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COMMENTS:

I am writing to support the building of a church in any development built at Loddon Garden Village. This is because I find a church is a place where friendships can develop, helping people feel less lonely or isolated (specially important where folk are moving into a new estate and know no-one), a place where members are of a mind to help others in the community eg setting up carer & toddler groups, foodbank, language groups, coffee & chat mornings for older folk. Also new residents in the area, looking to join a church, would not have to travel to eg Reading or Shinfield but could walk to church. I would envisage it having a hall for services and another hall for community and other activities, with several smaller rooms. Overall, I see the church as so much more than a building; it can help bring community cohesion to people moving into a new development, facilitate friendships and provide support, and hence bring thriving to the new residents.