

Langham Parish is a small community of circa 1000 residents in North Essex. We have a thriving community with various clubs and organised sports clubs to address the needs of our residents covering all age spectrums.

In line with many communities, we are in the throes of a growth spurt of 46 new homes currently under construction with outline planning permission for another 30 at an adjacent location.

As we welcome more residents over the coming months and years, it will be necessary to offer as many recreational facilities as possible. We are very keen to encourage inclusive, new, and diverse sports to be played within the community. Our thriving Community Centre currently offers many activities. Judo and ballet are two opposite ends of the sporting and cultural spectrum, showing an inclusive and diverse offering.

We have a Recreation Ground which supports two football pitches. One full size capable of supporting FA accredited matches and a smaller one to support junior games. As well as a children's play area, which is also in the throes of being upgraded.

We currently have two tennis courts with an active tennis club of over 200 members with professional coaches. To grow this further we need to consider offering a third court to permit LTA accredited competitions.

The Parish Council has considered this and would like to extend to the market the opportunity to recommend a solution for a Multi-Use Games area (MUGA) which can be used as a tennis court but can also accommodate as many other sports as possible. Specifically, but not limited to, basketball.

We are looking for the market to recommend solutions which meet the Sport England Accreditation in line with surface type, surface depth, fencing, marking, lighting and overall dimensions. Any proposal must additionally comply with the court/pitch dimensions of the National Governing Body of any of the sports suggested to be offered.

The location of the MUGA is intended to be adjacent to the existing tennis courts (see attached schematic).

The existing Tennis courts are normally locked unless in use by the Tennis Club Members, access to view the courts can be arranged with sufficient notice. The MUGA needs to be readily accessible 24x7.

Respondents are requested to provide recommendations to allow optimum use of space whilst ensuring that pre-existing access to the main Recreation Ground for both maintenance and emergency services is not affected.

In addition to the deployment of the new MUGA, we would request that any priced specifications also provide separate costings to resurface the existing tennis courts, in line with LTA surface accreditations.

The address is School Road, Langham, Colchester, Essex. CO4 5PA

Below is a Google map showing a satellite view. It is the responsibility of all potential respondents to make their own measurements in terms of the available footprint and recommended location. The only limitation is that it must not impact upon existing sports (e.g., football pitches), and must be accessible from the existing tennis courts.

<https://goo.gl/maps/EyRVpHYJkCVK4RKWA>

Anyone interested in bidding is welcome to visit site as the location is a 24x7x365 accessible location. However, should you wish to actually access the tennis courts, this can be arranged but will need to be pre-booked.

Langham Parish Council will not enter dialogue with unsuccessful candidates. Whilst best value is key, we reserve the right not to procure based purely on the cheapest option offered. We are particularly keen to see innovative use of the available land footprint.

Any respondents must show they are capable of delivering such projects citing reference sites (preferably) within East Anglia as well as having experience of dealing with Parish Councils. All respondents must be able to provide written references and contacts to discuss previous installations.

We would also request that any solution is modular in terms of its financial build, to allow us to start from the baseline deployment of the facility and add further elements as future funding may come online. This could but not exclusively mean extras such as floodlighting and/or the addition of other sports.

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**The procurement window closes on the 28<sup>th</sup> of February 2023.**