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Subject: Re: Application SMD/2025/0179 - Change of use of part of the building from church community room to ground floor flat - FLAT , GORSTY HILL UNITED REFORM CHURCH , Gorsty Hill Road , Upper Tean

Checkley Parish council (CPC) acknowledge that the Applicant is applying for a change of use of part of a Church Building used as a community room (F1) to residential use as a Ground floor flat (C3).

CPC note that the Applicant has not provided sufficient and satisfactory evidence that the community use is no longer viable or that there is convenient alternative provision as required by the Checkley Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan policy COM1.

" COM1: Community, Sport and Recreational Facilities ; Clause 2. Development proposals that would involve the loss of an existing community facility will only be supported where a similar existing or replacement facility will be available in a convenient location for users, or it can be demonstrated in accordance with SMDC Local Plan Policy C1(3) that the community use is no longer needed or viable. "

CPC are therefore of the opinion that this Application can not be approved as the Applicant has failed to demonstrate that a similar existing or replacement facility will be available in a convenient location for users, or that the community use is no longer needed or viable.

Cllr Steve Buckley
Planning Coordinator

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