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Tilehurst St George Transport Plan 12 April 2016

Introduction

This travel plan was drawn up by the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of Tilehurst St George at its meeting on Tuesday 12 April 2016. It was created in response to queries from officers of Reading Borough Council, during the application process for planning permission to redevelop the church hall adjacent to the Church. Under the proposed scheme the church's existing parking provision of 13 spaces would be reduced to 8 and the officers were concerned that there should be a plan to mitigate the loss of spaces during times of worship.

Purpose

The purpose of the this plan is to make 8 parking spaces only necessary for public worship at St George's Church, Tilehurst. The following actions will meet this need and build stability for the future.

Actions

During the building process the PCC will:

1. promote car sharing among users of the church;
2. promote and advertise the use of buses, especially routes 15, 16 and 17 which run regularly along the Oxford Road, with the Pond House and Brock Gardens stops being easy walking distance from the church;
3. promote cycling, and will provide plenty of spaces where cycles can be locked securely;
4. promote walking, by concentrating the advertising of events at the church to the local area;
5. make five new off-road parking spaces available to worshippers at the Vicarage, 98 Grovelands Road;
6. promote and advertise Readibus;
7. make regular approaches to the Ibis Hotel on the Oxford Road to ask if worshippers may use the pay and display car park there, which currently they are not able to do.

Upon completion of the building process the PCC will:

8. continue actions 1-7;
9. make available two more spaces on the north side of the church for worshippers.

Review Date 12 April 2017

Signed

A. J. Carlill (Vicar)

