

Draft Pastoral (Church Buildings Disposal) Scheme

This Scheme is made by the Church Commissioners (“the Commissioners”) this day of 20.... under the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011.

Background

By a Scheme of the Commissioners made under the Pastoral Measure 1983 on the 6th day of November 2008 ("the 2008 Scheme"), the Chichester Diocesan Board of Finance (“the Board”) was empowered to lease the closed church building of St Peter, Southwick in the Diocese of Chichester (“the building”) together with the land annexed or belonging thereto (together referred to as “the property”) for use as a Healthy Living Centre and Children’s Centre and for purposes ancillary thereto.

The property is no longer used or required for the said purposes and it is now desired to make new provision for the future of the property.

NOW, it is provided as follows:-

Future of the church building and annexed land

1. The provisions of the 2008 Scheme so far as they relate to the aforesaid use of the property are hereby revoked.
2. The property shown edged by a thick black line on the annexed plan shall be appropriated to use for Christian worship, services and other religious activities in accordance with the rites and customs of the Logos International Church and/or by any other Christian body designated by the Bishop for the time being of Chichester and for social, cultural and community purposes and for purposes ancillary thereto.

Disposal

3. The Board is hereby empowered to lease the property for any or all of the said uses.

Coming into operation of this Scheme

4. This Scheme shall come into operation upon such date or dates as the Commissioners shall determine following the making of the Scheme by the Commissioners and the Commissioners shall not be obliged to bring the Scheme or any part thereof into operation until such time as they are satisfied that the conditions specified in Schedule 1 have been complied with but may do so if they so determine.

In witness of which this Scheme has been duly executed as a deed by the Church Commissioners.

Executed as a Deed by the Church Commissioners for England acting by two authorised signatories:

Signature of Authorised Signatory

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Schedule 1: Conditions

- (i) That Planning Permission has been obtained for any or all of the proposed uses.



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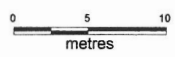
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

MISSION AND PASTORAL MEASURE 2011 DRAFT PASTORAL (CHURCH BUILDINGS DISPOSAL) SCHEME SOUTHWICK ST PETER DIOCESE OF CHICHESTER

This note accompanies a draft scheme under the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 which makes provision for the future of a closed church building, The Church Commissioners provide this information so that individuals and interested parties can understand the background to the proposals, make a reasoned judgement on the merits of the draft scheme and, if they see fit, a reasoned expression of support or objection to it.

The Current Proposals

The Commissioners have agreed to publish a draft Pastoral (Church Buildings Disposal) Scheme providing for the former church of Southwick St Peter to be used for Christian worship, services and other religious activities in accordance with the rites and customs of the Logos International Church (a member of the Evangelical Alliance) and for any social, cultural or community purposes. The property will continue to be leased by the Diocese to West Sussex County Council who will underlet the property to the Logos Church for these purposes.

Background

By a Pastoral Scheme which was made by the Commissioners on 6 November 2008, the church of St Peter's, which was a chapel of ease in the parish of Southwick, was declared closed for regular public worship and the scheme provided for the building and its annexed land to be used as a Healthy Living Centre and a Children's Centre for it to be leased for these purposes. The property was subsequently leased by the Diocese to West Sussex County Council in December 2009 for a term of 25 years. The property is no longer required for these purposes and the lessee has now requested to underlet the property as a place of Christian worship to Logos International Church.

Logos are a registered charity (number 1167811) and a member of the Evangelical Alliance of Christian churches. They propose to use the building for worship and for related social and community activities, including play groups, talks and advice services, primarily focussed towards Spanish and Portuguese speaking communities which are currently held in a number of buildings in the area.

The Building

St Peter's is situated on the south side of Gardner Road lying just north of Fishersgate Docks, approximately mid-way between Shoreham-by-Sea and Hove. It was built in 1938 in

a neo-Romanesque style to the designs of L Keir Hett. It originally comprised of a nave and chancel, and a north east tower. It is built of brick with a tiled roof. There are no burials at the property. The building is neither listed nor situated in a conservation area.

Correspondence

Further information about the proposals may be obtained from the Case Officer, Adrian Browning by e-mail at adrian.browning@churchofengland.org or by telephone at 07738 803290.

Representations against or in support of the draft Scheme

Anyone may make a representation for or against any provision of the draft Scheme.

Representations should be sent to:

**Mrs Shaman Durrant
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Church House
Great Smith Street
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Or by e-mail to: **shaman.durrant@churchofengland.org**

Any communication received after **Tuesday 7 May 2024** cannot be treated as a representation.

If we receive representations against the draft Scheme, we will send all representations, both for and against, to the Bishop, whose view will be sought. Individual representors will then receive copies of our correspondence with the Bishop (including copies of all the representations) and they may comment further in writing to us in light of the diocesan response if they so wish.

If no representations against the Scheme are received the Commissioners shall make the Scheme and bring it into effect as provided for in the scheme and explained above.

Information on the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 and its procedures can be found on the Church Commissioners' web-site at www.ccpastoral.org where there are also links to download copies of these notes and the draft scheme.

A M G Browning
2 April 2024