

St Peter's Church building is set in carefully tended grounds that provide an amenity for our local community and a welcome for our visitors.

Increasingly however, the problems people face with Car Parking in the surrounding streets of Hale mean that it is becoming difficult for some people to attend events at the Church, due to the lack of on-site parking.

With Trafford Council considering increases in the restrictions on local street parking, this is likely to get worse. Currently, as a Church family, we don't do anything to relieve the pressure on the surrounding streets, and public transport is not a viable option for people who live beyond walking distance of the Church.

The PCC have been giving careful consideration to whether it might be possible to provide some discrete on-site parking in the under-utilised area behind the Vicarage, without affecting the open spaces in front of St Peter's House and on the side of the Church facing Harrop Road.

Having looked at various options, it should be possible to create an environmentally sensitive area of on-site parking as part of a project that could also include careful development of the Church grounds for the wider benefit of the community.

Working closely with our architect, the plan displayed in Church has been drawn up. We are now wishing to test the idea as follows:

- Inviting members of the Church family to comment on the plans
- Submitting the necessary paperwork to the Diocese for their formal consideration
- Working with Trafford Local Authority to establish the viability of the project, noting our Status as a Grade II listed building and our position within a recognised Conservation area.

Q and A

1. The Church Grounds are a special place. Why change them?

This is the natural and understandable first reaction of most people to the idea of change. The PCC have thought carefully about this, and taken time to ensure that the proposal under consideration is sensitive and discrete.

Parking in Hale is an issue, and some people now find attending activities at the Church to be increasingly difficult if they have to park further away.

It is also the case that our current activities place the burden of car parking almost entirely on the surrounding streets and in front of our neighbours' homes. It's important we see if we can do something to help reduce this.

2. How might this be funded?

The work would be funded from existing reserves, not present giving.

3. What do the Diocese think?

In initial discussions, the Diocese have been very supportive of the idea and are working with us on this.

4. Why not look at other uses for this part of the grounds?

As we are in a Conservation area, there are restrictions on what we might be able to do. A new building, for example, would be unlikely to succeed.

5. I'd like to see more done to enhance the grounds. Is this possible?

Suggestions and ideas as to how to enhance our grounds are welcome, and a later stage of this project would be dedicated to looking at this closely.

6. What happens next?

We are inviting comments and ideas to be submitted to the PCC for consideration. Please have a look at the proposals, think them through, and then complete one of the Consultation forms. Planning permission from both the Diocese of Chester and Trafford Local Authority would also need to be secured before the PCC could make a final decision.

5. Your view – comments, ideas and observations form an integral part of the consultation process. It will also be helpful to have a summary indication as to how respondents feel about the proposed developments.

Please could you indicate below your preference, based on the proposals that have been put together at this stage.

- A. I support the proposed development.
- B. I would like to see some changes made to the proposed development plans, but can see the idea has merits.
- C. I am neutral – I am neither for nor against the proposed development.
- D. I have reservations. I am not sure I would be able to support this development in the Church grounds.
- E. I do not support this development in the Church grounds.

Thank you.

The Parish Church of **St Peter's Hale** Church Grounds
Consultation 2017

The Church Council of St Peter's (the PCC) would welcome your comments and observations regarding proposals for the Church Grounds at St Peter's.

In particular, we would like to know about your experiences and views on car parking in the local area when attending Church for Services or events, and whether you would find the provision of some on-site parking helpful.

Please can we invite you to complete this response form, which can be placed in the box in Church or handed in at the Parish Office. Forms can be returned up until 30th June 2017, and will be reviewed by the PCC in July.

Members of the wider community, including our immediate neighbours, will also be consulted as part of Trafford's planning process.

Before completing your form, please read through the enclosed document, which explains the proposals further. Drawings showing how Phase I of developing the Church grounds might look are on display boards in Church, which is open from 9.30am until 6.00pm daily (including Saturdays).

Thank you.

Name _____

Address _____

We will not be able to consider anonymous submissions. However, if you would like your name and address to remain confidential, then please tick here and your comments will be presented without your name attached.

Please treat my submission as confidential. Thank you.

1. Car Parking Locally – please make any comments regarding experiences with car parking when attending Church at any time, and how we might help people coming to Church (especially those who are less mobile), or relieve pressure on the surrounding streets during Services and events.

2. Car Parking Proposal – please make any comments regarding the proposal suggested as Phase 1 of developing the Church grounds, for a car park using the empty area behind the Vicarage, accessed from Harrop Rd. Please indicate if you would anticipate using an on-site car park.

3. Landscaping and the Church Grounds – other aspects of the project might include appropriate landscaping of some of the Grounds, cutting back some trees to improve visibility and perhaps adding other features. The large open space will be retained. Do you have any thoughts on this?

4. Any questions? – do you have any questions that you'd like further information about?

Are there aspects of the proposed project that you'd like to be involved in developing further?

Please complete the final section overleaf. Thank you.