

Summary of Reflections from Key Stakeholder: St Michael's CoE Church, Budbrooke.

Strategic Planning for Community Facilities

I think it is likely that any new development of the scale of Chase Meadow will have need for a centre that offers both a sports and a large meeting space. Perhaps 80% of the footprint of CMCC might be sufficient. The complexity of this scheme has been because of the multiple parties involved, and that it was necessary for a religious group to be involved because of the original planning designations, and then because of charity law that requires the PCC as trustees to then act diligently to protect their interest.

Looking back, I wonder if those original planning designations were different, i.e. for a multi-purpose community building from the start which would meet the communities need - the process could have been more straightforward, with the potential for any religious group being a partner but perhaps within a single company.

Community Engagement

I think the key success of the scheme has come from the grass-roots involvement on Chase Meadow. The designation of Linda Price to Chase Meadow was key, as it came at a time that I (and other concerned residents in the early days of the association) were trying to address various key issues on the estate. I would recommend that having a clear community development strategy that focuses such resources for a season around the development of a Community Centre would be hugely significant for future housing developments in the town.

Comments received from Rev David Brown,