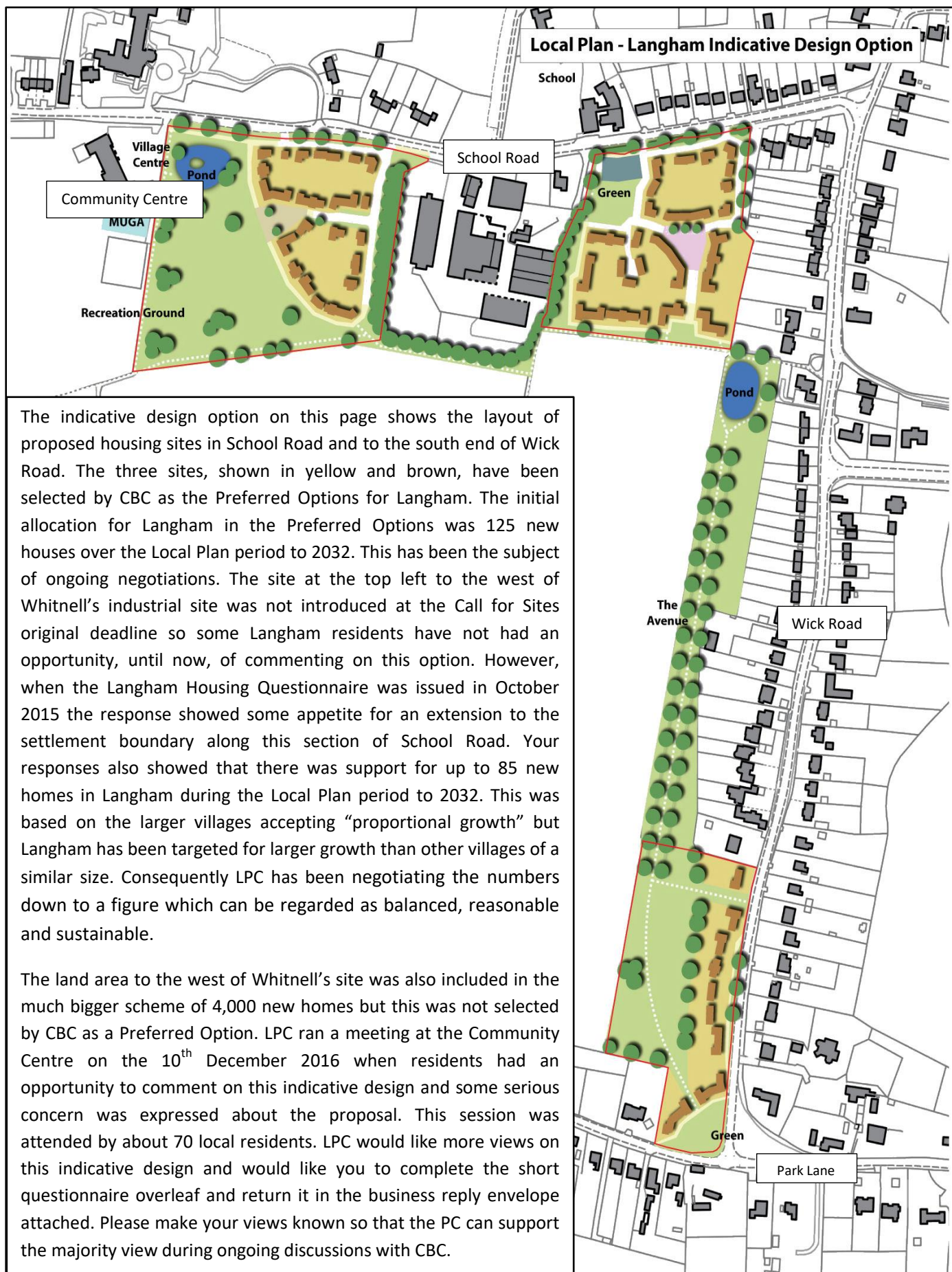


Langham Parish Council (LPC) would like your views on the Colchester Borough Council (CBC) Local Plan "Preferred Options" for housing sites in Langham. Please return your completed questionnaire, to reach us by 7th April 2017, in the Freepost envelope attached.



The indicative design option on this page shows the layout of proposed housing sites in School Road and to the south end of Wick Road. The three sites, shown in yellow and brown, have been selected by CBC as the Preferred Options for Langham. The initial allocation for Langham in the Preferred Options was 125 new houses over the Local Plan period to 2032. This has been the subject of ongoing negotiations. The site at the top left to the west of Whitnell's industrial site was not introduced at the Call for Sites original deadline so some Langham residents have not had an opportunity, until now, of commenting on this option. However, when the Langham Housing Questionnaire was issued in October 2015 the response showed some appetite for an extension to the settlement boundary along this section of School Road. Your responses also showed that there was support for up to 85 new homes in Langham during the Local Plan period to 2032. This was based on the larger villages accepting "proportional growth" but Langham has been targeted for larger growth than other villages of a similar size. Consequently LPC has been negotiating the numbers down to a figure which can be regarded as balanced, reasonable and sustainable.

The land area to the west of Whitnell's site was also included in the much bigger scheme of 4,000 new homes but this was not selected by CBC as a Preferred Option. LPC ran a meeting at the Community Centre on the 10th December 2016 when residents had an opportunity to comment on this indicative design and some serious concern was expressed about the proposal. This session was attended by about 70 local residents. LPC would like more views on this indicative design and would like you to complete the short questionnaire overleaf and return it in the business reply envelope attached. Please make your views known so that the PC can support the majority view during ongoing discussions with CBC.

LPC are fully aware of the infrastructure issues and have made the case that any housing growth can only be considered if the appropriate infrastructure is in place to accommodate this. Water issues involving surface drainage and sewage disposal are high on the agenda and the road network must be able to accommodate any additional traffic requirements.

This questionnaire provides an opportunity for up to 2 persons per household to respond. Person 1 is P1 and Person 2 is P2. Where a Yes or No response is required please tick the appropriate box.

1. Please state the name of the road where you live in Langham

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2. Would you support the Langham indicative design option shown on page one?

	Yes	No
P1		
P2		

The actual numbers of houses have not been finalised but this layout could be 10-12 homes on Wick Road, 30-35 at the west site on School Road and 35-40 homes at the east site on School Road. If you answered No to Q2 please provide any reasons in the box below.

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3. If you think the growth locations are ok but the potential house numbers are too high or too low please indicate in the boxes below the numbers you would support.

Site	Number P1 would support	Number P2 would support
School Road west		
School Road east		
Wick Road		

4. Would you support a site of up to 20 homes, fronting Birchwood Road to the north, as a way of limiting the size of the "Preferred Options" sites in School Road?

CBC indicated that the site to the north of Birchwood Road also figured well in their evaluation and was also given a green status but the three sites chosen by CBC were given a higher sustainability rating.

	Yes	No
P1		
P2		

Comments if any

5. Would you support a small site of up to 20 homes, fronting Park Lane to the north, between Wick Road and Moor Road?

This option has not been considered by CBC but it might help to limit the size of single sites if more options are available.

	Yes	No
P1		
P2		

Comments if any

6. Would you like to make any general comments about housing sites in Langham?

Comments if any