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Tilehurst St George

Transport Plan

4th Nov 2014

Introduction

This Transport Plan was created by Tilehurst St George's Parochial Church Council (PCC) in response to the need to maximise the available space on the site of Tilehurst St George for housing development without impacting adversely on the church's parking arrangements or the availability of on street parking for local residents in St George's Road and St George's Terrace. The site development plans which are to be submitted to Reading Borough Council (RBC) for consideration by the planning committee allow for 10 parking spaces on site for church and hall users. Currently the church has available 13 spaces, so there is a shortfall of 3 in the current plans. This policy was adopted by the PCC in order to make up this shortfall and to address the need for extra parking during the construction phase of the site development.

Policy

The Vicar, Churchwardens and PCC have identified the following measures which will be implemented to meet the shortfall in parking spaces following a successful planning application.

1. A car pooling scheme will be organised.
2. Local bus routes will be advertised in church.
3. The use of Readibus will be promoted.
4. The vicarage drive will be made available during service times.
5. Other people who live near the church and have off-road parking will be encouraged to offer spaces.
6. People with blue badges will be encouraged to use them in appropriate on-street locations.
7. People will be encouraged to use Oxford Road Travel Lodge car park opposite St George's Road, and an approach will be made to negotiate the potential for favourable rates.
8. Approaches will be made to the Albion and the Pondhouse, local public houses, to see whether their car parks might be made available to church users, again at favourable rates.
9. Grant funding will be sought towards the use of a community minibus such as the one at Lovegroves Funeral Directors.

Adoption and Review

The policy was adopted unanimously by the PCC on Tuesday 4th November 2014 and will be reviewed annually or more frequently should the need arise.



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