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Sent: 24 May 2019
To: Rex Andrew
Subject: Your ref: Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 - Diocese of Portsmouth
- Benefices of Barton; Carisbrooke; the Castle; Carisbrooke;
Gatcombe

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Rex Andrew – Pastoral
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24th May 2019

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We are writing to you from a personal perspective as Churchwarden, Chair and also PCC Secretary of St. Pauls' PCC, Newport, Isle of Wight wishing to formally make representation and object against the proposed pastoral reorganisation by Rt Revd Bishop Christopher Foster and the Portsmouth Diocese.

We fully support the objections which have been submitted as a PCC, but wish to add our own thoughts along with them to officially object on the following grounds.

- 1. Firstly and most importantly after prayer, fasting and seeking the Lord as a congregation we do not believe this scheme is Lord's will for Newport or the St. Paul's family.** – We feel the Lord has clearly indicated on seeking his will as a church family that we are not to enter into a situation where we find ourselves “in bondage” and unable to be the people God has called us to be.
- 2. This proposed scheme is already causing long term damage to a flourishing and growing Anglican church in Newport.** – We find the current situation most disturbing and are concerned for the mental well-being of many members of the church family,

particularly those in leadership positions, committed Christians and committed to St. Paul's. Many in the congregation are now so despondent with the diocese for various reasons; how the vacancy has been dealt with, a recent Archdeacon appointment and the current pastoral proposal. Wanting to be good stewards, a good number of people have now taken matters into their own hands by withholding their offerings until the situation is satisfactorily resolved or that they can put their offering into something that will be more beneficial to the local community and the gospel. Sadly it has also been suggested to us that conversations have allegedly taken place in Bishops Council about how senior clergy and the diocese would deal with parishes who would not go along with the proposed reorganisation and that they would use, if necessary, a heavy hand. Should this turn out to be correct, we would be deeply concerned about the damage that would be caused to this loving congregation, particularly those who are 'baby' Christians in the faith and the impressionable young people in the fellowship. – Damage is undoubtedly being done and this scheme will damage a flourishing church family. How can any appointments possibly be made with the current situation?

- 3. The diocese failed to act reasonably or fairly since the start of the informal consultation in October 2108 (and possibly illegally) by not giving adequate notice of the initial formal meeting. – less than a weeks' notice!**
- 4. At our meeting of the congregation, not a single person was in favour of the proposed scheme, so introducing this scheme will not only be against the heartfelt will of St. Paul's congregation, but will also most likely result in a significant portion of the congregation leaving the Church of England. – is this really what the diocese is wanting? - with this scheme being used to push away, what some in the diocese seem to perceive as an inconvenient, but Distinctive congregation?**
- 5. We had the impression from the Diocese that the release of funds from the Church Commissioners for mission in Newport was conditional upon this reorganisation. - We now believe this may not be the case.**
- 6. The Rt Revd Christopher Foster has not made any provision under the proposed pastoral scheme for orthodox evangelical parishes. – Our understanding is that similar schemes being proposed in other parts of the Portsmouth Diocese have been made with provision for different types of Churchmanship. Why is this not the case with the proposed scheme in Newport?**
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We would hope that serious consideration will be made to this representation and appeal to the commissioners to ask Bishop Christopher and Bishop's Council to think again.

How can this current situation be resolved and the gospel proclaimed across the town? We firstly think this will take a deep generosity of spirit and acceptance that St. Paul's is unique and distinctive by our diocese and that forcing an agenda upon us is not going to allow St. Paul's to be the people the Lord has called us to be. It had been suggested under the previous Archdeacon's Island plan that St. Paul's should be up for radical redevelopment. In light of this we would kindly ask that the commissioners and diocese reconsider the representation that St. Paul's made at the end of the formal consultation process, which was removing St. Paul's from this proposed scheme and make St. Paul's a proprietary chapel. This would enable the other parishes to embrace the pastoral scheme if they so wish, but allow St. Paul's to continue and move forward, being the people the Lord Jesus called to be - St. Paul's asking nothing from the diocese, but making links and connections with similar churches across the Island – This would be a genuinely radical way forward and would result in more mission and evangelism across Newport. This approach would we believe, go a long way to restore and heal a painful situation felt by the family at St. Paul's, but also believe a painful position felt by Bishop Christopher too.

Thank you for taking time to consider our representation.

We would be very grateful if you would personally acknowledge our letter/email and forward us any response from our Diocesan Bishop.

Yours sincerely

Andrew and Elizabeth Day

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Churchwarden & PCC Chair

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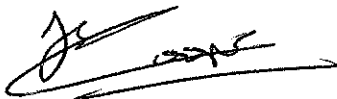
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I'm really sad that this could potentially break up my friendship group I've made through our children's group here at St Paul's with people I have been friends with for a large part of my life, and it will really upset me if this happens. I also feel this is not a good thing to happen for other children my age in my church as our church family would be split and our identity will be lost.

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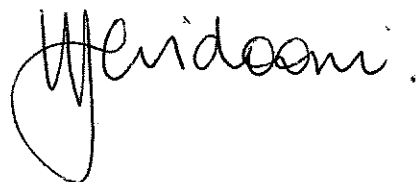
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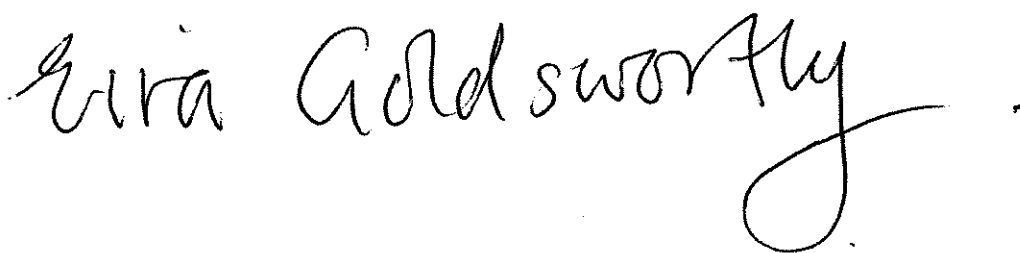
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VERONICA GOULD.

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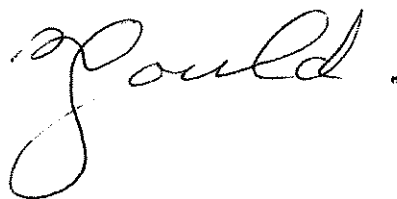
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JW.

20.5.19

Dear Commissioners,

I am physically blind, but I justly want to point out Our Churches need for a Co-ordinator & to bring together Our Mission to Pam Estate - a genuine social need area, to co-ordinate Messy Church & our 'Sleeping In' sections of our Church. We also need to co-ordinate the care of the Church Folk, young & old. Yes we need at different levels but we need some

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We need to Mission ~~for~~ local areas & the Estate & we require a Minister a Leader to do this.

12 May 2019

WE can go OUR own way & possibly appoint

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a Pastor to work with S. Army.

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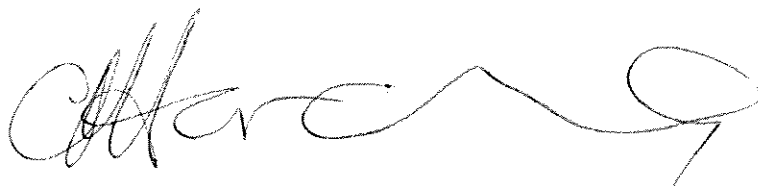
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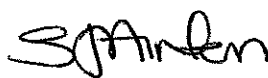
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