

23rd November 2020

Canterbury City Council The Planning Department Military Road Canterbury CT1 1YW

Dear Sir/Madam

I have found it difficult to use your Planning Portal and I am therefore sending a hard copy of a request for planning consent for a gate to be erected at the entrance of All Saints hall car park.

The Monument Public House (opposite the church) has erected a marquee in its car park and subsequently closed their car park. Because of this their patrons are now using our hall car park. This is in addition to a general increase in unauthorised use and affects funerals, baptisms, services in the church and much more. It is also a safety issue as the church hall car park is used by people who have hired the hall, and this includes brownies, the scouting movement and the nursery school; also, children's groups from the church plus the elderly. Cars enter the church hall car park without slowing down and leave after drinking at the pub without taking care and at the moment we have no control over who uses our car park. This is why we hope that a gate will help with this very worrying safety issue and we would appreciate your help so that we may address this problem as soon as possible.

We have done a risk assessment of the church hall car park and I include this with our application.

I also include with this application:

Maps and ownership of the church car park.

A quotation and dimensions of the gate.

A picture of the proposed gate.

Photographs at the entrance to the car park where gate will be situated.

The risk assessment of the car park without any control.

If there is any other information you require please let me know.

Yours faithfully.

Margaret Arnold (Churchwarden, All Saints Church, Whitstable)