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PLEASE READ THIS DOCUMENT

As you are no doubt aware, Langley Community Centre Committee (LCCC) has been investigating the possibility of a replacement village hall & cricket pavilion.

From the outset, it has been our intention to put together a viable proposal for the village to vote on.

Two years ago, following a village survey on whether a new hall was wanted and what facilities it should offer, a separate Steering Group reporting to the Community Centre Committee was set up to investigate possible designs and funding.

The final Steering Group Report, which the Community Centre Committee accepted and unanimously approved is attached. We urge everyone to read this document as it sets out a full and honest account of our proposals and we hope clears up any misunderstandings which have arisen through rumours and lack of information.

Our main proposals are:

- 1. Proposal 1: Consideration of Church as village hall:** The Community centre Committee will take no further action until April 2015, due to the efforts of a separate group to convert the Church into a combined Community hall and religious centre. We hope this will give time to establish whether there is sufficient village support, the feasibility and costs and also whether alternative funding would be available so that the Enabling Development would be unnecessary.
- 2. Proposal 2: Future of the Pavilion.** Whatever the outcome, we remain committed to a replacement Pavilion on the village green.
- 3. Proposal 3: Enabling Development.** If an Enabling Development is ever needed, our proposal would be for the Long Ley site, behind the high hedge for the reasons set out in the report and in the Minutes of the LCCC meeting 10/09/14, now available on www.essexinfo.net/langleygreens/. At that meeting the members unanimously passed the following resolution: **To adopt the recommendation of the Steering Committee to choose the Long Ley site for an Enabling development should it ever be required in the future because sufficient funding cannot be found in other ways to develop village facilities. In doing so, they rejected the other 2 sites as unsuitable. All residents would then be asked to vote on the scheme following an exhibition. No proposal can go forward for approval without village support and 70% of the village voting in favour.**
- 4. Proposal 4: Village Hall:** The Committee agreed that if for any reason the Church project does not go ahead, the committee will revert to the original plan for the new village hall and pavilion.

We have included a map of the proposed Enabling Development site.

All associated documents are on the website: www.essexinfo.net/langleygreens/

A feedback form is also attached for your comments. We will collect the forms over the next couple of weeks and answer any questions you may have.

THANK YOU.