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To whom it may concern

I cannot attend the meeting but I would like to submit a statement.

I am really excited about the prospect of the Bingo Hall being used as a church. This will bring many positives to Shirley, for looking at the church website it would seem that they have many groups and opportunities for the people of Shirley. I really do hope they will keep the external aspect of the Bingo Hall, it is a beautiful building and would be good to see that maintained, as the Victory church in Portswood has done.

My only concern as a close resident is the parking aspect.

Janson Road and the surrounding roads are already very difficult to park in as a resident. Many people use the road to park in if they work in the local shops. Cruise passengers leave their cars here for weeks at a time, and if they are overhanging your drive that can mean many days of difficulty getting in and out of it.

We have multiple occupancy housing at the end of our road and they all park on the pavement which makes it hard if you have a wheelchair or a buggy. And everyone parks on the double yellows at the end of the road, and nobody stops them.

The church opening times are going to be long and not just at weekends but everyday and every evening. And all I can see is how this will only create parking problems for those of us who live in the surrounding roads. There will only be 23 dedicated parking spaces on the plans. The church says it has a membership of 400. Yes there is a bus route, but who with a car is going to use a bus when they can conveniently get themselves there using this means and if they are staying late in the evening, possibly 11.00pm.

And so then where will 400 people park? In the adjoining roads I would imagine, which will just make it impossible for anyone who actually lives in these roads, and I have already stated that parking is awful in particularly our road.

The roads are not safe, people drive down them at speeds that are ridiculous, buses and lorries come down here and I think this will cause an accident that is just waiting to happen.

The parking really does need to be considered over everything else, and a satisfactory guaranteed answer needs to be given, not just we have a minibus, and there is a bus route. The church needs to be able to guarantee that their presence will not cause anymore disruption to residents in the adjoining roads, and they need to be held accountable for this, if these plans are passed.

Kind Regards  
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