Dear Planning Officer,

Ref: 25/00410/FUL

Conversion of existing church parish hall into a single residential dwellinghouse with annexe

I am writing to support the revised application to convert the former church hall into a single dwelling. I welcome the reuse of this building and agree that a single, well-considered dwelling is likely to be more sympathetic to the site and its surroundings than the previously approved subdivision into multiple units.

However, I would like to respectfully highlight the importance of ensuring that key policy-based conditions from the original permission are retained or appropriately adapted in this new application. While some of the original conditions were standard, others addressed specific planning considerations that remain relevant – particularly to neighbouring residents and the wider community.

Condition 9, relating to surface water drainage, was included in the original permission and remains relevant given the site lies within Flood Zone 2. While the current application refers to using existing infrastructure, a formal drainage scheme was previously required in line with Policy LP5 and I would expect this application to be held to the same standard.

Condition 11, requiring obscured and fixed glazing on certain elevations, was intended to protect privacy – both for neighbouring properties and for future occupants of the site itself. It is important that any new proposal maintains this intent in full, not only by obscuring lower glazed sections but by ensuring that all relevant windows on sensitive elevations are fully obscured and fixed shut as originally specified. Given the close proximity to existing dwellings, visual privacy should remain a priority.

In summary, I support the revised proposal in principle but ask the committee to ensure that the intent of key conditions from the original approval – particularly those relating to neighbour privacy and drainage – are maintained or appropriately addressed in any new consent.

Kind regards,

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