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1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Planning approval was granted for the change of use of the former Ashfield Working Men's Club (D2) to a church (D1) at Doncaster Road, in the district of Barnsley. The site lies to the eastern side of Barnsley approximately 2.2km from the town centre.
- 1.2 The site gains access from the A635 Doncaster Road a class 1 highway that runs from Barnsley town centre to the northwest to Darfield and Goldthorpe and the A1M and eventually the large town of Doncaster via the A638. In the vicinity of the site the A635 is a two-way single carriageway, however towards the western end of the site frontage the nearside lane divides to form two lanes, the right-hand lane being access to Ashleigh Vale only and the nearside lane being access for Neville Avenue (left turn) and straight ahead towards Barnsley. The far eastbound lane remains a single lane, however, the right turn lane for Raymond Road located some 50 metres or so east commences at almost the central point along the site frontage to the A635, thereby, providing a safe right turn facility for the Church and the adjacent residential site.
- 1.3 Doncaster Road at this point is the subject of a 30-mph speed limit, is lit to an appropriate standard and has wider than average footways to both sides.

2.0 CURRENT USE OF THE SITE

- 2.1 The site is currently occupied by the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

3.0 ACCESS & CAR PARKING

- 3.1 As part of the planning permission the access to the site had to be widened to accommodate simultaneous two-way flow. This work has now been undertaken and the wall set back accordingly to achieve same.
- 3.2 The car park to the rear of the site has now been cleared as it was overgrown when the site was purchased by the church. The car park can now accommodate some 29 vehicles as per the planning approved layout drawing. The building is only utilised 5 days per week i.e. it is closed on a Tuesday and a Friday.

4.0 REMOVAL OF CONDITION

- 4.1 Condition no.4 of the aforementioned planning approval requires details to be submitted to the LPA of arrangements to a) secure waiting restrictions on the Doncaster Road and b) the provision of necessary signage and lining associated with any TRO.
- 4.2 This condition was attached to the approval as the Councils Highways Officers were concerned that a church in this location would have the potential to generate on street parking and waiting. However, this has not been the case. The church has been open nearly 12 months and the car park can easily cope with the demand. A car parking survey was undertaken by Abacus, over a typical week (w/c Sunday the 15th October), and the findings of the survey can be found at the end of this report. No on street parking was noted during the survey.
- 4.3 It can be noted from the information provided that the busiest days were Thursday and Saturday. The majority of the vehicles highlighted on the survey were not parked there all day but for robustness sake we have assumed that the vehicles were parked within the car park for the full day. In this respect as a worst-case scenario there was 19no. vehicles parked within the site on Thursday and 18no. vehicles on a Saturday. Therefore, there was, during the busiest times, spare capacity of some 10no. spaces. Given this information the potential for the church to generate on street parking or waiting is considered to be nil.
- 4.4 Taking cognisance of the above and the previous use of the site, the use of the premises as a church does not only generate significantly less trips than a WMC and but also the demand for associated car parking space.
- 4.5 The improvements to the sites junction with the Doncaster Road does encourage all vehicle users to access the rear car park, thereby further reducing the potential for on street parking or waiting. The use of the site as a church, who have considerably more control over visitors and use of the car park than the former use, can ensure that the car park is used as intended.
- 4.6 It is therefore, respectfully requested that condition no.4 of the planning approval ref: 2014/1573 is removed.

5.0 CONCLUSION

5.1 The church has been in operation for some 12 months or so and has not resulted in any parking being displaced onto the public highway. The site also has excellent public transport links again reducing the need for car borne journeys.

5.2 The parking demand associated with the use of the site has not been as onerous as the Local Authority initially perceived and the available car parking area can easily accommodate the needs and requirements of the church and no off-site mitigation measures (traffic regulation orders) are considered necessary in this case and condition no.4 of the planning approval ref: 2014/ 1573 can be removed.