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Dear Sirs,

Re: Our Lady Queen of Heaven Church, Philip Road, Durrington

We have been approached on an informal basis by a voluntary organisation who have expressed an interest in acquiring through purchase, lease or some other arrangement yet to be finalised, the church referred to above.

This group of civic minded people are interested in providing a multi-functional community based facility, catering for the needs of young people and other residents of the village whose needs are not presently covered by existing community support groups.

We note the present application is for demolition of the existing building and replacement with a new housing development, taking into account the fact that no alternative use other than possibly offices had been forthcoming following an advertising exercise.

We are of the view that the church building would be an ideal venue for the type of operation proposed i.e. a locally based community based support group and we understand backing for such a group has been shown by way of a petition circulated in the village.

Whilst the application for residential development will be determined in accordance with the requirements of the Local Plan and other such documents, as well as the wishes of the relevant duly appointed committees, we would like to register the fact that there is a group of people who are anxious to see the present building retained as a focal point of village life, and providing a service to the community.

Yours faithfully,



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