

24 January 2023

Development Management

Southampton City Council

Civic Centre

SOUTHAMPTON SO14 7LS

Dear Sir

Application No: 22/01397/FUL – Old Shirley Bingo Hall, High Street, Shirley

Conversion from Bingo Hall (Sui Generis) to Church class F1

The Janson Road Residents' Group wish to make the following comments to the Planning and Rights of Way Panel at its meeting on the 24 January 2023 regarding the proposed conversion of the Bingo Hall to a Church:

Concerns have been expressed by local residents regarding

- i) Car parking - in view of a possible congregation of some 400 people. From the comments that have been lodged on the web site it would appear that members associated with the Church come from an area encompassing Alresford, Stockbridge, Lyminster, Hedge End at least - apart from Southampton. These are distances that would not be readily or easily undertaken by public transport. The present building only contains 25 parking spaces. Janson Road is already extremely congested and difficult for residents to park their vehicles. Many people use the road to park in if they work in local shops/businesses or are customers. Cruise passengers leave their cars in the road for weeks at a time.
- ii) We have multi occupancy at the High Street end of Janson Road and the occupants park their cars on the pavement making it difficult for wheelchair and buggy users. Cars are also parked on the double yellow lines in this vicinity.
- iii) Local residents would also like clarification of what activities will be taking place on the premises between the proposed hours of operation ie between 0900-2300 for 7 days a week with regard to possible noise and disturbance particularly late in the evening.
- iv) Any approval for this proposed change of use must contain clarification of the proposed car parking arrangements and use of the premises which can be enforced by the Council.

Louise Castelli

Chair

Janson Road Residents' Group