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Dear Friend,

Planning Application at former Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, Blackhorse Road, Kingswood (PK15/4995/F)

The planning application to convert the former Wesleyan Methodist Chapel on Blackhorse Road, Kingswood into 15 flats and the creation of a car parking area over part of the burial ground has now progressed through South Gloucestershire Council's planning process to the point where a recommendation is being made.

The planning officer dealing with the application has recommended that the application be approved. As the local councillors for the area we do not have the power to approve or refuse planning permission. However, from time-to-time, controversial applications like this do arise and a mechanism is in place (known as "calling-in") that allows us to ask for the final decision on such applications to be taken by a committee of councillors at a public meeting at which the public can speak.

Due to concerns that have been expressed about this potential development we have "called-in" the application. In addition to asking for the decision to be made at a public meeting, we can also ask for the committee to visit the site beforehand - and we have done this with this application.

The date on which the committee will visit the site is Friday 17th June. The committee are due to arrive at 9.40am. Anyone who has written to the Council about this application should also receive notification direct from the planning department.

The Site Inspection on the 17th is a public meeting, so anyone can attend. During the committee's visit there is a 3-minute slot available for local residents to speak. However, this is 3 minutes in total. It is, therefore, usual practice for residents to nominate a representative to speak from amongst themselves.

The actual decision on this application will not be taken on the 17th June. The decision will be made at a later date - possibly 30th June - and we will write to you again when the date/time of the decision-making meeting is confirmed. If you have access to the Internet, we have created shortcuts (case-sensitive) to the paperwork for the application (<http://tinyurl.com/ChapelApp>) and also the Site Inspection on the 17th June (item numbers 9 and 10 at <http://tinyurl.com/ChapelAppSites>).

With best wishes,

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