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Gamlingay Environmental Action Group

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Re: Proposed Eco-Hub Development

Gamlingay Environmental Action Group (GEAG) discussed the proposed 'eco-hub' development at our meeting on 21 October 2009. After discussion, a vote was taken. GEAG members present voted to support the development of the eco-hub.

We take the view that the eco-hub will be an important and much-needed facility for the village and its surrounding areas. We applaud the efforts being taken by the Parish Council to provide a facility that will not only be an essential addition to the life of the community but will also reduce the carbon footprint of the village while at the same time providing an example to other communities of a forward-looking sustainable development. We are certain that the completed building will be welcomed throughout the village and beyond and that many community groups will come to regard it as their home.

We recognise that there will be costs. The proposed loan of around £500,000 is a large sum, but not one that is unusual. Many other parish councils have borrowed more. We understand that the cost of the loan will be around £10 per year, or 80p per month, for most households – a very small amount for such an important development. We are also delighted to hear that much funding has already been secured to fund this development, and we would be very disappointed if that funding was to be lost to the village as a result of a decision not to move forwards with the eco-hub.

I can assure you that once the eco-hub is open for business, GEAG will be booking it as the venue for our monthly meetings.

Yours faithfully

Brycchan Carey
GEAG Co-ordinator