

EMAIL EXCHANGES BETWEEN TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH AND OADBY AND WIGSTON BOROUGH COUNCIL IN RESPECT OF CAR PARKING

Subject: RE: Proposed works to Oadby Trinity Methodist Church affecting East Street car park
Date: Thu, 24 May 2012 11:32:05 +0100
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Dear Alex,

We are always keen to work with neighbours and assist where we can.

However parking is at a premium within Oadby and we have a duty to ensure the vitality of the town centre, particularly in these difficult financial times. We therefore cannot accommodate the loss of spaces outlined in your email.

We would expect you to make the maximum use of your own land for these works and not consider the car park as a convenience to them. All protection of the car park will need to be carried out without the loss of parking bays. Any works carried out from our land will require you to submit acceptable risk assessments, method statements and proof of public liability insurance to a value of £2,000,000.

- We would consider the placing of a skip on a bay if this is otherwise unavoidable,
- We would facilitate temporary access for site huts to be placed on your land.

Please submit a revised proposal along with supporting documentation, if this is more acceptable, I would then be pleased to arrange a site meeting to finalise the matter. Once an agreed usage of the car park is in place we will set a daily charge for the use of each lost bay and the cost of any works required to offset the alternative provision of any disabled parking bays.

I would advise you that you have not given us an acceptable period of notice of the works and we have exceptionally busy work programmes that makes it unlikely that an agreement will be in place by the 18th June - without which you will not have permission to make use of the car park. I would therefore suggest you reconsider your start date or produce a work plan that does not impact the car park other than the bulleted items above.

Best regards,

Jez Crooks

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-----Original Message-----

From: alex Yeomanson [mailto:ayeomanson@btinternet.com]

Sent: 23 May 2012 17:44

To: Jez Crooks

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Subject: Proposed works to Oadby Trinity Methodist Church affecting East Street car park

Dear Mr. Crooks,

I spoke to one of your colleagues yesterday and she advised me to contact you regarding the above.

Last Friday, Oadby Trinity Methodist Church (the church) was granted planning permission by the Borough Council to carry out works to the building. Briefly, the works include demolishing an existing section of the church adjacent to the East Street car park, replacing it with a larger structure and modifications affecting the retaining wall on the boundary of the car park.

June 18 has been set for a provisional start date for the works, with a contract period of around 16 to 18 weeks.

To enable the works to be carried out effectively, securely and in safety will impact on the car park and the parking spaces immediately in front of the church. Specifically,

- access will need to be gained through the car park to install and remove contractors facilities (e.g. site office, etc.) - it is presently not envisaged that waste and materials will need to be transported through the car park
- for the duration of the contract we would like to secure the use of 5 parking spaces, free from waiting restrictions, dedicated for contractors' and site visitors' vehicles - these would be towards the southern end of the church, close to the boundary with the Manse
- we would like to secure permission to place a skip in the car park should that prove to be necessary - that would affect at least one further space in front of the church
- there will be a need to erect site fencing on the car park for a period of at least 10 weeks to enable works to take place at the front of the church and still keep the site secure, affecting a further 11 spaces (including 3 for those with disabilities) - we should be able to place the site fencing on church property at other times during the works
- there will be a need to relocate the present keep clear hatching in front of the pedestrian access gate between the car park and the church grounds

In addition, I should formally advise you as an adjoining property owner that the works to be undertaken will affect the retaining wall on the boundary between the church and the car park. Once complete, these works may result in the need to carry out remedial work/repairs to the car park surfacing.

I would be grateful for your advice on how to take matters forward to enable the works on the church to commence. I happy to meet with you on site to discuss issues if that would be of assistance.

Regards,

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Project Manager
For and on behalf of Oadby Trinity Methodist Church