

To Northleach Residents

Provision of a Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) at the Westwoods Centre

Public Consultation meeting- Westwoods, Wednesday 8th October 2014 – 7pm

Northleach with Eastington Town Council is committed to the provision of improved recreation facilities for young people as a priority. It is committed in principle to the provision of a multi-use games area (MUGA) and is currently formulating a detailed funding and business plan for presentation to the Town Council.

A MUGA is simply a kick about and ball sports area for recreational use. The MUGA working group have obtained prices for the installation of a MUGA at the Westwoods site and believe that the necessary funds can be generated to realise the project.

Primary use will be for informal ball sports area for the children of the Town. Secondary use for organised play in five-a-side, hockey, tennis, basketball and netball are being considered, but not at the expense of the primary objective. We do not envisage extensive organised use and this will be primarily a free-to-use facility.

A separate but significant issue is the occasional pressure on car parking at the Westwoods Centre. This can be addressed by providing additional car parking adjacent to the MUGA and is being considered subject to funding.

After a great deal of discussion and obtaining professional advice, the preferred MUGA design runs in an east-west direction and sits mainly on the redundant tennis courts occupying a footprint of 37m x 18.5m. A reinforced grass car parking area could run alongside. This will leave around 30 metres of grassed recreational area adjacent to the Westwoods.

We do not envisage provision of floodlighting at this stage.

The meeting is to listen to concerns and suggestions from residents, parents and those who may use the MUGA.

