

ANNEX V

Unsustained expressions of interest, and bodies offered Birch St Peter

Date	
1992	Local community declined to establish a trust
April 1992	The Focolare Movement for use as a religious retreat
Spring 1993	Use as studio with residential flat
Spring 1993	Use as a single residence
June 1993	Colchester Borough Council and Essex County Council declined
Oct 1995	Evangelical church in Colchester for worship use
1996	Leasehold for unspecified use
1996	Miss R Collingworth for multiple residential units
1996	Essex County Historic Buildings Trust
1996	Mrs M J Timis for use as recording studio
1997	Use as a training centre
1997	Mr A Green for unspecified use
1997	Mr P Bates for residential use, commercial and chapel providing Diocese/Commissioners provided reverse premium of £125,000. Offer rejected.
April 1997	Mr Brady's proposal for community use funded by HLF grant
May 1997	Museum library storage (Essex CC). Unsuitable as too damp.
	Colchester Archaeology Unit for archaeological storage
	Mrs V James – music school with residential unit
	Birch pre-School Co-operative Playgroup
	Birch Memorial Hall
	Emmaus Self Help Workshop for the Unemployed
	Red Bus Arts Project (artists' studios)
Dec 1997 – June 2002	Birch Spire Arts Trust (working party of Chelmsford & North East Essex Building Preservation Trust). HLF grant bid unsuccessful.
Aug 2002 – Nov 2007	Courtland Properties: 5 residential units funded by enabling development. Option agreement with diocese November 2003 to November 2007.
Sept 2002	Stuart Levens for residential use
Nov 2002	Friends of Friendless Churches
April 2009	Mr David Staple for residential use
July 2009	Vodafone declined use owing to proximity of school
May 2010	Developer John Pittaway for use as a care home
Oct 2010	Rural Community Council of Essex (on behalf of 4 housing associations)
Nov 2010	Flagship Housing Group Ltd
Nov 2010	English Rural Housing Association
July 2011	St Albert the Great Church, Fairfield, Ohio, USA for use as a place of worship