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To: Planning Comments (SMDC)
Subject: SMD/2025/0531

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing with regard to planning application SMD/2025/0531 Cheadle Methodist Church and the demolition of the old Methodist church hall.

The application is an improvement on the previous one and we appreciate the removal of a car park with access onto Charles Street with subsequent loss of on street parking for Charles Street residents.

1) I am surprised at the loss of existing parking spaces, including disabled, at the Methodist Church, in the new plans. Where are these vehicles going to go? As previously expressed, parking is extremely difficult on Charles Street and we do not wish for cars attending the church or church hall to start parking in our road and exacerbating existing problems.

2) The plans have the area on Charles Street next to the proposed garden marked as "existing no parking zone". This is an area of 'access protection markings' put in place for the use of the disabled minibuses being used by the Homelink Charity that used to occupy 17 Charles Street. It is advisory and residents kept it clear during charity working hours on the two week days the charity was working and could use it at all other times, allowing parking when coming home from work etc. Since the charity no longer occupies the building (having been given notice by the applicants), there is no issue of blocking access and the road is fully used for parking at all times. The notation on the plans submitted suggests that the church wishes to permanently enforce the lines put in for the charity for their own purposes, thereby reducing parking once more on Charles Street for residents. Have they got something planned? What is it?

3) The existence of a function room, memorial garden and allotments with their nearest access route being Charles Street is naturally going to incline visitors to park on Charles Street with all the problems previously mentioned regarding parking. For the function room this is exacerbated by the plans removing existing parking spaces between the church and existing church hall. Where are caterers etc going to park? Charles Street. Where are people attending the gardens or allotments going to park? Charles Street.

4) Noise and disturbance from the function room and more particularly from the garden opening out from the function room. This is a worry. We are a quiet neighbourhood and wouldn't wish to have drunken wedding parties etc and noise from sound systems etc. particularly at evenings and weekends. Also, won't smokers from events end up congregating on Charles Street to smoke and dump their cigarette butts?

Apart from the issues mentioned above, the plans seem good. Copying the garden wall and railings opposite is a nice touch.

Yours faithfully,
Dr. Elizabeth Young
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