.58%
Do not support proposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Generalised objection to and disagreement with the proposals 	7	1.39%
Vandalism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Proposed location will attract vandalism and anti-social behaviour ● Alternative locations should be sought in order to protect the stones from vandalism 	7	1.39%
Vanity project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Due to the challenging economic climate, the cost of these proposals could be considered a vanity project for the Council/Councillors 	7	1.39%
Seek funding elsewhere	<p>Seek alternative sources of funding including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sponsorship from local businesses 	3	0.59%

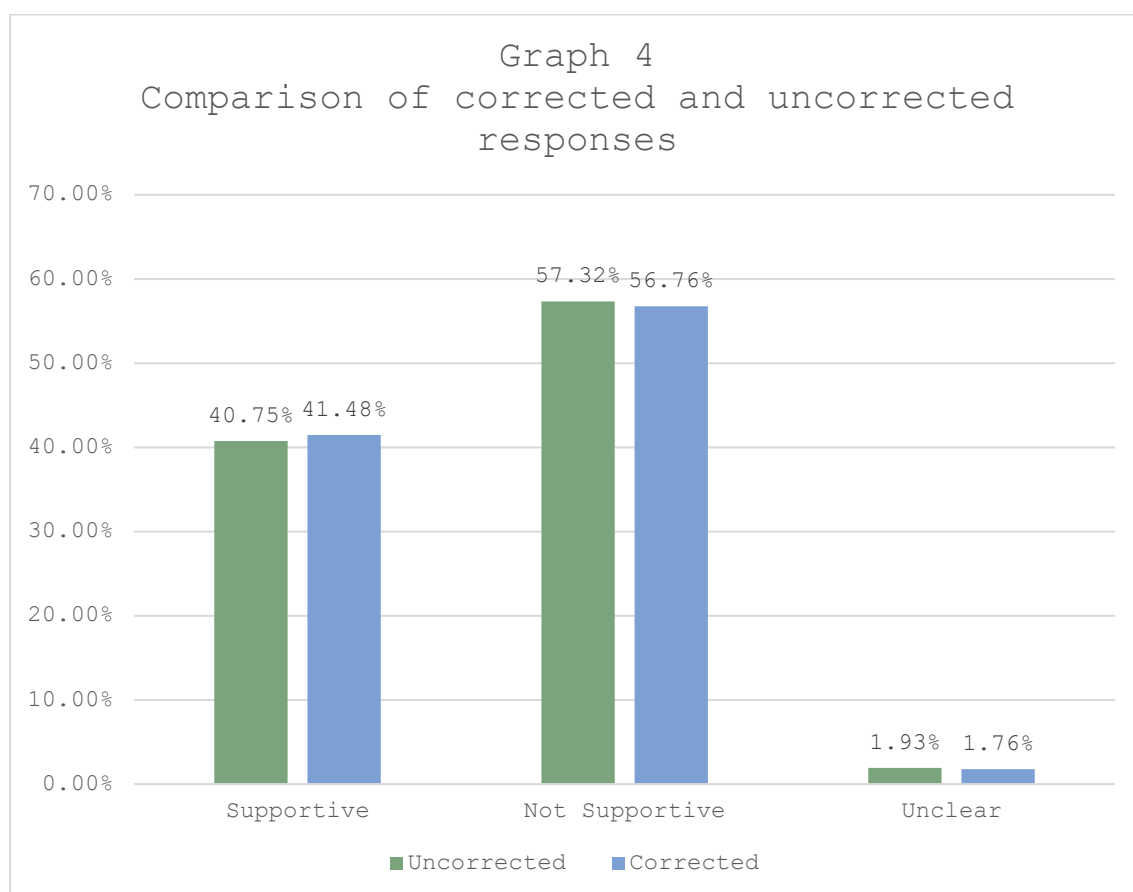
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NPO Funding • Private funding 		
Responsibility of NTC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The stones should be given back to NTC and the cost of any proposals not funded by NSDC 	3	0.59%
Lack of Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interest in the full business case for the proposals being publicised to understand what the benefits are to the district 	1	0.20%

Graph 3 provides an overview of whether respondents were supportive, unsupportive or unclear regarding the proposals, broken down by how the respondents described themselves as set out within graph 2. The largest proportion of responses were from those who described themselves as a resident of Newark and Sherwood District. 46.54% of those residents were categorised as being unsupportive of the proposals, with 29.74% being supportive of the proposals and 1.25% being unclear or neither supportive nor unsupportive. The other category with the second highest proportion of responses was that of a local resident who frequents Newark Town Centre, of these responses 15.21% were unsupportive of the proposals, 12.03% were supportive and 0.68% being unclear or neither supportive nor unsupportive.



5. Duplicate responses resulting in % error

Errors caused by multiple entries from single users in survey analysis can significantly impact the validity and reliability of the results. Duplicate responses can lead to overrepresentation of certain views, introducing bias and skewing the data. Duplicate responses result in an inflated sample size, which can lead to incorrect statistical inferences. Causes of these errors include technical issues, user behaviour, and lack of controls embedded within the survey. The detection method included in this survey analysis involved using IP address tracking¹. This enabled officers to identify multiple entries from the same device/location and the results listed in the report above include all complete survey entries. However, It should be noted that if entries were restricted to two per household/IP address the results in the table below would be the representative results. Therefore, the % error of this consultation is reported as 3.53%. This equates to 0.71% of respondents who were supportive, 2.59% who were unsupportive and 0.24% who were unclear. The graph below provides a comparison between the corrected and uncorrected response figures, we can see that there is a 0.56% discrepancy of unsupportive, -0.73% supportive and 0.17% unclear responses.



**The green bars indicate the results before any % error calculation has been applied. The blue bars indicate the results after the percentage error correction has been applied.*

¹ For the purposes of this calculation, anything above 2 entries per IP address were considered a duplicate. The IP address of Castle House was not included within this calculation.

6. Summary

In summary, the Kidney Stones Consultation received 881 responses that have been analysed, 88.76% of respondents indicated via their postcode that they were a resident of Newark and Sherwood. The second question 'how would you describe yourself' depicted that 77.53% of respondents self-described as being a resident of Newark & Sherwood. 27.92% described themselves as a local resident frequenting Newark Town Centre, 4.31% a Parish Council Member, 3.18% an interested party living outside of the Newark and Sherwood District, 2.16% chose to self-describe and 1.36% of respondents were representatives of a business, charity or trust.

57.32% of responses were unsupportive of the proposals. The top three themes which emerged within the primary reasons/concerns included reference to the proposals being a waste of money which was mentioned by 180 (20.43%) of respondents, 117 respondents (13.28%) felt that the money could be better spent elsewhere and 82 respondents (9.31%) referenced the cost of the proposals. Of these top three themes, reference to the proposals being a waste of money (1.58%), the money could be better spent elsewhere (16.83%) and mention of the cost (6.29%) were also mentioned within the secondary reasons/concerns. When the primary and secondary reasons/concerns are combined this equates to 22.02%, 30.11% and 15.64% respectively.

40.75% of respondents were supportive of the proposals. The top three themes which emerged within the primary reason/concern of comments received were relating to the cultural and historical significance of the Kidney Stones (32.59%), comments of generalised support for the proposals (26.46%), as well as being supportive of displaying the stones but indicating that the proposed location of Castle House for the siting of the stones is not supported or could be better placed elsewhere (17.83%). Of these top three themes, cultural and historical significance (3.34%) and not being supportive of the proposed location to site the stones (3.34%) were also mentioned within the secondary concerns. When the primary and secondary reasons/concerns are combined this equates to 35.93% and 21.17% respectively.

1.93% of responses were considered to be unclear or neither supportive nor unsupportive. 35.29% of those respondents did not provide sufficient detail in order to categorise the response. 29.41% of respondents made comments regarding the location, 23.53% of respondents made comments stating that there was a lack of information available in order to provide their views on the proposals. In addition to this, 1 comment was captured within the secondary reasons/concerns which related to a lack of information, taking the total comments who felt there was a lack of information to 5 (29.41%).

When reviewing responses according to level of supportiveness overlaid with how the respondents described themselves, this allowed us to understand the specific views of the different demographics. The largest proportion of responses were from those who described themselves as a resident of Newark and Sherwood District. 46.54% of those residents were categorised as being unsupportive of the proposals, with 29.74% being supportive of the proposals and 1.25% being unclear or neither supportive nor unsupportive. The second highest proportion of responses was that of a local resident who frequents Newark Town Centre, of these responses 15.21% were unsupportive of the proposals, 12.03% were supportive and 0.68% being unclear or neither supportive nor unsupportive. The third highest was that of Parish Council members, with 2.27% being supportive, 1.93% being unsupportive and 0.11% being unclear.

The above results are based on all results collected; however, analysis was also carried out to understand whereby multiple entries were made from a single user. Errors caused by multiple entries from single users in survey analysis can significantly impact the validity and reliability of the results. Duplicate responses can lead to overrepresentation of certain views, introducing bias and skewing the data. This results in an inflated sample size, which can lead to incorrect statistical inferences. The detection method included in this survey analysis involved using IP address tracking. This enabled officers to identify multiple entries from the same device/location and perform a calculation to ascertain if entries were restricted to two per household/IP address how that would impact upon the results of the open survey. The % error of this consultation is reported as 3.53%. This equates to 0.71% of respondents who were supportive, 2.59% who were unsupportive and 0.24% who were unclear. We can see that there is a 0.56% discrepancy of unsupportive, -0.73% supportive and 0.17% unclear responses between the correct and uncorrected responses.

Appendix B: Open Survey Results

All comments made in the survey are shared below with all information which can directly or indirectly identify an individual redacted for privacy.

I support the proposal
A waste of council taxpayers money
Good plan. Let's get on with displaying them for all to enjoy. Will make Castle House a bit more interesting too.
I'm delighted that the sculptures will be on public display, after having been in storage for so many years. I'm pleased it will bring some character/history to the very modern (dare I say boring?!) architecture at the council offices.
I support the installation of the Kiddey sculptures in Newark as part of an Arts trail in the town. We need attractions to develop the towns appeal to tourists and leisure visitors who also enjoy our Palace Theatre the CWC and Newark Museum and Newark Castle along with the historic buildings in the centre of Newark
I would very much like to see the Kiddey Stones finally on public display.
In favour of them being displayed at Castle House.
The opportunity to display the Kiddey Stones is something that should be taken. It will benefit the residents of Newark and Sherwood as well as those of us who live just outside but regard Newark as their primary town. Any investment in the arts has to be applauded as it will be appreciated and wide as well as becoming a key factor of interest for tourists. It's good to see our council being proactive
I think the Kiddey stones should be displayed at Castle House. They are museum quality and would enhance this building and entrance to Newark.
Displaying the Kiddey Stones in a public setting allows us to celebrate a local artist with strong links to Newark. I hope that this project goes ahead and rescues the stones from another 40 years of being cloistered in a cemetery!
Seems a very good proposal. Ideally, funding can be obtained from the National Lottery, donations or other arts grants as well as taxpayers' money.
We need to know the bigger picture of the art trail and the financial benefits this will bring to Newark. There is no information re this.
I think the Stones should be on display as part of Newark's rich cultural heritage.
I am very pleased with the plan for the stonework to be restored and displayed for the public to appreciate and enjoy. The talent of Nottinghamshire people should be displayed with pride. Although the cost estimate is not small, the positive impact from the proposed art trail with the stones planned as the start of the route, is priceless.
Unfortunately, I am unable to view any illustrations of the proposal. I've followed the link Cabinet Report - 04.06.24 - Kiddey Stones. There is a written description but no attached illustration (software glitch?). There is also no link on the questionnaire in the section "The Proposals. You can review the proposals for Kiddey Stones display here". Without this it is difficult to support or feel inspired by the proposals. I would prefer to see the stones placed on the Middlebeck roundabout or park area and the money used to create a nature reserve on the Lowfield area instead of developing. This would enhance the South Newark area for both residents and visitors to the Sustrans cycle trail and future country park (as advertised by Urban and Civic). Create a recreational trail with signs to the Kiddey stones and Lowfield nature reserve stop off points. (Is there economic potential from all the cyclists passing South of Newark, cycle friendly cafes and accommodation etc in the area and centre of Newark).
Go for it

<p>Yes a lovely idea. Other areas have their landmarks. A better idea than yet another car park. Promotion of NSDC is essential to promote interest and new business into the area</p>
<p>Newark residents & visitors deserve to see work by the great Robert Kiddy. Exhibiting alongside Picasso, Gill and others, Kiddeys' genius is for all to see and enjoy.</p>
<p>Over the centuries all ambitious cities and towns have put art on public display to enhance the public realm. The principal of bringing the Kiddey stones into the public realm is aligned to the ambition Newark needs to create if the town is going to thrive. The issue as I see it is how to calculate the cost benefits when there are so many demands on the public purse. Donnington Hall near Lincoln has created a profitable business from their sculpture park which clearly demonstrates people attach value to sculptures</p>
<p>Art routes, especially when showing works by nationally renowned artists, brings tourism. The cost of these stones being shown is low compared to the income for the town.</p>
<p>I think it highly disrespectful to all residents to think about such vanity projects after raising council tax in the current economy. Also, if it's for all to see why at Castle house? Why not in the town?</p>
<p>They should be displayed at Castle House. I support the proposal.</p>
<p>They should be displayed at Castle House. I support the proposal.</p>
<p>I strongly support the proposal - it will bring tourism and culture to the town.</p>
<p>I approve of the art - by a famous, local artist, and in a figurative "Soviet" style that was popular in the 20C and which is not so abstract as to offend onlookers. I can just about agree with the location, though I would have liked it to be more clearly visible to people travelling past on the train - and the sculptures are all facing the other direction, which is a lost chance of impressing people passing through Newark. Another occasion when we ignore the virtues of Newark Castle station and public transport users, I'm afraid.</p>
<p>An excellent proposal and location to display the work of Robert Kiddey for all to view after lying neglected for 40 years since being donated to the Town. Robert Kiddey was a much-regarded artist and sculptor in the Town recognised internationally and needs to be celebrated by this Town</p>
<p>Waste of money and completely the wrong place. The stones were designed to be viewed from a height, not on the ground. Why can these not be incorporated into a new building where they can be viewed as they were supposed to be. This is a vanity project for you, if they must be ground height then what about the Castle Grounds where more people can see them.</p>
<p>I believe the cost of siting the Kiddey Stones at Castle House is far too expensive. The money could be better spent elsewhere</p>
<p>Waste of taxpayers money</p>
<p>Absolute waste of money in today's climate. £80K is a ridiculous amount of money to spend. It is morally wrong to spend money on some rocks from some who isn't well known enough to even have a dodgy Wikipedia page. There are people in this area relying on food banks and you want to money up the wall on this. Absolutely livid you are even bothering to consult on this, what planet are you all on!! Invest in our people, infrastructure, Green initiatives or wildlife/green spaces instead- something that people in this area will actually benefit from. You work for us!</p>
<p>Far too expensive, absolute no from me!</p>
<p>In these times of shortage of funds, I think it is a waste of public money which could be used more wisely. Who do you think is going to come and look at these stones! It will be a 2-minute wonder a bit like the civil war trail which I doubt very much is used any more. Local Government claim they are short of funds yet can find £80k for this. No not wanted or needed.</p>
<p>No thanks, spend the money on infrastructure or repair roads, something that benefits residents. This won't benefit anyone.</p>

Inclusion of the stones to be a prominent cultural stamp for Newark would be a good thing. Just as the Civil War Museum celebrates Newark's distant history, so should we celebrate its recent history.
Total waste of money - why can't they be incorporated into castle when building work done there so some of building costs already shared. Or on Sconce Park or Riverside Park
Display an art piece in town always is an attractive thing. However, if lack of maintenance that will become a disaster. Also, if the fund is coming from our council tax and not from the other foundations. I absolutely will say a big "NO" on this proposal.
The link to the proposals is not working? I do not think Castle House is the correct place for the stones. A they belong to the Town Council they should be sited within Newark Town with the cost to be met by the Town Council not the District Council
Money could be put yo better use?
Just an absolute waste of money
A waste of money and not conjunctive to Newark town or the district Council. The pre-agreed plan by Town Council to put these on Middlebeck is more appropriate than wasting £100,000 on this project of Council Taxpayers money. I do not agree with this project and do not want my money spent on this project
This wasn't in an any manifest or pledge and is not in keeping with the area where it is planned and in my opinion is a waste of money, This is a Newark Town Council Piece of art And should be up to them to display, however they see fit with them spending their own council tax. It shouldn't be subsidised by the rest of the district.
Absolutely crazy, the proposed cosy (which may well be more) is astronomical, £80k is a wild amount of money.
Absolutely ridiculous! £80k is an obscene amount to be spending on anything non-essential. In this cost-of-living crisis, that £80k could be put to many other essential uses. I will be very annoyed should the council waste so much money on a non-essential art installation. After funding cuts to the arts have been made across Newark and Sherwood, this is a slap in the face!
A good intention but not well thought out. Many people are struggling and spending £80k on putting some stones on display doesn't really make the Council's priorities look great.
Think this is a great idea and hopefully it will come to fruition
I think it's a ridiculous waste of money in a cost of living crisis time, especially when knowing they could of gone to middlebeck for free and still be seen by newark residents
This is wasteful use of public funds. What is the benefit? Not the right time. Come back to this idea in 10 yrs.
This is wasteful, and unnecessary use of taxpayers' money. This will not benefit residents in an impactful way. Rather use the money for something useful to residents, like improving parks, areas for teenagers and children (Fernwood Park is old, small and needs improving for example) This is a frivolous abuse of tax money spending it on stones, regardless of historic references to the stones.
Ridiculous waste of money!
Waste of money
In difficult Financial Times this is unjustified
Ludicrous
DO NOT spend my council tax on this ridiculous, outrageous, and unnecessary display just for YOUR greedy benefit. This is public money, that you should be spending on potholes, shopping centre, re-generating the high street. Discussing that you have the nerve to spend my money on your office view.....
Money could be spent elsewhere on improving community events spaces and child areas
This is ridiculous and a huge waste of money!!!!

Waste of money if the stones are of significant interest they should be protected in a museum. If not keep them in storage. What is the footfall from the general public outside the Council HQ excluding members of staff.
How dare these people even suggest such an unnecessary spend when people are struggling!
I have heard this is going to cost thousands of pounds. I think this would be better spent on services
Typical when the council are happy spending our taxpayer's money on pathetic things like stones why didn't propose this when the building was built not now people are struggling and the person who thought this idea up should be sacked for wasting taxpayer money
A single penny should not be spent on any type of consultancy. Nsdsc should have in its employment people capable of doing this at no extra cost.
Absolute nonsense. This absolutely cannot go ahead.
Not sure if the location of the stones is appropriate. It will cause congestion and further issues over the train tracks which can already be hectic at times. Could also create congestion outside of the council offices for those who work there and the public that visit there. Feel like it is just asking for vandalism. I would encourage that they're in a more peaceful setting like the Riverside Park or Sconce and Devon
The cost of £80 000 for this is shocking. I'm sure something which costs much less should be sought.
Nobody goes to Castle House apart from when they require council support. Can these not be put somewhere people actually go? Castle Gardens, parks, etc. Maybe split them up and put around town to create a trail?
Absolutely not, are you having a joke - to spend £80,000 on some stones when half of Newark is shambles. Council can't even cut the weeds on the mounds they put on our estate but are willing to spend £80,000 on a sculpture!?! This is a joke and if they go forward with it there will be a lot of upset
Disgusting! How can you even contemplate spending that on stones? How about putting it into potholes
Pointless waste of money
This is an excellent idea; it is so important to ensure that public art is accessible for people. At a time when we are in a cost-of-living crisis, people will complain about money being allocated to art but it is even more important that the investment is made when families will be restricting their cultural experiences in tough economic times. Please go ahead with this - if only for the children who will visit the town centre to be able to see large scale sculptures
Waste of money
An absolute waste of money. It's not the town centre so limited footfall.
Right to bring them out on display but put them somewhere central, like in the Library Gardens
Absolute waste of money and misuse of public funds.
I think this is a scandalous waste of money
The cost is too high and the planned placement of them is not the best place. No one goes to castle house when visiting Newark. They need to be somewhere where they can be seen easily, the marketplace ??
I would prefer the council not to spend any more money on Castle house.
Would definitely love to see these on display
I support the plan to place them outside Castle House
Not required. Money to be spent elsewhere
Whilst I applaud the idea of ensuring that art is supported in the town, this is far too expensive an installation at this time. It is also not proposed to be in a place where it would be most appreciated [REDACTED] At this time when

funds are low for people a site that is much cheaper should be chosen not a site [REDACTED]
not the right place. they need to be in the centre of Newark not outside the council building. how it costs this much to install is beyond me of they have already been cleaned and restored. why not but then along the river at various locations or if you feel they arts best together there are many parks and town centre buildings that they could be installed on. please think of how we can improve Newark as a whole and stop spending money on creating trails. we already have trails just add it to that. i am a great lover of art but do not see the point in putting it where most people do not go
It would be great to see the stones back on display but i think the location needs further thought. You won't be able to see the stones from the roadside or the station platform. Is there somewhere more public? A roundabout? The side of old M&S? A scruffy gap in town like Boar Lane?
I THINK IT WILL ADD TO THE TOWN AND FOR EVERYONE TO SEE HIS WORK
Brilliant idea, art should be viewed by as many people as possible, much better than being stored away for no one to see
This is a ridiculous amount of money for a couple of stones, wherever they are put
The reported £80k for this project could be better spent elsewhere.
I think it is important his work is displayed and accessible to all local residents and we understand our local history
Castle House is not the place.to view. Should be more central Would like to see displayed around Castle Gate area
The cost that has been mentioned by certain councillors does seem an excessive spend of revenue. They would be a nice addition, but the timing does not feel right due to cost of living for many. Aesthetics over services feel almost non-negotiable in my opinion
Stop wasting our money on pointless things and spend it improving the town or on places for young people to go
It's not the displaying of them it's the cost involved I wouldn't have thought in this time of food poverty that this would be a priority.
Seems expensive
Far too much money to display these. Already money for arts and culture has meant an increase in council tax. This will only mean more tax when there are bigger priorities. We have yet to see what Ms. Reeves will throw at us.
The stones should be available for public to view but in a place where they can be monitored & maintained. An info board should be created to explain to visitors what they are/represent plus brief bio of artist.
I agree that the stones really must be on display. I would prefer to see them displayed in a better setting. Have you considered Friary Road Park opposite the police station?
I think the proposal to site the Kidney stones in front of Castle House is an excellent one and for it to be the start of an art trail around Newark is also very good.
I don't think castle house is appropriate they need to be closer to town. I also don't think this £81,000 is cost effective. You can spend this money on better things
I had not heard of the artist before, but the size and subject matter seem so interesting to Newark and Nottinghamshire's history. I like the idea of them being part of an arts trail around town- attract people in and increase footfall etc. Preferably in spaces that do their size justice, will be open and well seen and at key gateways or places of interest.
Stop wasting taxpayers' money on vanity projects. Whilst you're at it stop paying for freebies for people with dogs. Absolutely ridiculous that council tax keeps increasing, you can't even be bothered to maintain the environment around the town, and you want to blow silly money on a display. Get your priorities straight.

It's an absolute waste of money, not in my name
I hope this does go ahead as it will mean that labour and the Ind will be wiped out at the next election as the resident will not forgive them. Waste of money
Terrible idea and a waste of money!
Great idea, but not now It's the wrong time with a cost-of-living crisis to be wasting this much money. Come back with the idea in 10 years' time. Also, wrong location it looks like the district Council ad just doing something nice for themselves and for nobody else If you're going to go ahead with it, do it where they originally would've been placed
I think it is a wonderful idea! Thank you for considering this!
Absolute waste of money
Not wise spending of public funds, against the plans
The stones should be on display for the public to enjoy. I like the idea of castle house as I feel elsewhere in the town centre the stones would be more open to vandalism. At least at Castle House they will fall under the protection of existing security plans without extensive additional provision needing to be made.
Not a good use of taxpayers' money
Please display the Kidney Stones in a more public town centre area rather than Castle House. Suggest the Civil War Centre, Church or even the Palace. No one would go to see them at Castle House unless they specifically needed to go to Castle House, there are better options more accessible to most.
I think it's a brilliant idea, important part of Newark history and heritage and the artwork would look great on displays.
Perhaps another suggestion would be to include them in the existing Castle Gatehouse project or an exhibition at the Civil War Museum, rather than create another location. This may reduce costs.
The money can be better spent elsewhere on roads school building e.g. I object for a waste of money to be spent on a prity sculpture just so the office worker have something to look out the window you can do so much more with the 80 k
I would love to see these sculptures on display at castle house. It's a shame they are not being seen!
I feel the Kidney stone would be better gifted to Wollaton Hall and put on display behind glass where they can not incur further damage. In the current economic climate, it would not be right to spend over £80000 to display them outside Newark & Sherwood council offices.
The kidneys stones should be displayed for people to see. Although I do not think this should be in front of castle house, as most people will not go there to see. Somewhere closer to the town centre would be better
I fully support the proposed plans.
I think this is a good idea and a great location outside CH. However, I think more residents would be keen to support it if more detail was explained about where the money is coming from for example is it from an arts grant fund that can only be used for this type of thing or from general reserves?
I want leadership from the Council. These stones should be displayed, why the consultation?
£80k is an obscene amount of public money to spend on this. The sentiment is admirable however, the current administration seems to be very free and easy with public money. Incorporate them into the castle renovations
Not convinced this is good value for money. If the stones are famous artwork, why aren't they put in a prominent position in Newark town centre for more people to see? And if they are, Newark Town council should pay for the installation, not N&SDC.
A disgraceful use of public money at a time when people are struggling to pay bills.

<p>While this all sounds very good £81 thousand pounds is an awful lot of public money to be spent on this project. I'm sure there are other things that this money could be spent on that benefit far more people. The majority of Newark people will have never heard about these stones and what they represent. We are going through very hard times financially and I think this should be very seriously considered.</p>
<p>I think that the amount of money could be spent on other pressing issues. I don't support this</p>
<p>Really nice idea. Could these be incorporated into the redevelopment of M and S building providing a further feature, within the town centre for locals and visitors to view.</p>
<p>A complete waste of money.</p>
<p>I don't think money should be spent on this. I am supportive of the arts, but the money would be better spent in enabling engagement with creative activity within the community, rather than on something which is for passive viewings in an area which frankly very few people would actively visit or indeed have any reason to pass by now that council services are done mainly online.</p>
<p>A waste of money. Strongly object!</p>
<p>An absolute waste when the town's roads are too damaged for us to drive safely!</p>
<p>No thanks the money would be better spent elsewhere</p>
<p>£80000 would be better spent on more needy projects. Now is not the time to be wasting money on things that are only of interest to a minority of people</p>
<p>Whilst I support the preservation of history and culture, I feel this is an unnecessary and unjustifiable use of public money.</p>
<p>Should be placed in museum if so valuable. Don't agree with the cost during such a financial crisis. Worried they will be vandalised and only a minority will see them anyway</p>
<p>£80,000 to relocate some stones which have no real value other than the artist was from Newark. The council should have bigger priorities than this.</p>
<p>Please go ahead & display these sculptures.</p>
<p>Whilst I think they are of historical value to Newark and should be displayed somewhere but NOT at a cost of over £80,000</p>
<p>I support the intent and concept which would be positive for both residents and visitors. It may indeed bring economic benefit by attracting a different type of visitor. However, the choice of location seems flawed. Castle House is not central to Newark and any 'art trail' would have to have other attractions on that side of the river to generate sufficient interest and footfall.</p>
<p>In a cost-of-living crisis and the underfunding of everything from roads to services I think this is a disgrace and those who are suggesting it should be ashamed</p>
<p>This is a really good use of valuable artwork, worth every penny.</p>
<p>I agree they should be restored and put on public display around the town.</p>
<p>Complete waste of taxpayers' money</p>
<p>I strongly disagree with the council spending £80.000 for decorative stones to be placed in front of castle house, Newark. This money is taxpayers' money that should be spent on services that will benefit the residents of Newark and Sherwood and should not be wasted on decorative stones that no use or ornament to anyone in the middle of a cost-of-living crisis. Shameful use of money that doesn't belong to councillors</p>
<p>I feel that the money could be far better spent on improving the road infrastructure in and around the town centre and these stones would be better served being donated to the museum in town</p>
<p>Historical items should be shared</p>
<p>Appalling waste of taxpayers' money. We have one of the highest rates of council tax in the country yet have no local facilities & N&SDC think this is, ok? Spend it on something useful!!</p>
<p>absolutely ridiculous spending £80k on decorative stones when people in Newark and Sherwood are struggling to heat their homes. You need to remember who you work for...</p>
<p>These stones are of historical significance and should be seen by the public</p>

Put the money into something more useful
Disgraceful waste of taxpayers' money. Fully appreciate the historical value of the stones but the installation costs are embarrassing, not to mention £5000 for the seating. Who wants to sit outside castle house looking at houses and a busy road? These are to be part of an 'arts trail' - outside the council offices? The tourist section of Newark finishes at the river. No one visits that end of town unless going to catch a train or visit council. Wrong place/ wrong time.
Not sure this is the best location for the stones.
I think the Kidney stones MUST be displayed in public. They were gifted to the council to share with the public and it is wrong to hide them away. Protect them, if necessary, behind clear screens but they need to be displayed for all to see and to honour Robert Kidney and educate local residents about him. Please please display these stones. The art trail sounds a great idea and will bring people, and their money, to Newark.
£80k is a huge amount for a piece of sculpture when children are going hungry
Typical council proposal to waste money instead of using it to help people that need it.
Personally, I find it an insult to even contemplate installing these at a cost of 80k + in the current climate, leave them where they've been stored, as others have said why weren't they used during other building or development projects, it laughs in the face of current financial climate....
Absolutely ridiculous to spend money on junk like this. Same stupidity that had an expensive coat of arms. Insanity
Unacceptable to be spending insane amounts of money on this project at a time when social rents are going up, other essential council works and services are either slow or understaffed.
Seems way too expensive and I'm not sure that outside the council office is the best place for these stones
If you want to display them then it is to be done at no cost to the taxpayers.
This is a disgusting waste of taxpayers' money in the middle of a cost-of-living crisis. I don't know how you can justify such a vanity project when the government is saying it can't afford to pay pensioners the winter fuel allowance is
What a waste of money when much more important projects could have this money spent on them.
This is a good idea; the panels should be on display and the front of CH seems to be an excellent location
If they want them pay for it out of their own wages not out of ours.
If the stones have historical value, then they should be displayed for all to see.
I believe that during this cost-of-living crisis where people are struggling to pay for basic amenities. Throwing 80k of taxpayers' money away is a slap in the face. This money should be used to ease the burden on local residents. With the proposal for an increase in council tax people want to see a improvement in local services and essentials not luxuries such as a sculptured walk. People are not interested in pretty stones if they can't heat their houses.
A complete waste of our money and why castle house and not the castle would make more sense
They need to be in the public domain
I honestly think this is a joke in the current climate. People are struggling and we cannot afford to help our elderly with heating, but we can find 80k to make the council officers a bit more arty? If the roads were perfect. Shops were filled with business and residents living fine then I understand spending on luxuries however this is not the time.
Paying £80,000 to locate these stones is a frivolous waste of taxpayers' money and could be put to better use elsewhere. I sincerely hope our councillors do the right thing and reconsider this as a matter of priority.
Sounds good

<p>What a complete waste of money maybe you should fill all the potholes in with those stones instead of decorating your buildings! That money could be spent on so much more than just [REDACTED] up a building. Complete waste</p>
<p>Newark needs an uplift, it used to be a vibrant bustling place. funds should be used to bring the town back to how it used to be. The Kiddy stones are not the answer.</p>
<p>Need to be displayed in the town centre, not at the council house and not at a cost of 80k</p>
<p>I believe the money would be best spent elsewhere - £81,240 is a lot of money for a sculpture to be placed at the council office - in the light of increased cost of living I feel is wasteful use of taxpayer's money. How can this be justified.</p>
<p>A complete waste of money putting them at castle house. I have no reason to visit there. Not worth the cost of £80.000 to put these in place. They need to be in a place where they will be seen library gardens or castle would be a good place. Don't agree with the cost though!</p>
<p>The current location is out of public view. However, I consider the proposed location too far away for interested public to view and they could get damaged. My proposal would be put them in the grounds of the Castle, for all to view with ease and hopefully greater security.</p>
<p>How can this spending be justified when there are other priorities. Why should residents be paying more in council tax to fund this extravagance when many can't afford food or heating. The council has its priorities wrong, and this project should not be considered in a time of cost-of-living crisis</p>
<p>Absolutely no! Terrible use of taxpayers' money at a time money is so limited for existing essential services. If thos is wanted, then historical charities or lottery should be asked to fund it and if they do not, then it's not worth it.</p>
<p>Although a nice idea, I think it will be a total waste of money. No doubt, these stones, once installed would be vandalised! I feel the money would be spent elsewhere.</p>
<p>The stones should be outside as shown. However, the placing could be more dynamic and linked to the composition of the original site. Equally they should be available to be viewed at any time perhaps with appropriate lighting.</p>
<p>I agree they should be on display, but why not create a sculpture park?</p>
<p>These are important pieces of work by a local artist and should be out on display for all to see. The Council offices is a good location and plenty of people will see them</p>
<p>Public access to art is important this is a really good project and will bring visitors to the town</p>
<p>A great idea - something different and relevant to the local area.</p>
<p>80,000 would surely be put to better use that decoration stones, really wonder about the thought process behind this</p>
<p>It seems an extortionate amount of money to spend on the stones, The location is only beneficial if you come the direction of the relief road, I'm sure there must be a more suitable site and lower costs available if the project is to go forward. If not, then I'm really against spending such a sum of money that would really not benefit the taxpayer of the district</p>
<p>In this current climate with costs rising year after year including our council tax, I really do be grudge spending silly amounts of money on less important things. Use it tidy our town and make it look more attractive in other ways, plant more greenery, more bins etc. but not stones please. Not right now. Do any of these councillors making these stupid decisions even live in this town?!</p>
<p>You are taking the absolute [REDACTED] - 80K on stones. Absolute shame on you</p>
<p>This will just be another white elephant like the Millennium Arch. Total waste of money! Why not use the stones to fill in some of the potholes in the district. Give your heads a wobble will you and listen to what the local residents actually want.</p>
<p>I believe this is clear misuse of public money. About time town spent £80000 on fixing potholes which make those who travel lives a misery</p>
<p>In these times of austerity, with people fearful of winter bills, rising costs, roads in a disgraceful state, streets full of weeds why in the name of sanity are you considering paying £80k+ to rehouse</p>

sculpture, no matter the history or provenance. Beautiful but hardly worthy of the taxpayer's money.
A joke? £80,000 on stones when you raise our council tax. No thank you.
I support the proposal as it will provide an excellent gateway to Newark, especially as this part of town is on the great North rd, castle station and near some excellent cafes.
I do not think that it is appropriate spending £80k to house the stones, strongly disagree with this being money well spent
I agree that the stones should be on view and think the site chosen is ideal.
What a waste of tax payer's money, when we need our roads doing, safe places for the kids to go , why do we need some rocks outside the council offices so NO do not agree with this at all !!!!
A waste of public money. Request that a developer incorporate them into a development in the town for example Stomand Street development. Would be cheaper when undertaking building works. They will attract vandalism and ASB at castle house.
Whilst I'm for showcasing art, attracting tourists, bringing footfall and revenue to the town the cost is obscene. The stones are going to mark the beginning of an art trail, what is the cost of the rest? What other works currently exist? This is not going to be a one-off cost. They are poorly situated, too far away from passing footfall.
Complete waste of money that could be better spent on existing problems such as reducing crime/vandalism, more green space, fixing roads and helping local businesses
No thanks, far too much money to be spent on this
£80K is a huge amount of money for four stones. I'd like to see the stones in a better location i.e. castle grounds or heart of the town I think you should be transparent about the breakdown of the £80K. Timing is not good for spending this when local people are struggling financially.
I believe this would be a great addition to the town and would be a great place for people to start if visiting by train. For local residents however this isn't exactly a central location, and it would be even better if they could be around the castle grounds or in the Church grounds.
This seems to be a vanity project, the money it will cost could be invested into the community on projects such as flood defences
Wow I never knew these fabulous art works were hidden in Newark cemetery and away from public view. The photos of the cleaned-up sculptures look fantastic and deserve to be shared with the community and protected also with CCTV as I fear they could end up vandalised. Please do put them on display where we can easily access them, including easy parking access/facilities.
A vanity project, they were never intended to be standalone sculptures and displaying them as such does a disservice to the artist, they should be put back into storage until a cheaper site is found that is more true to what they were intended for, how can that much money being spent on a vanity project be justified.....it's morally very wrong when old people are having their winter fuel allowance taken away and other areas in Newark & Sherwood need the money.....so wrong !!!!
If the reported cost is actually £80.000 then this is nothing short of criminal, what a complete waste of taxpayers money.
It is a huge amount of money to be spent especially with the current financial situation of the country. If this does go ahead the stones should not be placed at Castle House as it is not a central or high traffic area
I think they are an excellent idea and should be displayed for the public. However wrong location, who is going to see them but the people who frequent castle house. Get them in the castle or marketplace.
Complete waste of taxpayers' money. There's a cost-of-living crisis and they think it's acceptable to spend this amount on a piece of art.
I believe that public money should be spent on more important things than this especially considering the significant increase in council tax this year

<p>Given the current financial situation facing many public bodies, councils, and the public in general this project will be conceived as 'vanity project' and the cost of installation could be better used elsewhere.</p>
<p>This is a shocking waste of money; the Newark independents should hang their heads in shame. We have a cut to winter fuel payments for pensioners and the labour/independent coalition are wasting this level of money! They should resign immediately!</p>
<p>Would be better if a space within the town centre could be found making them easier to be seen by visitors to the town. Newark needs a reason for people to visit the centre.</p>
<p>We don't need kind of that plan yet in Newark. It is very waste of taxpayer money. Those money should be invested to get more green space or at least keep all road in Newark clean and tidy. Many road conditions are unacceptable.</p>
<p>not required because public not interested</p>
<p>What an extravagant waste of money!</p>
<p>Please do not let this go ahead. Waste of money.</p>
<p>The person who thinks this is a good idea, clearly does not know the majority of residents. They must have their head up in the clouds with an elite few, so far removed from the rest of the district. They should be removed from their seat. Have they spoken to the residents in the old coal mining towns, who can't scrape together enough for a Christmas dinner if this is the best use of money? I'm all for the arts and culture but they are better ways of delivering it. The NPO funding at the Palace Theatre for example???</p>
<p>I do not think it is an appropriate use of public funds at a time when people are struggling with the cost of living</p>
<p>Do not waste £80k of our council tax on this!!!</p>
<p>Use them as hardcore for potholes, they're poor style art</p>
<p>Ridiculous, waste of money</p>
<p>Delighted that Kidney will be getting the recognition he deserves. Cannot wait to see the stones outside Castle House.</p>
<p>In the current climate even the suggestion of spending £80k on this vanity project is insane. The cost is astronomical for the work required and it is clear that NSDC's procurement team need help to stop them allowing such waste. The location is also madness. If these stones are to be displayed put them in the town centre or Castle Gardens where they will be seen by many people not outside Castle House where they will look out of place.</p>
<p>Waste of money. Do not proceed.</p>
<p>I think it's far too expensive and the money could be better spent elsewhere. I think this should be able to be achieved a lot cheaper if this is something the council still wish to pursue</p>
<p>This is an excellent idea to connect current and future residents and visitors to significant work and the history of Newark. Hopefully it will encourage visitor/study traffic between the displays at Castle House and the Town Hall Museum and Gallery</p>
<p>Cannot justify spending this much of taxpayers' money for a monument.</p>
<p>Absolutely a total waste of tax payers money...when folk are struggling how can you has a council justify spending £81,000 on this project that must of Newark people haven't got a clue about....☹️...</p>
<p>Absolutely preposterous. You have completely lost touch with your residents wanting to spend our tax money on vanity, I don't care if they were had the 10 commandments on them it's a waste of taxpayers' money..fix the roads, improve the parks and services normal hardworking people need. We are here having to choose whether to eat or heat our home and you thinking 80k of stones will benefit the town. Deluded.</p>
<p>I believe that the stones are an asset to the Community and should have been displayed before now. It's a shame they were not included in the original plans for Castle House. I don't believe</p>

that they should languish under tarpaulin at the cemetery. £80k is a lot of money but doing nothing could ultimately cost so much more.
This is a complete waste of taxpayers' money and will benefit nobody.
Disappointing that the council is wasting time with bits of art during a economic crisis and any cost should be spent saving the people of Newark money
A total waste of taxes in the current state of times and need.
Don't waste the money. Leave them where they are
I think in the current economic climate with looming government budget cuts it is unwise to spend £80,000 plus on a town vanity project. The money could be put to better use fixing the state of the town's roads. Also, castle house is not a central location for many. The actually castle or market square would be a better place to display them at a better public finances time.
I like the proposed plans; it would be good to have the stones on display. I would be a bit concerned about vandalism though
I think the stones should be on public display
Good to do but it doesn't need to be an expensive installation
Nice project but costs not justified in current climate
No costs far too much money that could be spent elsewhere
A really stupid idea to spend this money on this sculpture. This money should be spent to vital services for the vulnerable residents of Newark and Sherwood District Council. PLEASE DO NOT DO IT !!
Reject. What a waste of money for some stones. Would much rather the money is spent on reducing council tax or freezing it, repairing pot holes, speeding up the large quantity of roadworks in the area, give free parking in town to get visitors into town as more shops close, reduce cost of the shops in town to get better shops (less charity shop, vape shop, nail shop! And actually, something people will come into town for. Why go into town when everything you need are in the retail parks outside with "free parking"
The cost to have them installed is far too much in a time when residents are struggling to pay bills due to the cost of living and large increases in council tax. I am against the idea of spending over £80k to have these stones installed.
I think these sculptures should be seen; my Father sadly now deceased studied briefly under Kidney but I've seen very little of Kidneys work. My only reservation would be the usual risk of vandalism sadly.
Given the current economic climate I would prefer spending was limited to necessary items or measures to improve quality of life for residents. Non-essential spending can be done when things improve in the future
I think with the current climate there are better things that could be done with that amount of money, even if it is grant funding for art 80k projects could touch a lot more peoples lives
Just NO! Ridiculously extortionate cost which in today's financial crisis could be better spent supporting the community. They will highly likely be vandalised & graffitied on in protest by the likes of [REDACTED]
Not to waste money when it can clearly be spent elsewhere on things that are needed, the council office ground are not a tourist spot !!!
£80,000 could be better spent on something that can help the local residents
Great idea but the cost seems too much especially when we have been told NSDC to repair leaking sewer on NSDC owned land the cost would to repair the sewer is less than £80k
Absolutely diabolical to be spending so much on this when we're in a cost-of-living crisis. Shame on you!
This is a waste of money at a time when there are many other more pressing priorities such as helping our town centre, affordable housing, activities for young people, crime and ASB, and improving the education and apprentice offers we have. Please reconsider

Sorry, this is a complete waste of money when the money could be used elsewhere, such as footpath sign around the countryside.
No added value to residents and a council being wasteful of scarce funds in difficult times.
The sculptures already exist, but in their present location, i.e. in storage, are of no use to anyone. This locality has a significant history of power generation and it's therefore appropriate to show it. P
I think they could be displayed for far less than the proposed £80k. They should also be nearer the town centre.
They should be situated in the heart of the town not at the council offices. The 80k cost is a joke. Can be done for much less
A blatant waste of money which could be put to better use - please stop this ridiculous idea.
Great idea - a suggested location is to place them on the roundabout as you come into Newark over the bridge by the Castle. I feel outside the council offices is a little restricting. If they are too large to fit on the RaB may be across the town in prominent places.
Waste of taxpayers' money as there is a high risk that they would be vandalised almost immediately as there is no respect for anything or anyone in this town. A better idea would be to display them in the Museum in Appletongate where they could be on show and protected.
Put them on display
Our money could be better spent on other things in Newark right now. I also don't support putting these outside Castle House as it's not exactly a "central location" Something like this should focus on a more central location like the market square or town hall, or even the gateways into town like Barnbygate, Kirkgate, Appletongate. It just feels like a vanity project.
The stones should stay in storage until the finances are better or until entirely private funding is found. The council should concentrate on normal business and not waste local residents money on vanity projects
You are out of touch with your residents if you think this is a good idea. I do not support.
Out of touch with you residents if you think this is ok. Do not proceed.
Out of touch with what your residents want. It makes the Council look daft. Don't do this. Please.
There are much more important things to spend £80k on that moving some stone so workers at the council can see them as they walk to work. Why not have them sponsored by one of the local big businesses and have them fund the move?
I am pleased to support these plans. It is a great shame that these have been hidden from public view for so long. The proposal has considerable merit in bringing this artwork into (free) public view.
I think the stones should be in the town hall. They would be under cover, so protected.
I strongly support displaying the stones and the installation of the art trail. Art in public spaces transforms a town and ensures everyone has access, perhaps kindling a love for art in children and others who would not visit a museum or art gallery. It is a small amount of money for the benefits.
The carvings feature electrical power production - why not install them at a solar farm as a community amenity at the cost of the solar farm
It seems a good idea to display this 'forgotten' sculpture, with the proposed site being reasonably secure although not especially mainstream. My main concern is the cost to taxpayers - £81K seems excessive for local haulage and erection!
Absolutely ridiculous, spending all this money on some decorative stones. Use the money wisely everyone is already struggling.
I oppose to this project as it is useless and is wasting the money. The money is from the council tax and I am one of the payer. I would strongly suggest to cancel this project and use that money for road resurfacing ie London Road

It's a waste of money especially when there is a cost-of-living crisis funding should be used instead to help people in need
Happy to proceed, arts must be preserved if cost are justified
Albeit nice concept to spend £80,000 whilst roads and other facilities remain so poor.
Absolutely ludicrous. Waste of taxpayer money. 80k???
What right do you have to spend council tax money so frivolously. You declare a cost-of-living crisis and then think it is appropriate to waste money relocating the stones to somewhere where quite frankly they will be seen by a limited amount of people. Disgraceful.
A good start for an art trail. Please also make the town's collection of Beggarstaff Brothers prints and any other William Nicholson artifacts available for public view: if publicized well these will draw in visitors.
I think the stones are beautiful but wrong location for them and inappropriate to spend so much money relocating them. They are hardly going to be a tourist attraction. The money can be better spent on other things.
Wrong. How out of touch are you. £81,000 to relocate some stones when the money is needed elsewhere. Why at Castle House, vanity project for the Councillors? I very much regret where my vote went. Can they not be incorporated in a building project, the new building next to the Council one would have been ideal. Stop wasting our Council tax money. It is a resolute no from me.
A nice idea BUT NOT RIGHT NOW!!!
Whilst I agree these stones have some cultural value, the cost given, 81k+ is a ridiculous sum. I don't feel the Council can justify spending this amount on artwork when the state of the district is so bad. Local infrastructure is appalling, the area is falling apart, with filthy, overgrown streets and pavements. Use money to clean area up, don't waste it!
A complete waste of OUR money.
I feel the money should be better used elsewhere. The items could be displayed elsewhere at minimal cost
Personally, I think the money could be better spent. There are so many problems around the area that need money and are probably higher priority. Potholes. Road surfaces. Broken pavements. Overgrown trees and hedges.
Excellent idea. Art, history, and culture. Well, done for coming up with this idea.
Do people really pass by Castle House unless visiting the council offices? Would a location on Castle Station mean they were seen by more people?
I believe the displaying of the stones would be of benefit to the town of Newark, I am unsure of the cost for the display. The sum stated could be used to better advantage to support those members of the community with greater needs. As they have not been displayed for 40 years, storing them until better times arrive would seem the most cost-effective option. Or perhaps the funding could be used with Newark College to fund the students creating the display of the stones. Thus, providing real life practice to the building skills they learn at college.
I think it is a great idea to implement this project. Our town seems to be filling with vape shops and not much happening towards education. Our town is beautiful but needs more investment in historical artefacts.
It is an excellent idea forming a part of walking trail to promote the art & heritage of Newark and the surrounding area. Vandalism is a concern but hopefully existing provisions at Castle House will cover this.
If you're celebrating creativity, why not be more creative about where the stones are displayed. Use them in a proposed development like Stodman Street maybe?
A waste of money when there are other more pressing needs affecting the residents of the district, and shortage of funds to address those needs.

An utter waste of time and money and something completely out of touch with the needs of the local community. I simply do not understand how you can justify an £80,000 project like this during a cost-of-living crisis while the Government is warning of harder times to come. It indicates a complete lack of awareness, forward thinking, or commercial sense. If this scheme goes ahead and there are subsequent cuts in council services, or job losses within the council then I think you need to do a lot of introspection into the purpose of the council, its values and who the council actually serves.
A waste of taxpayers' money that will bring no added benefit to the economy of the Town or District
This is a vanity project not justifiable against current economic & financial crisis.
Happy to see them outside Castle House
As the Kidney stones have already been cleaned and are ready to display I support the proposal - as long as it does not entail excessive cost!
This is an excellent idea. There needs to be consideration for protection against vandalism (as part of an overall local plan to reduce the incidence of this). I Happy to support this in any way.
I'm sure Mr. Kidney is a famous artist, but I've never heard of him. If they've been stored by Newark Town council, do they own them & should be paying this? As a N&S resident I can see a better way of spending the money, which benefits only Newark.
A ludicrous amount of money and aee not even going to be placed where people will see and visit them. Who visits the castle house? It's out of the town centre. If they should be anywhere, it should be around market square. But far too much money wasted. Better spent on youth services with the amount of ■■■ young people around town causing anti-social behaviour
Waste of Taxpayers' money. In the times when services by the council are rubbish, we as the Taxpayers should not pay for this. Its a big Fat NO from me. Use the money elsewhere.
they would be interesting to see, but need to be interactive to draw people in, in particular children
No money should be spent on these stones.
I agree that they should be on display and would be a great addition to Newark town centre. However, the location is wrong. It is one with very little footfall and will not encourage people to visit the businesses nearby because it is too far out. It should be in the centre itself
Firstly, I would commend the District Council on its endeavours to place the Kidney Sculptures on display. The Town Council spent some time considering suitable locations without coming to a satisfactory solution. Action was placed in abeyance pending the later availability of suitable sites which did not arise. Given their industrial nature I believe they should be placed in a sympathetic location preferably higher up on a wall face as was intended on their creation. This would assist in avoiding potential vandalism and viewability.
Massive waste of taxpayers' money. Money should be spent on the people that live here eg parks, open areas. Play parks.
it would be a waste of money as far as i am concerned .it would be put to better use mending town roads
I don't agree with it. I think displaying them outside the Council offices is silly because only Council employees & the people visiting the offices will see them. I think it would be better displaying them in a more prominent & public place and for no more than a quarter of current quoted price.
I agree with the proposal as stated, to be on public display
This is a wonderful piece of Art and has important place in important our local community
If no-one has missed them whilst they have been stored away, then I think the money that would be spent on them could be better used elsewhere for Newark & Sherwood
Feel cost is rather high. How many tourists visit council offices? Surely they should be at the Castle?rists

Waste of money
A good idea, particularly as a start to highlighting more art in Newark.
It is a good proposal however I fear it will require a significant input in providing measures to prevent vandilisation of the sculptures by some of the less art appreciating members of our community.
I agree with the idea of showing art by local sculptors to the general public. However, rather than displaying these around Castle House, I would propose displaying these as a paper trail ending at the Civil War Museum.
I think it is important that these stone are available for the local population to view and also I think this will be a further attraction to visitors to Newark
No indication clear on costs.
Nice idea but rather see the money spent on improving road safety, installing street traffic cameras to deter speeding, running redlights, disobeying no right turn sign, and to stop/reduce vehicles driving through pedestrian areas in town
I can understand the desire to preserve the heritage of the stones but the costs seem disproportionate to any benefit. Most people will not even see them
Put them in the castle grounds
Yeah, do it. Price is what you pay. Value is what you get.
I agree it would heighten the view of Newark as having historical and cultural importance and is more likely to attract external visitors making it more of a 'destination town' that external people purposefully visit rather than pass through. This would be good for local businesses my view.
I think when public services are being cut back even further, the PM is talking about 'tough times ahead' and pensioners have been stripped of the winter fuel allowance it is not the best time to be talking about wasting almost £90,000 of taxpayers money
In these times of rising personal cost, fuel, food etc. wasting money on this project would be rubbing the local population up the wrong way. £80 is a lot of money to fritter away on this installation, when most locals would never actually see it. I personally think it's another case of an out of touch council, who really haven't got a grip of the purse strings
I believe this is an extremely expensive project that would not be of any benefit to Newark in any way due to the proposed siting. People do not go near castle house as it is out of down and the area looks dilapidated.
I agree with the proposal to site the stones in the new castle development
Unnecessary expenditure
I agree with the proposals and think it's good idea. Ideally though I think they should be located the other side of the level crossing somewhere; I just think the NSDC offices are too far from the other historical sites in the town
waste of money! Cllrs not aligned to what residents want. More time spent on officer time discussing and consulting. You should be ashamed.
An excellent idea.
This is a brilliant opportunity to bring real art into the public eye.
The fact that the stones have been cleaned and restored so far indicates that public money has already been spent so why is this consultation only happening now? I suspect the cost (in staff time) of administering this survey will cost as much, if not more, than the amount required to site the stones. Not a good use of public money.
I think that putting them on Castle House would be a waste of our money. The best place (and easily accessible) would be the "new entrance " to the castle.
A great idea to display the district's heritage and culture. Likely to bring a small amount of tourism into town.

Should not be at the residence cost. Bring back leisure in house, as that's failing. Better use of £80k and the upkeep which isn't mentioned.
We all need art and beauty in our lives and if the cost is not great in terms of the overall council budget, I see no reason why we should not proceed as outlined
At a time of severe financial constraints, the money would be better spent on providing and improving essential services and avoiding some cuts.
I am sure that there are better things for the council to be spending their money on at this time. If the economy was more stable and other facilities not closing, then it would be a good idea but not at the moment.
The use of over £80,000 can be better spent on terms of road repairs, community activities or local charities that will improve life for nsdc residents
Seems as though some historic artwork should now be brought and displayed. Why?
Do not spend this money on a vanity project when local people cannot feed or clothes their kids. Stupid waste of money.
These stones should be displayed in an area open to the public. The cost is disappointing. However, I support the plans and am disgusted at the online behaviour and constant whining and negative activity of our local Conservative councillors. Disgusting unprofessional behaviour from them.
My degree is in art, and as part of this I did stone carving so I have an interest in the art and the craft, however in the current financial climate £80,000 seems incredibly steep and i can't help but think that it would be best used elsewhere. How about subsidising parking costs to encourage visitors to the town centre and support local businesses?
Place the Stones at the NSDC HQ isn't where they should go. They should go in the Castle Gardens. Also love to see how the £81000 broken down, seems very expensive.
I feel it is a good idea to display his works and create an art trail in Newark but feel Castle House is too far out of town. I have concerns about the stones being outside because of vandalism.
I think other projects within the town are more important than art installations which appear to be a [REDACTED] 'vanity project' These would be sited at within Newark Castle grounds (a worthy tourist site) and not the Council building, which is outside of the town centre if at all.
I think the current proposals are ill judged whilst I believe a local artist such as Kiddy should be celebrated but erecting them in the car park in front of castle house next to a smoking shelter. It would be much better to erect them in a green space in the centre of town. Thus, should be worked out once the art trail has been designed.
As professionally qualified conservator working in building this is an interesting project. The proposed location for the siting of the stones seems a little out of town for a walking trail but the reason behind this is made clear in the attached documents. My concerns would be over project creep, appropriate use of materials (lime mortars not cement) and long-term maintenance costs. I am aware that there has been discussion to site these at Middlebeck but they would seem at greater risk of damage / graffiti in this location. Transparency of the budgets should be made public as I understand this equates to recent council tax increase?
As lovely as this would be I'm not sure it's reasonable to allocate that amount of public funds at this time. I would rather see the money spent on something all ages and cultures need in N&S to support the cost of living
A good idea, but cost is a little high
I feel they should be in the town Hall for everyone to see
This is a fantastic proposal. Kidney was a terrific artist and it's really important that his works are displayed. In addition, the proposal will help tourism in Newark.
Rather than being at Castle House they should be positioned in the town centre
Fully support the proposal to display the stones.

I think it's an absolute insane amount of money to spend and would especially be a waste to put them in a paid car park.
Well intentioned, but too much money in this current climate
The stones should be displayed in the centre of Newark. Not at Castle House where few people will see them.
Whilst I admire art for art's sake . I do not feel that spending £80k at this time value for rate payers who live elsewhere in the district
If these are displayed outside, they will be sadly subjected to mindless graffiti. Having stored them for 40 years they are clearly too precious as history. Put them inside the Museum so all can enjoy and under lock and key. That should be less to fund too I hope
The stones would be better in the Buttermarket or nearer the town centre. Unless you have a reason to go to the council office why would you go there? Getting over level crossing a nightmare.
An excellent idea! Displaying the stones in the town will draw tourists who spend money in the area.
I would like to see the Stones displayed in one of our public parks,
Whilst I agree that public art is important, the cost in this case far outweighs the benefit. If it is felt that they would increase tourism in the town, then the money would be better spent on other areas of tourism, not the least the dreadful first impression given by the state of the paths (uneven, litter-strewn and weed-covered) that greets visitors as they leave Northgate station and walk along Lincoln Street.
I think it would be great to display the stones in the proposed site. Although I live in Newark I enjoy sitting in the castle grounds along with other residents and visitors. I feel it is an artwork many people would enjoy, and they should be on display.
Great idea
I was a model for Robert Kiddey's art class back in the late 70's. He was a true gentleman and I have admired him from that moment on. I would therefore like to see the Kiddey stones displayed but am not sure outside the castle is the right place. I would have thought the threat of vandalism and graffiti and possibly the elements would mean that a museum placement or in the town hall would be a better alternative.
As much as I appreciate the thought of these being displayed, the cost of £80,000 seems mighty excessive. In this current climate of cost saving and budget cuts across much needed services, this seems like a cost we can do without.
I think this is a marvellous idea but hearing about some of the younger generation in Newark, I think they would abuse the statues.
I believe an art trail is a good idea which would add to the attractiveness of Newark. My only worry is that they may suffer from graffiti attacks from our less enlightened residents.
Like my elder brother, Prof Sir Michael Bond, we were taught the art of sculpture by Robert Kiddey and have great admiration for his work .We support the retaining and showing of the Kiddey Stones and wish N&SWDC EVERY SUCCEES IN THIS PROJECT .
Too expensive and in current economic climate its inappropriate
I like the idea of displaying these artworks. They are of no use in storage.
Waste of money
This is a very embarrassing situation for the local council spending this much money during labour announcements of cutting independent living council tax reductions
Love visiting Newark, however this project is not Going to make us want to visit more, Waste of money
In these times of hardship, I think it would be outrageous to spent that amount of money on some stones, regardless of the history behind them.

I think this is a great idea as art such as this should be openly accessible to the community, and it would bring additional interest to the area whilst celebrating an international artist with strong ties to the district
Newark and the surrounding area has a large affinity with power generation with four power stations in the trent valley. There was a lot of people employed from Newark on these Station. Please display these creations to celebrate pur past.
They look very good - arts and culture are a valuable asset to our town.
Why castle house. Would be a waste to put them on the monstrosity. It's a blight on the landscape .the tow hall would be the ideal place or the palace theatre.
it would be a waste of money as far as i am concerned .it would be put to better use mending town roads
I strongly support these proposals. These outstanding and distinctive works of art make a major contribution to the town's artistic heritage and should be prominently displayed and widely seen by the public at large. A Castle House location seems most appropriate.
An excellent idea to combat the widely held belief that local councils are composed of Philistines.
It is a shame for the sculptures to be hidden away from public view especially as made by a local artist.
great idea, not sure that the location of the council house is "central to Newark" around the marketplace would be a better location
Money could be better used for services
I believe they belong to the county..so obviously they should be available to everyone in Nottinghamshire.. not decoration for an ugly Newark building
Waste of money Give the stones back to York Town Council and spend the money on something else
So glad this is Newark as this is an absolute waste of money. Glad my council taxes are being wasted on this.
If these are the beautiful carved working men statues, I'd be proud to have them in Newark and Sherwood!! Especially the mining men, as the district with the most ex-mining communities. My husband recently visited county hall and thought they were brilliant and made him proud to be an ex-minor
I fully support the proposal to display these incredible "kidney stones" as part of the heritage of Newark and Sherwood and welcome the development of an art trail. the cost is reasonable and a good investment
Good idea and location. Not sure the sq would be suitable. The new council offices modern fitting the sculptures style
We have better things to spend the money on
I believe £80,000 could be better spent, I have no idea why this figure is so high? We are all short of cash and you put the council tax up so you can have some stones outside your office it is a slap in the face for every tax paying person!! Pensioners have lost their heating allowance, and you are spending our money on stones!! Do you live in real life? There are so many worthwhile causes this money could help. DO NOT SPEND IT ON STONES!
Newark is so fortunate to have these wonderful carvings in our possession and even more importantly, they have been crafted by someone who has taught and lived in Newark for over 50years. The cost to publicly display the Kidney stones will possibly be contentious. It's regrettable that government funding to local councils has been greatly reduced over the last few decades, resulting in many restrictions to council planning. However, I still feel that it is essential that Newark goes ahead to proudly display the beautiful iconic carvings of our internationally acclaimed sculptor artist and teacher Robert Kiddey.
I don't believe that spending over £80,000 is justified at the present time. Surely, they could be displayed at an indoor venue where they could be better protected.

<p>I believe an Art Trail is a great idea, but I think the Stones would be better placed at the Riverside, opposite the Castle or further down near the bridge which leads to the lock. At least these sites are closer to Millgate where Kiddey had his studio.</p>
<p>I think the Kiddey Stones should be accessible for all to enjoy. We should be proud of historically significant artwork from our town and area. Hence, I agree that this work should be on display outside the council offices.</p>
<p>This will not benefit the town and is a waste of taxpayers money.</p>
<p>In this time of large costs increases almost everywhere I feel it prudent that the council do not enter into the folly of the Kiddey Stones and the money from such a thing should be better used for the residents of NDC who's money they have provided in the first place, on something more practical in some of the services the council are looking to cut.</p>
<p>Why Castle House it is hardly central, and you have to cross the train line to get. there and over 80k after the money spent on the civil war centre for the tens of thousands of visitors which have not materialised yes, they need displaying but not there and not at that cost to the council taxpayer</p>
<p>How exciting. What a wonderful work of art and social history commentary. My brother is a stone mason and I feel that it's important to keep traditional skills alive. The kidney stones also show a piece of local history in the lives of local people. The area with its coalmining towns and industries should celebrate this just as we celebrate the civil war and castle histories. I would love to see these. Looking forward to the art trail too. Brilliant</p>
<p>I think that adding additional art to be available to view is a good idea, especially in line with the work in Newark to keep shops and buildings visually close to how they were historically</p>
<p>I understand that these Stones belong to Newark Town Council, that they had £5000 allocated for this. Why have we taken this on without any contribution from them. Why are they not being displayed in somewhere central in the town where people can see them., Castle House is not on the Tourist Trail</p>
<p>In principle I support the proposal to make the Kiddey Stones available for public display, but the enormous cost to public funds is hard to justify in such straightened times. Efforts should be made to raise private funding to reduce the impact on public funds</p>
<p>I think the stones should be on display in the Butter Market or the Civil War Centre not near Castle House. They should be located more centrally for people to see. I don't see the point if displaying them at Castle House at all. I don't frequent Castle House on a regular basis and wouldn't see them.</p>
<p>Putting these wonderful works by a local artist on display is a wonderful idea. Their donation to Newark Town Council was surely to be included with his works already held in the Town Hall Gallery. I categorically disagree with the notion that the artwork should be used to provide a sense of power and entitlement to the District Council in feathering their nest at Castle house which has nothing to do with Kiddey or his work. This consultation should be broadened to establish the most appropriate place rather than the concept. Surely there is space in the town centre close to his other works in the Town Hall, or near the College where he worked or Millgate where he died. My objection is to the inclusion at Castle House, not the displaying of these fine examples of his work.</p>
<p>Absolutely fantastic. It's about time such important artwork was displayed for all to see.</p>
<p>Excellent idea. Part of Newark's history.</p>
<p>Please do not waste the money on this project</p>
<p>it would be a waste of money as far as i am concerned .it would be put to better use mending town roads</p>
<p>I think siting the Kiddey Stones at Castle House is a really good idea. The view of the castle overlooking the river at the entrance to Newark is dramatic. If this were coupled on the other side of the road with the Kiddey Stones, I am sure that the impact would be doubly so. Not only</p>

are they imposing but tell a story of local industrial history and are by a local sculptor. I am sure that visitors and local people alike will take the time to discover the story behind them. They have been in storage for far too long.
Cannot believe in this day and age the council wishes to waste council tax payers money (one of the highest in England) on some stone artwork which more than likely will become targets of vandalism etc>
Waste of council money. Should reduce council tax instead
The stones should definitely be displayed as Mr Kidney was a significant local artist and should be credited and remembered for his work. I don't think the council offices are the appropriate location as few people would see them. London Road Gardens or possibly scone park would be more appropriate. Use people centred thinking not a council centred approach. The cost looks to be excessive but that's what we've come to expect of council's approach to spending other people's money
Excellent. Easy to access and engage with.
As money has already spent on getting the stones ready for display, it seems sensible to finish the job.
While understand people about a large sum of money be spent on something of little utility, particularly in such straightened times, I think it's a wonderful idea. Robert Kidney was an internationally celebrated artist with very strong connections to our town. I think it's important that these wonderful sculptures are cared for and put on display for us all to enjoy.
I think given the current climate £80,000 would be better spent elsewhere in the district, come winter people will be struggling more with hikes in energy bills.
Whilst being a lovely idea it's not the right idea at this moment in time. People will be freezing, starving and ill from worry. This lack of compassion and thoughtlessness scheme will only remind people of their dire situations. Our town centre looks awful in some areas, our parks too. Collis close playing field being one. Any faith left in the council, by the local residents will be severed if this scheme goes ahead.
Waste of money, money that could be used in a better way, considering the cost of living these days. This money could go to food banks, or help regenerate interest into a dying town centre
In the current climate I think the cost involved with the proposed display at Castle House is far too much. Alternative cheaper options should be sort. Also, I don't think Castle House is the appropriate place. Maybe the butter market.
This is amazing, too often our industrial heritage is forgotten. Great location too, right next to the train station and a gateway into Newark.
Really keen to see more are in town
Yes please, could we have them in Edwinstowe instead?
Great idea. Anything like this is really impressive.
Go for it
Absolutely not. How can a council with limited resources be considering this. Spend it improving services for you voters
I think that the £80,000 plus money could be better spent. I disagree with the Council's proposals
Disgraceful waste of money
These should be preserved and displayed but not at a cost of £80000 particularly in the current financial climate. I would recommend they are placed at the castle or in the museum.
It's a waste of money. There is no need for it. The money could be spent other issues.
No don't do it. Waste of money
80k could be spent on more help support for vulnerable people.
NO TO KIDNEY STONES, NOT IN THE WIDER PUBLIC INTEREST TO SPEND £80K OF PUBLIC MONEY. RECKLESS SPENDING.

<p>Are you having a complete laugh? In this cost-of-living crisis where people will be choosing overheat or eating and you're looking at spending £80000 On this project, Is it April fools? Or are you just a fools. Or are you treating the residents like fools.</p>
<p>I do not agree the this amount of money should be spent at all. 81,000 could be used much more effectively within Newark and Sherwood community assisting vulnerable people.</p>
<p>This will put on display a very important piece of art. Real pity this consultation has been turned into a political campaign rather than a genuine consultation.</p>
<p>Absolutely categorically no, why should we have to pay for these stones to be erected for the workers of the council. We pay more than enough to live in Newark without added pointless costs for stones. The money could be put to better use!</p>
<p>Please do not spend this money on this project, it adds no value to the town and will not increase tourism</p>
<p>I feel that the 80K could be put to better use. Fixing potholes, resurfacing roads etc. Better street lighting, clearing of leaves in the winter. Trimming of trees, instead of being left to grow huge. Mire police presence. A proper fully staffed hospital.</p>
<p>We need this type of project to make sure that Newark is a tourist destination. At least the council is seeking to make Newark a place to be proud of.</p>
<p>This isn't the right time to consider something of this nature. Money needs to be spent on the town centre bringing more people in and support us in our local businesses.</p>
<p>Far to expensive in the current climate. Very tone deaf of the council for even suggesting this.</p>
<p>Waste of money having this put outside the council office. What visitors to Newark will see it? If you are going to spend £80k, at least put it somewhere for all to enjoy.</p>
<p>I'm sure there are more pressing matters that could be addressed with the amount of money being spent on this. Seems like there is a clear lack of prioritisation if this project is top of the list to get funding.</p>
<p>Sounds a good idea and we should promote the arts more</p>
<p>Ridiculous waste of money. This money could be used elsewhere, leave the stones where they are. Totally tone deaf to spend £80k on a vanity project that will add little value to the area. Fix the roads, fix the playgrounds anything useful, not move some stones around.</p>
<p>Whilst I am in favour of improving Newark to boost visits and spend, there is no way that this circa £80k will do that. This seems frivolous during a cost-of-living crisis.</p>
<p>Absolutely ridiculous putting our council tax up for some stones. Needs to be stopped. What a waste of 80k. I will refuse to pay a increase to pay for these</p>
<p>Waste of money that could be spent elsewhere. Borderline criminal use of taxpayers money</p>
<p>Great to have them on display somewhere in the town which is accessible. Please ensure they can't easily be vandalised!</p>
<p>I feel this is a total waste of money. This could be spent on something to help the town centre as it is becoming a ghost town.</p>
<p>Ridiculous. Your council declared a cost-of-living crisis and you think it's appropriate to spend £80,000relocating some stones. You should be ashamed of yourselves.</p>
<p>An excellent proposal - unsure if their location should be outside Castle House - perhaps other ideas could be explored</p>
<p>This is a gross misuse of public money when so many in our district are facing cost of living pressures, mental health issues and general day to day living costs. I do not pay my council tax for money to be spent on stones to make the council office a destination site. I 100% disagree with this installation</p>
<p>I think it's an absolute waste of money. People are really struggling financially due to the increase in bills, food and council tax. Our town is losing all of its shops because businesses simply cannot afford the running costs. I think the money would be better used to help the community and independent businesses.</p>

<p>Seems like a lot of money for an installation that could be vandalised or damaged given the antisocial behaviour in Newark in general.</p>
<p>I think the Kidney stones are an amazing piece of sculpture and should be accessible and as visible as possible.</p>
<p>£80000 is a considerable amount of money to spend on this project. There will be no benefit to the people of Newark, as I wouldn't have thought many go to castle house. I think a more suitable location needs to be found. Maybe scone park</p>
<p>Whilst I value the arts, I believe the costs of the proposals are disproportionate and that the money would be better spent in other areas given the current climate. More concerning is the fact that this was not originally going to go out for consultation</p>
<p>In the current cost of living crisis £80k to place these stones is ridiculous, if a cheaper solution needs to be found to display the stones</p>
<p>I think it is a good idea to improve the environment in Newark and create a tourist attraction with these works of art.</p>
<p>Waste of money. Why not use the money to fund a youth club/activities for young people. To give them somewhere/something to do instead of causing trouble</p>
<p>£80000 of taxpayers money to display these is nothing short of criminal. The vast population of Newark and District go nowhere near this site.</p>
<p>I think the displaying of local art is a great addition to the town. The fact that these have been hidden away for so long is a shame. The renovation and installation costs may seem high, but it is better that work is fine correctly and to a high standard.</p>
<p>Whilst I don't disagree with proposals, I feel the castle grounds will be a better location.</p>
<p>I love the idea of these being part of an art trail. I don't know of castle house is the right place. It draws people to the outskirts of town. But I would be very interested to hear how it will all tie together with part of a broader project.</p>
<p>Why in this financial climate would you spend money on decor, should be spend on social care, food banks, heating for elderly etc. disgraceful</p>
<p>This is not something I stand by there are so many issues going on within the town that need to be addressed, the cost of this is extortionate and I don't believe as a taxpayer I should have to contribute to something like this. There are homeless people sleeping in the town centre, shops closed down all around town This is a substantial amount of money that could be put to much better use!</p>
<p>What a waste of money.</p>
<p>There are better things to be spending the money on in Newark. There is a huge issue with congestion and traffic around the retail parks, traffic lights would be a far more suitable spend</p>
<p>We should be proud of Robert Kidney and his work. There's a real opportunity to create a new attraction in Newark and another reason to visit the town. Fully support this initiative, thank you.</p>
<p>I think it would be an asset to Newark and Sherwood and our History</p>
<p>It would be fantastic to get the kidney Stones on display. The History our small town has is amazing and growing over the years.</p>
<p>Absolutely a waste of our money when we're all told to tighten our belts</p>
<p>Far too expensive, waste of public money needed elsewhere. I'm sure the thought comes from a good place, but in the current climate with people genuinely struggling, I do not believe public artwork displays will help the average resident of the district whatsoever.</p>
<p>The stones are lovely but at a time when people in the district are struggling and using food banks and when our roads are a disgrace it is wrong to spend such a huge amount of money for a vanity project. They should be safely stored until the time comes when finances are good. Old saying, tighten your belt when times are hard.</p>
<p>This is a waste of valuable money; this could be better used elsewhere. Such as getting people and shops back into the town centre</p>

What an absolute disgrace to waste so much money
Totally disagree with your proposed plans. The money could be spent towards more worthy causes.
I think it's a good idea! Although a different location would be good, somewhere more central where lots of people walk, outside of castle house seems too out of the way. Maybe the central square or similar?
Go for it. But please try and spend less. Why on earth does it cost 80k?!
Waste of money. Do it cheaper or find an alternative place that's cheaper to display them.
There are so many more worthwhile things you could allocate the monies too and improve the area for a lot of people
Do not spend our money on this ridiculous vanity project
80k ridiculous amount of money and should not come from council tax. Apply for lottery funding If successful reconsider the positioning of these stones, who is going to traipse out of the town to look at them? Far more deserving ways of spending taxes, look at ways to help children/young adults to keep them safe and off the streets
They should be put on display in Newark museum with full accreditation to the artist so they can be admired by all and at minimal cost to the people of the town and they will be safe and secure. [REDACTED]
They certainly need to be in public display. Can't say I've ever had the need or inclination to go to the site outside castle house. Only a few yards away they could be displayed along castle station wall and be guaranteed to be the first thing seen by thousands of visitors to the town
Yes, it would be nice to see them displayed its part of Newarks history
These stones should be on display for residents to look at them. I support them being displayed
I do not consider the cost to be value for money and I am not sure that having sculptures depicting electricity production has any relevance outside Castle House. I would consider that they would be better displayed by an energy company or at a Power Station.
No No No, please do not waste our money on this folly
The stones should be displayed in a more central location such as the castle grounds, or castle roundabout, alternatively they could be displayed at the civil war museum. I cannot see how it will cost in excess of 80k to move and install them, this cannot be justified. Installing them at Castle House would be a vanity project, and comparatively few residents would see them. Comparisons of NCC having stones on display are childish. What are the ongoing maintenance costs, and what schedule has been proposed for this?
Firstly, is the cost a good way to spend public money given the supposed dire financial position councils are in, I have not met anyone who thinks it is. Secondly surely Castle House is not cannot be classed as a public space it is an office block surrounded by car parks therefore who will visit them. Whist I understand it is the easiest option as no permission is required but if they are to be put on display then surely a more suitable location can be found e.g. The market place. Lastly as i previously mentioned no one I have raised this with has agreed with spending the money or can be bothered to fill in the survey, they don't care anymore.
I'm against spending public money on this project.
Misjudged idea. Do not proceed. Whoever thinks this is a good idea, does not know the majority of the petiole they serve. I do not support.
Please do not do this. Just don't.
The roads in Newark are in a shambles and shocking state of repair. Perhaps the costing for this would be better spent there.
This is not the responsibility of a district council to sort out. Apply for funding to do it instead.
Not a council responsibility. Do not progress.

Not something a district council should be doing. It's not a district council function. I don't want this to progress.
Waste of money
Waste of money. Please confirm that all comments on this survey will be made public. You should have asked explicit whether people supported yes or no. I hope the survey won't be skewed because you didn't and you just put a free text box. Please confirm all comments will be made public to [REDACTED]
Ng [REDACTED]
Do not agree to this. Absolute load of rubbish
Far too expensive at the cost of taxpayers money, castle house is already an eyesore and cost a fortune when other premises could have been found so we don't need these stones at that cost
Sounds like a waste of money
I think the Kiddey Stones should be placed at Castle House or Newark Civil War Centre.
£80k could be spent better elsewhere. Like cycle paths, potholes, helping lower costs for local small businesses to stay open! More support for local businesses. More events in the town for families.
If they belong to the town council, then they should be in the town centre. Instead of retail units in the building to be formally M&S, why not create a heritage centre for them to go into along with contents from the former Millgate Museum? This would protect from damage, create a cultural starting place in the town centre for your other plan and bring visitors into the centre for the markets, shops and cafes.
Not what a district council should be doing. Make all the comments on this consultation public so it can't be twisted. This is no from me.
I am a normal resident. Not voted blue in my life. I don't listen to the rubbish political people say. But this can't go ahead. And no doubt the Tories will get blamed for building up a campaign against it. But that isn't the case. It's just people talking sense and voting the way they want. People won't want these stones, it's obvious to anyone. I do not want them.
No interest & wonder how many others are like me
I fully support the proposal. Investing in our culture will begin a much-needed revival of our town. As long as the council can provide a sensible and transparent costing of the project then crack on.
I think it's absolutely disgusting in a time when so many people are struggling that the council have decided to waste £80,000 of our money, yes, OUR money on some stones!! There are 100 different ways this could have been put to better use such as using it to help the homeless on our streets
It is a great idea to improve the town centre
I wholeheartedly support the installation of these stones - having artwork like this should be displayed for all to see. Even though it is a lot of money to spend right now it is a shame they have been hidden away for so long. You have my support to go ahead.
The proposal of costs is too expensive I think consideration should be given to other projects
This seems like an excellent proposal. Kiddey's work is significant and represented on other public buildings throughout Nottinghamshire.
Waste of money people going into those council building cannot afford to live, and you are spending all that money council tax money going to waste
I regularly visit Newark and often take visitors there and show them around. It would be brilliant to have the Kiddey stones as part of an art trail in the future wherever they end up on display. Castle House could be a good beginning to a trail as it is accessible and near to a railway station and a large car park on Tolney Lane and also near the actual castle. The Wharfe car park and surrounding cafes also close by.
Good for Newark - a well-known local artist - about time

I think it's a good idea. Hopefully there will be CCTV to prevent theft and damage.
80k is a lot of money to site them at a place where visitors wouldn't walk too just drive past as they drive into Newark. 80k could so much difference on other projects.
Waste of money
Waste of money. £81,000 could be better spent than on a sculpture that anyone would barely take notice of. Im sure a few locals may use it to stub out their cigarettes.
How does this cost of £80000? It's a blatant waste of taxpayers' money at that cost. Yes, they should be displayed but not at that cost, that's horrendous.
I think it's more important to spend money on maintaining the roads and supporting the town centre (which is basically dead) than putting some stones outside a council building
Waste of money
It shouldn't happen. Plenty more useful things to spend £80000 on
Whilst I understand the historic value, I do not believe that putting the outside the council house (especially when you are looking to move) is a good use of public money. Leave them in the cemetery
I am all in favour of supporting the arts. However, I believe that this should be to the benefit and appreciation of the community. Your proposal sites the work outside the b can pin old own front door and not in a place where the public can appreciate and recognise the local importance of a nationally acclaimed local artist. Don't hide them away at your own front door share them with your residents.
Kidney was a respected local artist. However, your plan to place the work outside your own front door does little to expand the local community's appreciation of this local hero. Place them where they can be seen and appreciated by the local people. Not as a vanity project outside your own front door.
Please do not spend money on this silly proposal.
Waste of money. If the stones are so important, donate them to a national museum. Under present proposals, the only people who would see them will be Newark & Sherwood council employees. If the idea is to bring visitors to a dying town, this installation would make no difference in such an out of the way location.
money could be spent more wisely
if you keep moaning that you have no money, stop spending on this.
I think we have inherited a valuable piece of art and social history. This has been kept hidden under a tarpaulin for decades. It really should be displayed. The owner, Newark Town Council has failed in fulfilling that responsibility for far too long. The people of Newark should be grateful to the district for offering a solution, and for offering to share the costs. The display proposal is a good one. It is good that it is c
It sounds an excellent idea to me to display these stones in the proposed location. As they have been restored, it would be a particular shame for them to remain hidden.
I support the proposal as part of the new trail.
I fully object to being asked to fund the relocation of the stones. In the face of increased council taxes, no available funding, and constant cutbacks it would be an absolute disgrace if residents have to fund this project.
This shouldn't go ahead
Whilst you may think they are a long-term tourist attraction this district desperately needs investment now in basic services.
£80K o relocate to the offices that very few people visit. People don't walk to the council offices except on business. People won't drive there as they will have to pay car park fees just to look at the stones. I agree they are of cultural importance, but the figure involved equivalent to more than 250 winter fuel payments is wholly unacceptable from an allegedly hard-up council. Plus, the real risk of vandalism. They would be much better positioned IN the Civil War Museum.

<p>A waste of money. If anything needs to be done with them it should cost no more than £5000. Council tax has already been increased due to excessive funding spent on arts and culture. There are more important needs currently. One being help for low-income residents on winter fuel as the Labour Party look to stop this for many needy people.</p>
<p>What a fantastic idea! Showing these pieces of art, for all to see, is one of the best that I've seen in many years! Well Done!</p>
<p>The proposal to install the panels outside the council building appears frivolous in the context of the economic climate and poor condition of many public spaces and facilities. I appreciate the local interest in protecting an asset linked to Newark, yet the expenditure to do so is inappropriate. On par arguably with the previous council's poor decision making about extending the Car Park near the cinema. The suggestion that the panels could be used as a roundabout centre seem significantly more sensible and, in this case, could be funded by section 106 monies, if not gifted to a developer for incorporation into some other development. An art trail is a lovely idea, the book benches are a great example of this sort of activity, but it is not appropriate for the district council to pursue this installation. The fact that money have already been committed to the project is ridiculous. The funding should be directed to more important priorities such as public enforcement, maintenance of open spaces and youth projects that educate our youngest citizens to be responsible and respectful people</p>
<p>No don't do it</p>
<p>Absolutely ridiculous, totally unacceptable, and unnecessary. How out of touch must this council be to even think this is acceptable. Think of your residents first, an increase in council tax likely AGAIN, to pay for shit like this. Ridiculous.</p>
<p>I am delighted that the council are considering more permanent public works of art. Many major towns and cities worldwide are enhanced by such things. I hope that Newark might move to becoming a town that is known for art and culture.</p>
<p>I think they would look great where proposed- YES please!</p>
<p>Whilst an art trail may be a desirable feature for Newark, expenditure must be limited so that more pressing matters can be addressed. The roads in my area are a disgrace. Bumpy, with fraying edges and horrible to drive on. Litter is a constant problem, along verges and everywhere. Please get your priorities right.</p>
<p>I have seen Kiddy's work in Newark Town Hall Museum, the Parish Church and Southwell Minster - his artistic legacy is something Newark, and indeed Nottinghamshire, can be proud of and I endorse the Council's idea to display these stones for easy access to the public. Their style is distinctive and they, and a linked art trail would be an asset to the town, underlining our heritage for both residents and visitors.</p>
<p>Interesting and unique pieces of sculpture - should be on public display</p>
<p>I agree the stones should be on public view in Newark. However, would like to suggest a different location, could the stones be place on Beastmarket Hill island and civil war figures moved to Castle House? Benefits of this suggestion are that the Christmas Tree could return to the island. Stones would be a prominent location. Plus, Castle House CCT would cover civil war statues for when the inevitable traffic cone is placed on them.</p>
<p>A significant artwork should be available for as many N&S residents to be able to see as possible. The Castle is central and easily accessible by most people.</p>
<p>I think it would be a waste of public money!! No one would be interested and would end up being like the sculpture that was outside the Newark library and now moved to near the castle what a waste of £81000 pound please spend it on something worthwhile!!!</p>
<p>I would love to see the stones displayed. I teach art to students at Newark primary school and think it's important that they can view local artists work.</p>
<p>I disagree with spending such a large amount of public money on this project. The stone could be more efficiently incorporated into the Newark Castle project during the existing development works.</p>

Waste of money and wrong location. The market square makes the most sense where most can view.
I object to this proposal, the money this would take from the council's budget could be better spent supporting residents. In addition, the proposed siting is not on the footfall for many residents, so few would benefit and see the artwork, even with a new artwork trail as the proposal states. The right place should be found for these I agree, but given that their condition is good and the existing storage has not been detrimental to them, the real question that needs to be answered in good faith is "is now the right time to spend this large sum, when it could do so much more practically for so many residents who are struggling in the current economy, and with so many cuts to govt services.
Absolute ridiculous amount of money to spend on such an unworthy venture, it was bad enough spending out for castle house to be built when there were other options, now this! 100% do not want £80,000 spending on these stones!
The money would be better spent keeping pensioners warm this Winter or teaching teenagers to become rounded adults. How many hunger months could be fed in this district.
Absolute waste of taxpayers money
NO, ITS A WASTE OF GOOF MONEY
Whilst the plan in itself is positive for Newark and will likely draw in some visitors to the area, it does pose the questions as to whether given current climate the spend of 80k plus is in the best interest of the tax payer.
Whilst it would be nice to have the art displayed, the cost to do so is rather large. Could this money be better used elsewhere? Street lighting, community projects, heat library's etc. Have a display dedicated to Kiddey in the Buttermarket maybe for us to read. £80,000 could makes a huge difference elsewhere.
They should be on display to the public as Newark does not have much in the way of art at the moment. It's important that they are somewhere they won't be vandalised or damaged
Waste of money
I think displaying more art in Newark would improve the area, but the £80,000 price tag is difficult to comprehend on displaying a few small artefacts. Surely a most cost-effective method could be found to display them in the town or exploring sponsorship for local arts and creative businesses to reduce the burden on the taxpayer at a difficult time.
It should not go ahead as Its too expensive and bring no value to the town
I support the idea; I think it's great
To expensive
Please display these now they have been restored
Do not agree. A lot of public money being spent for no real advantage
Sounds good to me.
Waste of money.
The idea of an art trail would be beneficial to the town, but there are concerns about planning them on the opposite side of the train tracks at castle House
I would like the Kiddey Stones to be placed together at Castle House, Newark
A good idea in theory, but the location is poor. It may be next to the train station but in terms of foot traffic most people don't go near there. Somewhere more in the middle of town, such as near the church would make sense. But there is the risk of vandalism also. And for 80k, why?
I think it's ridiculous to waste £80,000 worth of taxpayers money on this idea. I do NOT want this to go ahead
Display them but somewhere more fitting like Papplewick Pumping Station.
Yes, they should be put on display. I like the idea of them being part of an Art trail. Not just places at Castle house.

An absolute waste of council taxpayers' money
Don't see the point in putting it in front of proposed area as most of us will never see it. Also, love the idea of art trail but I hope council not spending silly money on a sculpture/statue when money is short. By all means, spend it on advertising the town to create footfall in the trading town but council offices are not part of the trading area of Newark.
Too expensive
I don't think it is value for money when council tax keeps rising. The money could be better spent on something that would benefit more people. I don't understand why it will cost that much either
I think, if at all possible, these panels should be on display
A waste of public money, which could be well spent on repairing more roads, or sorting the flooding problems out
I love three idea of making the piece available to the public and love the idea of an arts trail even more.
I think the idea as a whole is a good idea however depends on the costs and tbh I think a better location than outside the council offices.
Firstly, the estimated cost of over £81k seems incredibly high and I assume that the feasibility study costs approaching £20k are on top of the construction costs! I feel this is majorly excessive and in reality, is this affordable in the current climate! The proposal to site at the Council Building seems to me to be not well thought through. Surely somewhere nearer the town centre would be more appropriate and will be viewed by for more people. The proposed site is almost a satellite location with the only viewers being visitors and staff of the Council. a bit bizarre
Whilst I think local heritage should absolutely be celebrated, I think the context of spending the amount of money that is needed to display them at Castle House, in this ongoing cost of living crisis isn't the best use of money at this time. I also have concerns about potential damage to the stones, displaying them in the way that is suggested. I also think Castle House isn't the right venue, it's out of town and most people of Newark don't have reason to go to the council offices.
The proposition of an art trail adds value to Newark as a tourist destination. However, the proposal cost is high and no detail given on what this will deliver. Has the cost been vigorously challenged and validated as I would not be supportive of this if all it achieves is the stones installed visibly across the town
We do not need the expense of these stones during the current economic climate, council tax payers money is being squandered whilst more important services are being cut, get a grit, draw a line and get on with what you are paid to do, if you feel you are incapable of doing this thru walk away and employ someone more competitive
Unsure this is the best use of council money in the current climate.
WASTE OF PUBLIC MONEY
Sell them and reinvest the money back into the local community, so council taxpayers don't have such a big bill.
Waste of money. They could be part of the renovations on the castle at nil cost to the district council.
Bad idea
The stones are an important creative legacy for Newark in recognition of Kidney and his relationship to Newark and his teachings at Newark Tech College. However, £80k in the current climate is not appropriate spend. I presume it's from a capital pot which is less challenged than revenue but even so, now is not the time. When the financial climate does improve then they should I suggest be sited in Newark Town Centre and not at Castle House which has little connection and aesthetic heritage value to the town. Given their representation of the working "man" Please consider their siting in the town centre in the Marketplace as part of its imminent renovation, in front of the church or the wharf.

<p>This is a complete waste of taxpayers' money; I cannot support such an extravagance. Putting on display at castle house really only benefits council employees not the public they serve. Put the Kidney stones up for auction and use the proceeds to fix potholes, or social housing!</p>
<p>Why weren't they managed earlier, why so long?</p>
<p>It seems a very expensive folly. The stones may have an artistic value but placing them outside the district council offices at taxpayers' expense isn't going to offer them, or the district good value for money. If it is essential that they are displayed, they should be incorporated into an existing project to minimise their financial burden, such as community buildings on the Middlebeck Development or Fernwood.</p>
<p>This seems a very expensive folly. The Town Council should never have accepted these as a gift. If it is that important the stones are put on display, they should be incorporated in a Town Centre project. Maybe incorporate them into the old Marks and Spencer site. Castle house is not the right place. These stones were produced specifically for the power station, maybe one of the electricity generating companies would be interested in purchasing them for their HQ. I would imagine, like me, 99% of NSDC residents don't really have any interest in them I'm afraid. Please don't waste our hard-earned Tax on such a folly. All Councils need to concentrate on providing the basic core services that are lacking the required attention and funding.</p>
<p>I fully support the stones being placed on public display instead of being left where they currently are. I would however question the relevance of the proposed location. The stones have no connection to the Castle House location nor does Kidney. Could a more suitable location with more relevance to either the subject of the stones or to Robert Kidney be considered. This may also represent a more affordable solution as the cost seems very high.</p>
<p>Absolutely ridiculous! Unbelievable!!! Nobody care about your proposed kidney stones plans! Newark is need of more kids Play Areas and upgrading. There's nothing for the teenagers available, hence so much crime going on. WAKE UP!!! Sport activities are so expensive, some parent can't afford them! Invest in the future! Future is our kids. Thank you!</p>
<p>A brilliant idea. Newark punches above its weight in the art world (not just Kidney, but Nicholson et al) and some recognition of that would be both welcome and, if done with marketing, would be a draw to the town. If the Town Hall art gallery could finally get its new curator, this would probably lead to greater opening hours, which would a significant component of any art trail. Go for it!</p>
<p>What an absolute waste of money this could go towards tidying up the town or knock down the shop rents so the lat businesses can afford the empty shops. Pay more police to stop all the anti-social behaviour. We are in crisis, and you want to spend tax payers money on sculptures! This should not go ahead put the m9ney back into the community and making it a safe and thriving town again.</p>
<p>Whilst I would fully support the notion that the stones should be available for Public Display, given the risk from vandalism (we know Newark is suffering from an apparent bad spate of issues currently) my view is that they should be somewhere 'protected' rather than in areas where they may be subject to damage. Castle House or even the Castle Grounds would seem far more sensible than say spread generally around the town centre</p>
<p>Ridiculous waste of public money that could be better spent</p>
<p>Concerned about cost of this project. I do not believe it will attract sufficient interest to make the expenditure worthwhile. If the Council has this money available, then it could be used in better ways. while I am sure that the stones have artistic merit for some, I believe that this is a niche area of interest and does not merit the proposed cost.</p>
<p>I think the sculptures are a good idea, but I think they should be placed in a better area where they will be able to be viewed</p>
<p>This is a waste of money. Give them back the New York Town Council let them do their own project using their own council tax. This shouldn't be a district subsidised initiative as these are owned by the Town Council of Newark.</p>

Southwell, residence should not be subsidising this project that is predominantly a Newark Town Council one
Displaying this public art with a local connection would be a wonderful way of celebrating this local artist and showing pride in our community. Art on display cheers everyone up!
In the present climate of higher taxes and austerity I think it is unwise to spend £81,000 of public money on re-siting the stones.
An excellent idea. I need say no more
I am delighted that the Council has rescued these significant works of art and fully endorse the proposal to locate them at Castle House.
Good idea. Fully support.
I think it is important to place on prominent display works of art of great merit in the town where they belong.
Being a former resident in Newark and one who has had a keen interest In Newark's history I fully support this proposal for the Kiddy sculptures
Very interesting to see, they need to be protected with something against vandals
Please display these beautiful art works for us all to visit and enjoy. They should not be stored away.
I think the stones should be preserved where they can be seen however where they are protected from vandalism. It is a large amount of money to spend on this project and I think consideration, given the use of food banks etc, be that the money could potentially be better used elsewhere. If this budget is for art only then consider placing the stones where they are protected.
Not applied to the idea but would not think it to be a good idea to display outside the council offices. Nobody walks past there. Needs to be in a busy part of town. Seems a steep amount of money to sort it. Needs more quotes.
Newark would benefit from having and sharing more art/science related features demonstrating the history of the area.
Although it would be good to display the stones it seems a lot of money to be spending in these hard times. Something of a vanity project for the council. It is not a good look! I think no perhaps asking for private wealthy individuals or businesses to contribute.
Definitely display them
I do NOT agree with this proposal. Council taxpayers' money should not be used for this vanity project. The stones belong to Newark town council. They could be displayed in the town hall for much less money and be better protected.
Council funds should not be used for this proposal. Alternative sources of funding should be sought, or the stones located as part of a museum. Outside Castle House the stones will be vandalised and attract antisocial behaviour. This project has never had the support of the majority of the town and shouldn't ever have been considered.
We do not want these stones. How about spending our hard-earned cash on something worthwhile?
Newark needs a new purpose and creating a cultural and historic gateway will enhance the town. This should encourage visitors to a town that has more historic buildings than York and positioning the Kidney Stones at a major entrance to the town along with the Castle project and the civil war statue can only help Newark get the tourist stature it deserves and encourage economy into our town.
Complete waste of money. There is no way the area will benefit from so far out of town.
It would be excellent to have the Kidney Stones on display! Such quality should be celebrated and shown off! And would show a forward-thinking district and town council that puts cultural heritage front and centre. AND an addition to the tourist offer too!

<p>If NSDC has this money to spare it should be looking at helping pensioners who are losing their winter fuel allowance, not eligible for pension credit, but only just above claiming level. They will need help this winter to keep warm and eat. Stones at Castle House will provide cold comfort.</p>
<p>I support resurrecting the Kiddey Stones and resisting them at Castle House. There could also be a link to the other Kiddey Stones that are safely displayed on the wall at Newark College.</p>
<p>Great addition to Newark past</p>
<p>I support the Kiddey stones going on public display again and Newark is the correct place. The site should be somewhere public. I'm not sure about Castle House and would prefer them around the town centre as a trail. That said Castle House is a rather uninspiring building, and the stones would improve the site.</p>
<p>A great idea which will prosper the local economy and bring a much-needed air of culture to the town. However, at the moment with pensioners losing their winter fuel allowance and the prospect of losing the single person occupancy. It may not be the right time to spend this sort of money.</p>
<p>I think it's a good idea as town centres need to evolve to include alternatives to shops now so many are closing.</p>
<p>I think they should be displayed but possibly more generally within the town.</p>
<p>Will the funding be taken from residents Council Tax, or is a grant available please? I agree with the siting for the stones, but the costings are prohibitive.</p>
<p>It would be great to see them on public display but preferably somewhere they won't be subjected to vandalism. Buttermarket or foyer of castle house.</p>
<p>Mr Kiddey taught at my school, and I think his works deserve to be on display.</p>
<p>No, thank you. There are much better ways to spend that amount of money.</p>
<p>Disgraceful to spend that much money when our general infrastructure in Newark and Sherwood needs so much work and you keep increasing council taxes! Try using that in flood defence or relief for those that have been homeless for so long due to lack of your investment in keeping our rivers and streams clear of debris. Drag rivers before so called art!</p>
<p>The proposal does not represent value for money, the cost of installation is far too high, and the money can be far better used for actual priorities. Castle House has no connection with power generation, the stones should be given to a museum for display</p>
<p>This is one of the biggest wastes of money I have ever seen! Community plan or not you need to prioritise what is important to all residents, not just an elite few who like art. Think again and spend this money where it is needed - crime reduction in the town centre! We live near the Trent and are constantly hearing the motorbikes from Tolney Lane buzzing up and down the path next to the river. There is constant drug use on the same path down Water Lane behind some houses where we live – nothing is getting done about it. Targeting areas where shops are constantly being vandalised and businesses ruined would also be a good idea. In your response to these points please don't deflect by citing things you have done/ are planning to do. Please reallocate the money on a cause that the people want. CRIME REDUCTION.</p>
<p>A worthy project should be more public art projects to enhance the district</p>
<p>My thoughts are that the stones should be displayed in the market square</p>
<p>I disagree with the Kiddey stones being located outside castle house at a cost of £81,240. Castle House is the wrong location for this work. It is the wrong side of the railway to benefit local businesses etc from footfall, and the council offices are not a public attraction. This is an extraordinary amount of money that could be better spent. The kiddy stones should be located in walls that are already being built in a more suitable location, such as nearer to the town centre to benefit local businesses and improve an arts trail</p>
<p>What a shame these stones have been hidden from view for so long. Great idea to have them on show, alongside the story of their existence. I am excited to see an Art Trail, think that would be an interesting attraction for the town.</p>

I am very keen to see the stones on public display. The castle house plan seems appropriate.
A good choice of location, added value re the history of Newark to attract tourists
No no no a total waste of money at this time use the money to fix pot holes, keeping the library open so many things to spend the money on that will benefit the people of Newark
Although it would be great to see the sculptures. If they are already in Newark cemetery, why is it costing £81k to display them? This money could be used elsewhere due to cost-of-living crisis. I myself and in dire financial crisis and would be disgusted that council money is being used. An alternative place should be considered that would not be much cost, how about the civil war centre? Absolutely diabolical spending council tax money I'm afraid
I agree that the stones should be displayed, but I am concerned by the cost involved at a time when so many people are struggling with the cost of living.
This history has to be seen for generations to come. I agree that they should be on view to the public.
I think it would be lovely to display the stones publicly, particularly since they have already been restored. They need to be displayed somewhere where they won't get vandalised. The location outside the NSDC building looks suitable.
The plan is lovely, and it would make an interesting feature. However the cost is extortionate, and I think the money could be spent on other more important things. I would be disappointed if it went ahead at this cost.
Nice idea, rubbish location, only benefitting the council, and a ridiculous cost, clearly the typical council receiving back handers to give contracts to people
I think in the current climate spending any amount of money on this sort of project is disgraceful and could be spent more to suit the Newark taxpayers
A significant waste of public money
So it! They should be seen not stored!
Don't waste £80,000 on something no one has asked for nor will it benefit anyone locally. I understand the concept of it but this is the wrong thing. In the wrong place and at too much cost to our town. Save our nature and green spaces. SAVE LOWFIELD LANE PLEASE!
They should be displayed
I agree with the proposed art sculpture walk of Newark having them on display. It's exciting opportunity now for myself being 34 and never seen them. And will be the same for many years to come
I believe they should be reunited with the ones at the college where Robert kidney taught or the library
I'm against the proposal. As important as they are I don't believe it's for the benefit of our town at the present time. Our town feels so fractured and the money could be spent in better areas
I like the idea of the stones being a public display, although I think they would be better inside away from pollution damage, and more central for example, in between each pillar along the town hall corridor.
I appreciate what you're doing but I think it is a lot of money when times are already hard... I don't think they will look right by Castle House..and I think they'll be vandalised. They should be on display but somewhere more secure.
I'm afraid I do not agree to displaying the stones, due to the cost. Many are struggling financially, and this is an unnecessary expense.
I think it's a waste of money. The proposed location is so poor. I'd much rather that money was spent on commissioning a new artist to create something relevant for today.
I think the cost of 81k is a lot of money to be spent on stones when the money would be better spent bringing new business into the town as shopping in Newark used to be a lovely weekly day out now i only come shopping if i really want something

I'm a great lover of Newarks history and art also. However, the costs associated with the proposed project are not justifiable when it could be better used to improve other areas of our town which so desperately needs attention e.g. roads, Millgate bridge, paths and keeping Newark safe and so on.
I like the plan and would like to see the stones displayed.
Waste of money at the moment with the cost-of-living crisis. The money should be spent on services that are a priority
Great idea and value for money
Absolutely disgusting. Money could be better spent on flooding issues or saving green spaces.
I support the plan to further visitors to our town. I pass Roberts work at Newark College every day, it would be good to share his talent with others in an open and accessible space.
Unjustifiable cost in the present climate.
Money is needed on more important things in the town.
I think the stones should be on display
I grew up in Newark and was taught by Robert Kidney -world famous sculptor. . His interpretation of electricity equipment must be kept. The arrangements for exhibiting it seem very appropriate.
Please share but protect them. They will be vandalised.
Waste of money could definitely spend the money on something more worthwhile.
Fantastic public art, good location
Glad they would finally be on display for the people of the town as intended
It would be great to see more more artwork around Newark, there isn't enough.
This is a fantastic initiative to bring public art to the heart of Newark. Congratulations on such a forward-thinking initiative. It will be Newark's Angel of the North.
Waste of money
It is important to preserve but also display this work of art. London Road gardens where the library is a good place to show them off to their advantage. People would have time to look at them properly. The gardens are in the heart of the town. Too busy next to the new Newark and Sherwood building. Noisy and not exactly convenient to visit. Most people passing there will probably be driving their cars to look.
I think this would be a wonderful permanent feature of the town of Newark, something for visitors and residents alike to enjoy over the years. Public art like this is uplifting for society and especially interesting and poignant if there is a link with local history or historical figures.
They should be in the town for all to see
I consider that the Stones should be accessible for convenient viewing, not from a vehicle in passing. As such placing the stones outside the District Council Offices is unsuitable. Additionally, admiring and contemplation of the stones requires a quiet space. There are a number of other options where the stones could be sited which are: Castle grounds, park area next to Newark library, fountain gardens next to London Road, Devon Park and on a site alongside the Trent. All of these are more suitable than the current proposals. My suggestion is the Castle site. A proper foundation would be required because the supporting ground is made ground following archaeological investigations at the castle.
I think it would be wonderful to have some more local history on display
I think it's a good idea to have them on public view the is little community art in this area
The cost proposed to install the Kidney stones is unacceptable when the money could be spent so much more effectively within the town. I do not agree with the council spending our money on the Kiddy Stones and feel that you should listen much more to the people of the town!
We would love for these sculptures to be put to use! There isn't enough public art these days.

Investing in celebration of our local culture and history that helps give people an identity and shared history and likely to last decades is well worth the investment. It helps make the town interesting
Waste of valuable funds
Robert kidney came to Newark, had a studio in mill gate and worked at Newark college for 50yrs. The best place to show off his art and keep it safe would be at Newark war museum. Not way out of town t a council building. Where is the inspiration? To the young artists of today's world? They are behind the museum at college or walking the same path Robert did through the town centre. The civil museum is town centre, very accessible to all needs. Putting them at the council building at the other side of town where there is now historic /culture/art value would be a great waste of time and money. And sadly, they would get damaged very quickly.
A waste of our council tax money
Happy for them to go ahead I assume the funding has already been drawn down for this purpose. But if it hasn't done, do it. One of those if you are already one foot in out two in brexit moments.
A big sum of money which could be better spent elsewhere
Great work - so important to share the town's heritage. And the proposed location is fantastic. Passed by so many people daily, by road and train, and will entice them to visit the rest of the town.
I do NOT think that NSDC should be spending money they do not have. NSDC have said that they need to build on the last place of nature in Balderton at Lowfields, because they have already committed to spending the money (profit) they would make on this site and if they do not build on Lowfields in Balderton, NSDC will apparently be bankrupt. If this is the case.. a nearly Bankrupt Council has NO RIGHT to spend taxpayers' money on what is frivolity. NSDC cannot justify this spend, when we have what little nature, we have left in Balderton being threatened by NSDC with yet another housing area that is definitely not needed. Balderton needs Lowfields for its Residents, we do not need a pile of stones put up in town. I think ALL of NSDC know this. It's another vanity project using our money- unnecessary and unwanted. IT SHOULD NOT HAPPEN.
It'll be great to see some Newark history for everyone to see. Should help inspire some more art in the future too.
I support the installation of the Kidney sculptures in Newark as part of an Arts trail in the town. We need attractions to develop the towns appeal to tourists and leisure visitors who also enjoy our Palace Theatre the CWC and Newark Museum and Newark Castle along with the historic buildings in the centre of Newark
Please put these on display - in town centre if possible and make it attractive for tourism
It would be good to have these on display
To have an artist of the calibre of Kidney associated with Newark is superb for Newark and will raise the profile of the town amongst artists, people interested in quality art, and the general public. As someone born in Newark and regularly visiting from nearby Nottingham, I did not know Newark had this claim, and as a scholar of the arts I am well aware of how valuable it will be for Newark to make it known that these artworks belong to Newark and can be seen in Newark. With the proposed developments at Newark Castle, and the revitalising of St Mary's Church, putting these artworks on display will vastly enhance this gateway to Newark and add to raising the profile of the town as a destination. With good promotion of the installed artwork, the initial financial outlay is very likely to more than pay for itself over a relatively short period of time.
The proposed plans would work well as they will display the relief panels to their best advantage. The term Kidney stones are an unfortunate way to describe them, likening them to a medical complaint and may make the uninformed viewer think that they are humorous.
I strongly support the proposed installation and assured visibility of the Robert Kidney stone carvings. Newark has incredible architectural heritage but is significantly lacking in works of art of national importance. Having met Robert Kiddey and spending my teaching career in his footsteps

<p>within the art rooms at Newark College, it saddens me to think that this gesture of re sighting his artwork has caused such short sighted and puerile comments. It is common fact that public art contributes to the creation of a sense of place, it attracts visitors, and should evoke a sense of pride. Opposition to the installation, 'stones' or repair potholes appears deliberately motivated to polarise the community. In which case, would it be possible to apply for Art Council Grants?</p>
<p>The stones should be displayed around Newark, perhaps as a trail. They may even bring some visitors to the area.</p>
<p>I cannot imagine there would be a reason not to put some highly relevant, original sculpture on display in the town.</p>
<p>Over £80,000 to erect something that's been in storage for 50 years during a time of financial difficulty and people struggling to eat or heat their homes is</p>
<p>I feel it would be a good thing to have these stones on show. I feel that the Castle House situation would be most fitting</p>
<p>I think what you are proposing to have these in public display in a prominent location is a great idea.</p>
<p>I think it is a very good idea.</p>
<p>These are some beautiful sculptures that should be made available for public viewing.</p>
<p>My view is there is real value in connecting residents to high quality art and culture which has a connection to a town. My view is that the stones should be on public view and will add value to the town if well promoted.</p>
<p>I think the overall proposals are good. Displaying Art around the town should be encouraged. Displaying the stones together is essential as separately they will lack meaning and relevance. I also support the chosen site.</p>
<p>I would like to see the stones displayed as I'm very much into this sort of thing and I believe it will help increase the arts & culture that Newark have to offer!</p>
<p>It appears politically insensitive to spend £80,000 on albeit deserving artwork in the current climate. Would it be possible to find a more cost-effective way of displaying them?</p>
<p>We are in a cost-of-living crisis - the money spent should be spent better, such on young people in the District. Is this a necessity?</p>
<p>Town Hall not a better place than the council?</p>
<p>I have lived here 6 years. Anything that makes our town even more interesting has to good for us all. I think it is a great idea.</p>
<p>Please please stop wasting our money on ridiculous projects like this!!</p>
<p>Save the money and apply for Lottery Funding to do it. Until that point leave where they are. They aren't very good, not culturally significant and not wanted by the residents. Didn't the council learn from the archway near the library?</p>
<p>Great Proposal these things need to be accessible to everyone</p>
<p>Have no interest the stones - would much rather the money be spent on local services</p>
<p>Waste of money, give them back to the Town Council</p>
<p>If the lab party want these so much, they should approach one of their labour benefactors to pay for them. Absolute disgraceful Waste of money</p>
<p>Too much money</p>
<p>Culture and heritage is what brings people to a town and Newark does well at creating events to bring people here. Bravi</p>
<p>Personally, I think it is a waste of money. Sort the roads out before displaying some stones. Its a ridiculous amount of money when we are living in a cost-of-living crisis</p>
<p>Absolutely a disgraceful waste of Taxpayers money in austere times. We are already shamefully one of the heaviest taxed town in the country and idiots spending money at these levels on something than neither interests or benefits the majority needs a serious head shake. These</p>

councillors are totally irresponsible with other people's money and anyone who supports it should consider their position as their judgement rules them unfit to represent taxpayers.
This appears to be a plan to enhance the council building and not the town if you want them to be a feature of the town put them in the town. This is a total waste of money when out town centre is becoming a dead space
A waste of money at a difficult time. Should be done in the future when more money to spare.
A total waste of money. which could be spent better for the benefit of residents in Newark & Sherwood
They would be better placed where they will actually be seen by tourists such as in the Castle grounds or Library Garden. Tourists don't venture down to the Council offices. I've only ever been once despite living here nearly 3 years. Hardly anyone will see them there.
Waste of money. £80,000 which could be spent so much better than on something like this. This isn't going to bring tourism to Newark. There's hardly anything left of the town!
Feel they need to be located elsewhere in the district. Castle House really isn't on the tourist trail
I think they should be on display but not outside Castle House, they would be better either in the town centre perhaps the marketplace or on the new roundabouts that are being built.
Absolutely waste of taxpayers money when we have highest council tax plus the cost of living crisis
A complete waste of our money, some councillor has decided they would like to see them outside their work, nobody ever goes down there only passing traffic pointless
I think it's a waste of money. It could be better spent for sure.
Whilst I agree the stones are of importance and worthy of display, I am not sure the proposed location is right? I wonder if the college or a park where more people will gather would be more appropriate?
This will be a total waste of council funds. When so much more needs doing in the town centre to get people back into the town. If the location was somewhere different like in the centre of town, I could understand but outside castle house is the wrong place. I think at this time where money is short for a lot of people you could spend 80 thousand pounds on something better
Funding for the proposed plans should from local businesses not from council funding during this time. The display should be kept together
Waste of money, in a time where people are living on the bread line. And the old folks of the district are going to severely struggle with the winter months coming but I'm sure the bent council will do as they please.
yes
I propose the Kidney stones are returned back to storage until a SENSIBLE site and installation costs are achieved. there is no benefit to showing these in a car park. I cannot believe elected people would seriously consider the costs of this project unless there was a beneficial perk associated.
I think the installation although good should be delayed temporarily due the financial situation we are both as a council and individuals having to cope with. The money could be put to better use at the moment.
In the current climate spending this sort of money on this is ridiculous. Also think the cost is excessive have alternative quotes been obtained?
good idea but not for £80k
We pay one of the highest council tax rates in the uk. We have potholes in all of the roads, no affordable housing, not enough public services e.g. drs and dentists. And many more problems. Wasting all of this money on an art installation is ludicrous and a waste of money.
This is an absolute waste of money. Given that we pay one of the highest rates of council tax in the uk, we still have a lack of public services such as the police and dentists. The roads are full of potholes. There are barely any services for children. To use this extortionate amount of money on

<p>some art, is ridiculous. Investment needs to be made to the town, services, and opportunities for those disadvantaged (which is a large proportion of the town, e.g. children on free school meals). I absolutely, do not agree with this proposal.</p>
<p>The proposed money this will cost, will be better served elsewhere in the community for free or cheap sports facilities</p>
<p>We should not spend that amount of money displaying them. Find a way to display them much cheaper. Displaying them in the civil war museum would be much better. It would be far cheaper and still bring people to Newark. Also, they won't be damaged in the civil war museum.</p>
<p>I would not wish to see public funds used to display these sculptures. The council offices would not be the best place to display them in any case, being too remote from the main attractions and on the wrong side of the river. The stones do not fit well with Newark's brand of an older heritage. The timing of unnecessary spending when people will be cold and hungry is poor.</p>
<p>Don't waste money on this fix potholes instead</p>
<p>Proposed plan is a great idea, they should be on show. As good a place as any to display them.</p>
<p>The stones should be displayed outside castle house along with a detailed information board</p>
<p>Wrong time. Wrong place. They'll not even be properly seen there. Like to support Arts current financial climate you have better projects to spend our money on.</p>
<p>I think the sculpture would be an asset to Newark but should be placed at the castle or in a more prominent place, but NOT at Castle House.</p>
<p>Think it should go ahead. Artwork should be shown not stored away.</p>
<p>In the current financial climate, doesn't seem to be an appropriate use of public funded money. I would like to see the business case where there should be detailed analysis of what benefits can be realised. Simply stating that it will bring people and jobs to Newark is a little uninspiring and a lazy statement to make. I doubt very much thought has gone into this decision; people travel to see Stonehenge not these!</p>
<p>I do not want my council tax wasted on stuff like this and if it is should be in the castle</p>
<p>I think that there are far more pressing matters to spend the money it will take to place these stones, rather than a vanity project</p>
<p>I fully support the proposal to bring the stones back into public view within the Town.</p>
<p>What a waste of money!!</p>
<p>A complete waste of Money. Money that could be spent elsewhere in the town. A waste as even where they will be placed hardly no Newark residents even visit. A pointless thing to do when people in the community are going without. Please think about what you are wasting the money on. A lot of money which could be spent so much more wisely.</p>
<p>I fully support the proposal</p>
<p>I think it is a good idea!</p>
<p>Spend the money Wisely help homeless and the elderly, when times improve maybe ask again</p>
<p>They should be put in Newark Museum where they can be seen by all and well protected from the elements or would be thieves and damage.</p>
<p>I believe the cost of siting the Kidney Stones at Castle House is a complete waste of public money. How can they be considered a tourist attraction when they aren't even on a main tourist route? The money could be better spent elsewhere</p>
<p>Yes, please restore the Kidney Stones as proposed. As matters stand, the Stones have been unseen for far too long. Boo to the naysayers who would leave them to rot!</p>
<p>We are keen on the stones being displayed for all to see, however are the costs associated the best price achievable?</p>
<p>I am totally against spending this money on this project</p>
<p>Whilst it might be a good idea to display these stones, I feel the cost is too high at the present time and that money could be better spent elsewhere.</p>

Spend the money where it is needed more and do not waste it on this project.
I support the displaying of the Stones at the cost stated
The money would be better spent elsewhere at this point in time. Maybe revisit this when the economy is in a better state. Also, vandalism & graffiti is rife in Newark & the stones will be the perfect target
I am sure we have better use of £80k of funds than to install some artwork outside a building that is not even on a heritage trail. If the stone are to be installed put them in a prominent place, in the castle grounds, by the church not away from the hub or the town. I am sure we have better projects to be spending £80k on given the current economic climate. Keeping our elderly residents warm in winter, alleviating flood risks, reducing the traffic congestion that councillors refuse to accept is an issue. Put the money to better use until we are in a better economic situation, and you will have more support.
Spend the money on something other than these bits if stones that will be outside the council office that cost way too much to build
Too expensive and out of place where it is proposed by the council building would make more sense closer to town where the tourism areas are.
Utter waste of money when so much needs doing in Newark. Pointless
I think the funding could be better used for many other projects that will help residents particularly during the cost-of-living crisis and pensioners heating allowance being withdrawn.
They need to be on display if not outside CH may be integral in the new build in the town centre
It is a waste of money. There are people who need help, roads to be fixed. I think the whole of Newark has decided no. As do I. Use the money for people.
Approved. Restore the town centre. This town centre is bespoke with unique history. Keep it on display and make the town stand out from other town's not displaying their history
I have no objection to them being displayed, but if so, this needs to be at a very low level of cost. Newark is struggling with poor roads, and a town centre which is full of closed shops and boardings at the window. The money would be much wiser being invested in trying to re-invigorate the town centre.
I think it's a waste of money. There's plenty of other more urgent projects the money could be spent on.
What an absolute waste of money!! Concentrate on getting Newark town centre back on its feet. There's nothing in town worth visiting unless you want to visit a vape shop. The council have ruined this town!
i would prefer my council tax not be spent on this project and spent on more pressing things
We need to protect our heritage and therefore would be greatly welcomed to be displayed.
Important sculpture, but in my opinion cost and location wrong. They're not going to be seen by most people unless they are visiting the council office, perhaps incorporate them into the castle re development
Absolute waste of money that could be diverted to the smaller communities who are always neglected and have applications for funding refused
In favour of displaying the stones but unsure about the details of the proposal. Eg what budget would funding come from, do stones have to be free-standing or could they be attached to already existing masonry. Access to the proposed location is in fact difficult from the railway station - disabled and elderly users face a long walk to the end of the platform and back e.g. to the pickup point or castle house. You should incorporate addressing these issues into the plan. e.g. making a new exit from the platform, fixing artwork to the station wall or castle house as feasible.
I think it is a great idea to display the Kidney Stones. I don't really mind where as long as it is somewhere accessible to the public
Local History in Art is important. It is shameful that these stones had been "lost" for so many years. £80k for their installation at Castle House appears a lot of money, though. Are there not

<p>more cost-effective ways of displaying them? Also, they had been gifted to the town of Newark, why have they become the responsibility of the district? Surely Newark Town Centre owns appropriate public buildings to house these? (Courtyard of Civil War Museum, perhaps)?</p>
<p>I believe this is a total waste of money that could well be spent on more important issues around the town. It just goes to show how out of touch council members are.</p>
<p>I am against re siting the Kiddey Stones based on the proposed costs to do so</p>
<p>I think they should be displayed on the river bank on the grassy area towards the bridge over the Trent.</p>
<p>I think they would be better inside. Either the parish church or town hall.</p>
<p>Do we really need to be wasting money on these at this moment in time especially as we don't no what else labour have in store for us</p>
<p>At this present moment the money could be spent on better things</p>
<p>Spend the money on something else it's a waste outside castle house at best it could be somewhere central to the town if u must</p>
<p>I cannot believe you have increased council tax and then spend this money on some stones. I understand these are art but with so few facilities in Newark and business' closing down at a ridiculous rate, there must be something that needs funding other than something to make the council building look "nice"</p>
<p>I think it's a waste of money that is legitimately needed in other areas of the town</p>
<p>There needs to be more art and beauty in the Town. I would love to see them displayed. And perhaps people would come from further afield to see them</p>
<p>Too expensive</p>
<p>I support the plan and think it will make the stones public ally available which is the main thing. It will also offer art at a functional building where some people go with problems and may appreciate inspiration.</p>
<p>I am in agreement that they should be put on display however spending £80,000 on this installation I feel is a complete waste of money. Surely it shouldn't cost that much</p>
<p>We need to be proud and showcase the talents and history of our beautiful town.</p>
<p>Robert Kiddey was an internationally renowned artist who taught at Newark College for a number of years. His work can be seen around the town, so I believe these important examples of his art should be on public display, with interpretation about their subject and brutalist nature, The proposed site outside Castle House provides the visibility and security they require.</p>
<p>I think that the money could be better spent elsewhere. Not that many people from the public actually go to castle house so it's a bit of a waste of money.</p>
<p>The money would be better spent on other projects.</p>
<p>Looks fantastic, adds sculptural interest and character to an otherwise bare new building. Important to maintain our heritage, to prioritise and display local artists for future posterity. Art is an important part of our culture for future generations to understand is story and the stories of our community. These have been in storage for too long, placing them visually us well overdue, so that we don't lose the history of the generations that came before us. I'm excited to see them in place.</p>
<p>A waste of money when you consider, roads and bridge in need of repairs</p>
<p>I think these important pieces of sculpture, by an internationally recognised artist, should be something the community should be proud of an publicly displayed at the Castle House site.</p>
<p>Although I appreciate there will be cost implications in installing the stones, which in the current climate may be an issue with residents, it does feel a shame if these wonderful pieces of sculpture by a well-known artist who lived and worked in Newark are not shared. We need to celebrate those who have contributed to our community. My main concern is vandalism, so the trail would worry me and whilst placing them at the County Council offices is hopefully a more secure option</p>

<p>this may be an issue with residents but if there are not any other alternatives as they will be covered by cctv, feel this is the safer option for them.</p>
<p>I feel strongly that we should celebrate local art and put these historic sculptures on display. In other parts of the world public art is considered really important and we should embrace this too, making Newark a desirable destination and place to visit. The book trail we had as part of Newark book festival certainly encouraged our book group to come into town, do the trail and then have something to eat and drink. Newark has much to offer and adding to this can only be a good idea. Placing them outside Castle House would have my full support.</p>
<p>I think the Kidney Stones should definitely be displayed and think outside Castle house is a good place I like the outdoor public art but I dislike much of it as trite and sentimental. I like Kidneys work (seen in Newark parish church) these stones will pay tribute to a local artist and celebrate Nottinghamshire s industrial heritage</p>
<p>The size of investment seems massive with no tangible return. Would the money be better spent commissioning a young artist/sculptor to create something new and relevant</p>
<p>Absolute waste of money. Should be ashamed!</p>
<p>Unnecessary. Waste of money. Ridiculous</p>
<p>Much needed, would help keep the miners legacy alive along with bringing the sculpture, Kidney ,to people's attention more</p>
<p>A sensible and cost-effective proposal to place an important piece of public art from a more cultured and optimistic era in allocation connected with the artist.</p>
<p>Too expensive and out of town</p>
<p>I think it is a great idea and something to hopefully bring more to Newark</p>
<p>The cost to have these are too much when the council continues to increase our council taxes making it one of the most expensive districts to live within.</p>
<p>I like the idea of the tablets being on display for the public to see, although I'm not sure how safe they would be on display at ground level. It would also depend on how much money it would cost. I don't think the council should be spending thousands of pounds of council taxpayers' money on this project at the moment, when people are really feeling the pinch.</p>
<p>Heritage is important. Newark is already a great place to celebrate history and heritage. To foster pride.in your town, concrete a shared cultural space is a way to unite communities</p>
<p>I am absolutely in favour of restoring and displaying this important piece of Newark's creative heritage. The town needs to restore its pride as the beautiful place to visit it is.</p>
<p>These are a fabulous example of local art and cultural heritage and deserve to be on display and properly protected.</p>
<p>Nice idea but money should be spent on something of greater value to the town. Or if it does go ahead locate them more centrally than at Castle House.</p>
<p>Wholly agree that the stones should be on public display, at the start/end of an art trail. Promote Newarks heritage and improve the town through history and art.</p>
<p>Ridiculous. Do you really believe that people will go out of their way to visit the HQ of this council to see them. Why not create them as a square with the faces outwards in the centre of the market place where all can see them on a regular basis. It need not interfere with other events like the pathetic Christmas tree as the size of the feature could easily be covered up by scaffolding and a power unit could be added in the centre of the stones.</p>
<p>I think the stones should be publicly displayed as it seems a shame for them to be hidden away. As I understand it the money would come from a ring-fenced arts budget & so other funded services & needs would not be affected.</p>
<p>The Stones are an extremely important part of local heritage, defining what our local society is. They represent our culture and why we all strive for a good life.</p>
<p>I understand that the Council has been searching for somewhere to site these beautiful tributes to our local industrial heritage for almost 40 years. I am appalled that they have been lying in the</p>

<p>cemetery for the last several years due to the Council's difficulties in finding a suitable site for these significant art works of which we should be so proud. I understand the artist taught in several of the colleges in Newark for 50 years and is an artist of renown. I am very proud to live near a town with such an important artist attached to it and look forward to the Kiddey Stones being on display outside the Council Building, where local residents and visitors of all ages can admire them and learn something about our local heritage and history. These panels belong to the people of Newark, and it is a disgrace that they haven't been put on display before now. At last, it is good to see the Council getting something done which really benefits local residents and honours both their industrial heritage and a famous local artist.</p>
<p>It is an absolute waste of taxpayers' money to support this proposal - there are many families needing support and local communities that have still not receiving the flood defences required. Please do not waste month with the Kiddey Stones display</p>
<p>Ho I think it's a fabulous idea bringing these amazing stones into the public eye after all the years of being hidden away in a cemetery of all places I hope they will finally be put in their rightful place for people to admire this man's work needs to be celebrated..it's the right thing to do..</p>
<p>My Members at Farndon Parish Council consider the proposed location to be in the wrong place. Castle House is not on the tourist trail. If they have to be sited, they should be in somewhere like the Newark Castle Gateway or some other tourist destination. Members also questioned how a spend if £80,000 could be justified in the current economic climate.</p>
<p>Members of North Muskham Parish Council considered that the Parish Council should respond. After discussion, it was AGREED that the District Council be advised that, while it would be lovely to have the Kiddey Stones sited, it was not considered that Castle House was the correct place, and that they would be better placed in a park. Further, it was not considered that £81,000 was value for money and suggested that the District Council consider submitting a Heritage Lottery Application for funding.</p>
<p>My Members at Norwell Parish Council considered this at their September meeting. Members considered that in the current economic climate, £81,000 was not an efficient use of funds. The proposed location was not on a tourist route, and wholly inappropriate.</p>
<p>Partial responses</p>
<p>What are they?</p>
<p>Hhhhh</p>
<p>Apply for lottery funding, instead of using our council tax to fund this</p>
<p>I think it is important for these stones to be on view for the public to see and the location at CH seems sensible.</p>
<p>■■■■■ sculptures are powerful and a link to the heritage of Nottinghamshire. The work has waited far to long to be on public display. Now is the time!o long to be enjoyed by residents and visitors to Newark. He is one of Newark's most talented sons and deserves a high profile</p>
<p>I</p>
<p>I do not believe that it should go ahead. I simply think it is a waste of money, it could be spent on much more important things, such as health care, education, wildlife protection and plenty more. Personally, I do not believe we are in need of six stones, I doubt they can do much, it's more a glance at stones whilst on a walk, which I'm led to believe is not a wise spend of £80,000. I appreciate the council were thinking of others, although there is more helpful things, they could do instead of displaying 6 stones for that enormous amount of money.</p>
<p>No</p>
<p>It will enhance the cultural significance of Newark and encourage the public's interest.</p>

I certainly do not agree with spending over £80,000 on the Kiddey Stones. A lot of people didn't even know these stones existed until this current council decided to try and waste so much money on this vanity project.
Put in the Museum to stave off any vandalism
Putting them at Castle Hour is totally inappropriate as the is well outside the town centre. Very few people will visit to see them.
I agree that the Kiddey stones should be displayed in front of N&SD building. He was a prominent sculptor, and his work should be valued as such.
Absolutely brilliant. It's about time this was displayed publicly so it can be appreciated by the residence of Newark and Sherwood. Absolutely brilliant. It's about time this was displayed publicly so it can be appreciated by the residents of Newark and Sherwood.
The stones are indeed part of Newarks Heritage and should be preserved. I doubt anyone disagrees. I think the stones should either be located in the Castle grounds or Sconce Hills adjacent to the cafe, i.e. near to where Mr Kiddey lived. The forecast cost of £80k is outrageous
Only 10% of Newark people will see the stones at the council office.
I strongly support their display as near the centre of town as possible e.g. castle grounds or marketplace
Z
Good idea. Important to keep alive the name of someone so much part of Newark's heritage.
A complete waste of council and tax payers money.. money can be spent in better things elsewhere..
Agree
Great idea to have them on display but wonder why the cost is so high when they've already been restored? Also wonder if this is the best site for them?
It's a reasonable idea but such a large expense on the council budget
Absolute waste of money
G
Waste of money. It is not as though many people in Newark knew who Robert Kiddy is or are sentimental about his work. Maybe something for the future, but not now.
I agree that it is important to celebrate local art and heritage but is this the right place for them? They were never designed to be freestanding. Have you considered the ongoing costs of maintenance, especially against inevitable graffiti damage?
Test



Jane Harrison
Chairman-Newark Civic Trust



Matthew Finch
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30 September 2024

Dear Matthew,

Further to my Vice Chairman's letter in regard to the suggested placing for the Kidney Stones, I now write to also add my support on behalf of the Newark Civic Trust.

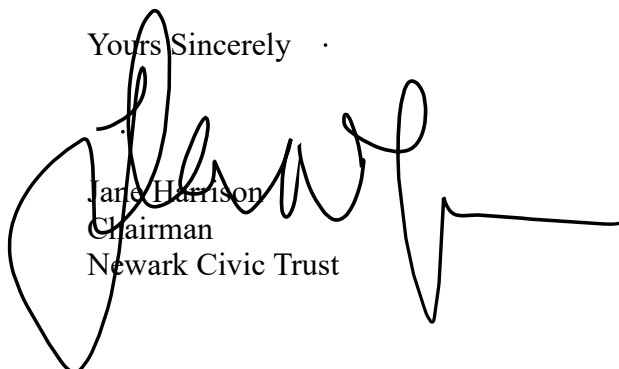
With the strong mid-century history of municipal buildings across the UK utilising their space (whether depicted on the building itself or in the grounds of such) for local sculpture, it can only be deemed correct to bring the Kidney Stones to Castle House.

As the current Towns Board members (for which I am a Trustee) have recently been expressing their desire to 'open up' Newark to include the riverside and its environs, this positioning for this amazing local art would only add to the experience for both residents and visitors to Newark, and would connect Newark's built environment with that of its industrial past.

As my Newark Civic Trust colleague, Kevin Winter, quite correctly makes point, their specific design and previous siting shall require careful interpretation so as to retain their integrity.

I do hope this letter goes some way to supporting the siting of the Kidney Stones at Castle House.

Yours Sincerely


Jane Harrison
Chairman
Newark Civic Trust

Appendix D: Nottinghamshire Police

From: Charlotte Ellam INSP3134 <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Wednesday, June 5, 2024 12:29 PM

To: Nicholas Butler <[REDACTED]>; Jenny Walker <[REDACTED]>

Subject: RE: Consultation on the re-location of the Kidney Stones

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Hi Jenny,

No specific concerns from me. The location seems sensible, and as you mention there is going to be a level of risk where ever they are placed.

Charlotte



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Subject: RE: Consultation on the re-location of the Kidney Stones

Hi Jenny,

Complete protection of such items from vandalism, especially aerosol paint, is going to be a challenge when they are displayed in any open space.

The front of the Castle House make sense for the reasons you outlined.

Additional measures to consider are as follows (accepting costs may be prohibitive);

- Consider physical barriers which reinforce rule setting. For example, a fence or transparent protective barrier around could be installed around the statue. A high-quality glass or polycarbonate enclosure can provide visibility while preventing direct access.
- A gated area could be used which would form a psychological barrier but wouldn't prevent access for people genuinely wanting to get closed to view the installation
- Placing the Stones on a raised table or pedestal would make them more visible from distance and harder to damage.
- The anchoring system will be particularly important to prevent damage and theft
- I am not sure of the exact layout of the proposed location but bollards would prevent vehicles approaching the Stones in the event of theft
- Dedicated CCTV camera with AI or similar trigger notification based upon suspicious or known offending algorithms.
- Motion sensors could be fitted beneath or between the stones which also alert the CCTV operator of movement.
- If you believe the Stones are at risk of theft I would consider installing a simple tracking device.
- Lighting and landscaping can be used to deter thieves and vandals
- Smart glass could be used to turn on opaque or display warnings within the installation is approached without proper clearance. In addition, automated audible warnings could be used for the same purpose.

Kind Regards

Nick

Appendix E: Newark Town Council

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From: Matthew Gleadell <[REDACTED]>
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Subject: Kidney Stones

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Rowan

I hope you are well.

I am delighted to confirm that subject to seeing the final plans and drawings of what the end product will look like, my members agreed in principle last night to a long-term loan of the stones to NDSC to be utilised at Castle House as part of a public art trail . The resolution was clear however that all costs associated with the siting of the stones at Castle House must be met by NSDC.

I feel sure there will be further discussion and narrative on both the stones and a wider Art Trail and that we will naturally be involved in seeing how your exciting plans develop.

Kind regards

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