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Subject: AWDM/0719/11 & 0720/11 (The Pilot, Southwick) - Response to Mr Davis's comments

Dear Jo

Having tracked the status of the planning application progress online and in response to to the local resident - Mr Davis's 'facts' re the above referenced application, please see below our comments:

- The Redeemed Christian Church of God (RCCG) is a worldwide church/charity organisation and RCCG Kingdom Life Assembly is a registered charity organisation in the United Kingdom hence the activities of this church including her worship programmes CANNOT be termed 'unofficial'.

- From the church records, the police visit was only on two occasions; and on both occasions, there is no record of having to STOP the music neither was anytime the police saw any alcohol being consumed at the church premises. This can be verified with the police. Furthermore, the church is a faith body that DOES NOT involve in alcohol consumption / drug use unless rehabilitation of victims of such acts.

- The operational times and other details relating to the church activities are CLEARLY stated on the Planning Statement that accompanies this application; the church is a Pentecostal denomination and her activities are for everyone in the community; not restricted to any ethnic/race group.

- The details of operation of the snack / internet cafe are also on the Planning Statement stated above. The cafe will open independently of the church and there is no intention to sell/serve alcohol. The idea of the cafe was borne out of informal discussion with few of the local residents who mentioned about 'having their breakfast at The Pilot on their way to work in the mornings'. The cafe, we thought will compensate for loss of the pub.

- Re the external appearance, the church will enhance this as much as possible and reasonable with consideration to the tenure of use of the existing building before its redevelopment.

- There has not been a case of a church member/visitor to the church parking outside the car park areas designated for The Pilot building; neither has there been any case of taxis/mini-bus/cars blasting their horns outside the car park areas. It is worth noting that, currently, local residents do make use of these car park areas too.

- The residential flat on the first floor is an ancillary use to the church/place of worship.

- The proposed illuminated signs are not ones that will cause reflection nor public nuisance.

Conclusively, I understand from his comments that Mr Davis has concerns about this change of use application; however, most of his comments are not 'facts' as they are 'wrongful accusations' according to the church ministerial team especially the issues relating to 'several' police visits and alcohol consumption. We advise that Mr Davis should get his 'facts' correct before publicly and wrongfully accusing the church organisation or any of the members for consuming alcohol on the premises; these accusations could be seen as act of 'defamation'.

We hope this clarifies issues raised by Mr Davis and we look forward to the Council's response.

Kind regards

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