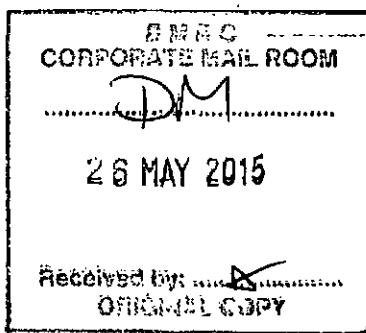


CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS FOR THIS APPLICATION IS:



**St Michael & All Angel's church
c/o Trevor Tindle
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Wombwell
Barnsley
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S73 0LB**

20th May 2015

**REQUEST FOR PLANNING PERMISSION TO ERECT A FREE STANDING POLE MOUNTED SIGN
TO ADVERTISE: *ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGEL'S CHURCH, CHURCH STREET, GREAT
HOUGHTON, BARNSELY, SOUTH YORKSHIRE, S72 0BL.***

Dear Sir / Madam

I am a member of the above church and I have been asked on behalf of The Rev'd David Hildred and the Church Council to apply for planning permission to erect a free standing pole mounted sign to advertise the church, showing its contact details and service times.

The site of the proposed sign will be on land owned by Mr Julian Bland who resides at the Old Hall Inn, 1 High Street, Great Houghton, Barnsley, S72 0EN. This land in question is situated on High Street between the Old Hall Inn and towards Church Street on which Mr Bland has given his permission to place the sign.

The church itself is of historic interest as it is only one of three churches built in 1650 during the Cromwellian era when Oliver Cromwell was Lord Protectorate. It was built by the then High Sheriff of Yorkshire Sir Edward Rhodes, who lived in the Old Hall Manor House at Great Houghton, where the Old Hall Inn stands now. The Manor was subject to a fire in 1962 and had to be demolished. Sir Edward was a captain in Cromwell's army and fought with him in some of the civil war battles and after being included in Cromwell's inner circle, became part of King Charles 11 privy council, having being forgiven for his part during the civil war.

The church was originally built as a private chapel for him and his family, and when the family died out it was bought by the Marquis of Granby and given to the Church of England in 1895. It has remained open as a church ever since.

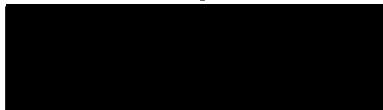
In 2013 it was fully renovated through a £304,000 grant from English Heritage with the assistance of other funding bodies and some match funding by the congregation, and as a result the church is obliged to open days during the week allowing visitors to view the historic church.

The church itself is situated along Church Street, which is a side road off High Street and visitors to have expressed how difficult it is to find the whereabouts of the church on these *heritage open days* as well as *people attending funerals etc.* It is hoped that the new sign will prevent this difficulty, especially being within sight from the main road through the village.

Please find enclosed the necessary forms in relation to planning permission request. Please forgive the fact that they are handwritten as I couldn't get into the all different field to type them on the computer.

Further details about St Michael's can be found on stmichael&allangelschurch.com. Thank you for your kind consideration.

Yours Sincerely



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