

Redevelopment of St Michaels Rooms for New Community Rooms

A planning application is shortly to be made to East Suffolk Council using the Plans exhibited here. In January 2020 when a public exhibition was held showing preliminary drawings there was widespread support for the design though a number of issues were raised. Exploration of those issues, further site investigations and the need to find the most cost-effective design have resulted in some amendments. The main features of the amended design are:

- **Environmental matters:** An insulated energy efficient timber frame construction, solar panels, triple glazing, electric vehicle charging point for Centre users.
- **Archaeology and Trees:** Piled building foundations to minimise disturbance to tree roots and archaeological remains; car parking laid out to best conserve important trees.
- **Facilities:** Main hall that will seat 126 people with a sprung hardwood floor to accommodate a large range of uses, a small meeting room to accommodate 16 people seated, a kitchen for food preparation, improved accessible toilet facilities with baby changing facilities. The building has a smaller footprint than that shown in January principally because the circulation and storage spaces are provided in a more efficient way.
- **Building materials:** Walls and roof to be clad in standing seamed metal to complement the Conservation Area. Timber in the structural frame to be sourced from PFC FESC certified sustainable sources.
- **Car parking:** 17 car parking spaces – an increase of 2 on that shown in January.

If you have any questions or would like further information about what is shown here please contact St Michaels Parish Office at framparish@gmail.com

Progress on the project can also be found on the church website
<http://www.stmichaelsframlingham.org.uk/>

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