

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO THE VALE CHURCH CAR PARK

(TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH APPENDED DRAWINGS)

The application to carry out work to improve the car park at the Vale Church is a joint venture between the Traffic and Highways Services of the States of Guernsey (“THS”) and the Vale Commons Council (“VCC”).

As the Development and Planning Authority (“DPA”) will be aware, the surface of the car park has long been in need of attention, and the area has been subject to long-term misuse, such that there is sometimes little or no parking space available for users of the Church or the two cemeteries on the Vale Commons. At its worst, some sixteen abandoned vehicles were removed prior to a recent military funeral.

THS and VCC have entered into a Memorandum of Understand whereby, with the exception of signage, the VCC will meet the cost of the proposed works and planting, and will maintain the car park thereafter. Those works, and the details of proposed planting, are set out in the attached drawing (5796/A/3) and the scheme of planting prepared by Jamie Hooper of Environment Guernsey Limited.

As will be seen, the works involve sympathetic improvement to part of the surface of the car park and the allocation of parking in three areas: long term 23-hour parking, short term 3-hour parking and an area of dedicated parking for nearby residents. At the suggestion of the DPA, a disabled parking bay will be designated in one of the spaces at the western end of the car park.

The choice of surfaces has been arrived at in order to level and stabilise those areas which require the most immediate attention. Budgetary constraints require that an overall plan for improving the car park will be phased over time, as the financial resources of the VCC permit. The first phase (to which this application relates) is expected to cost around £35,000.

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For and on behalf of vale commons council