



THE WORTHING SOCIETY

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WORTHING SOCIETY RESPONSE

AWDM/1296/25 : ST CHARLES BORROMEO CHURCH, CHESSWOOD ROAD, WORTHING BN11 2AE

Demolition of Church and Presbytery and erection of 9 houses (2 x 5 bed; 7 x 4 bed plus access, parking, landscaping and retention of memorial garden.

I am writing on behalf of the Worthing Society regarding the above Planning Application which relates to a distinctive ecclesiastical building which is included on the Council's Local Interest List. Buildings recorded on this Register are considered to have significant architectural or historic interest at a local level.

The church was designed by the noted architect, Henry Bingham Towner, and dates from 1962. Built of unusual Cotswold stone, the church occupies a landmark site and contributes positively to the development of this part of East Worthing. There is an associated Presbytery and memorial garden as part of the layout of the ecclesiastical site. Prior to the construction of the church, the local congregation had to meet at the Dolphin Public House.

We understand that declining congregations present challenges but consider other options such as conversion to residential use or a community facility, rather than demolition, could be a way forward.

In summary and for the reasons stated, the Society objects to the proposed demolition of this locally listed building which forms part of Worthing's unique heritage and development.

Yours sincerely

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cc: Planning Dept., Adur & Worthing Councils (REDACTED)