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Dear Richard,

We were glad to hear of the Straw Bale community hall that you will be building at Holy Trinity, Tulse Hill. The planned project draws together social, environmental and spiritual goals in a unique fashion.

Certain elements of this project are particularly innovative.

Firstly, the community self-build element. As the community come together to build their own hall, this will not only help to build relationships between volunteers of all ages, but will also offer practical training to participants, some of whom may be inspired to go into the construction industry.

Secondly, the environmental element. Not only are the building materials themselves sustainable, but at the end of the construction, you will have a sustainable and affordable resource to offer the people of Tulse Hill. Due to the insulation afforded by straw bales, your running costs are likely to be low, making the hall, kitchen and rooms affordable for people in the community.

We wish you all the best with your building project and look forward to hearing more about how the finished building will be used to support and engage with the community of Tulse Hill.

Yours sincerely,

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