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Subject: Caversham Baptist Free Church 190738 and 190739

Dear Mr Hughes

I am writing on behalf of the Caversham and District Residents Association (CADRA) in relation to the 2 linked applications 190738 and 190739.

CADRA expressed concern about the earlier application and has since had direct correspondence with the Church. The Baptist Church is both an important listed building and an important focal centre for Caversham.

It is our view that the ramp, railing and balustrade should be as simple and uncluttered as possible so as not to detract from the important listed building. We welcome the additional planting to the entrance frontage, the reuse of the original strap work hinges on the main door and note that the original Waterhouse door is to be long term stored. The signage on the tower and above the side door now looks more discrete and we understand it is no longer LED lit. The illuminated traffic sign remaining where it is in the road is preferable to it being bolted to the tower, although we recognise there is no ideal solution for this sign.

We raised with the Church the potential risk of a wheelchair descending the ramp and running on to the road. We understand that this is addressed by the curve of the ramp and the gentle slope.

kind regards

Caversham and District Residents Association

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