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Date: 5th June 2026
Your ref: BN/52/26/S73
My ref: J013/JRS

For the attention of Amber Willard MRTPI
Principal Planning Officer

Dear Amber

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
APPLICATION: BN/52/26/S73
THE FORMER CROFT SURGERY BARNHAM ROAD EASTERGATE PO20 3RP

Thank you for your email on Friday 29th May 2026, which I have discussed with the applicants, who are a registered charity, and their property advisors. We appreciate your comments and we do not seek confrontation on the issues raised.

In particular, the applicants are willing to agree in principle to variations of the conditions, rather than removal.

I will respond to each condition in turn, in the light of your comments.

Condition 4 – EV Charging Points

1. We appreciate your agreement that provision of passive provision is not required at this site.
2. The applicants have now advised that the practical difficulty in providing 4 active chargers is with the existing electrical supply to the existing buildings. I understand that this is a single phase 240V mains supply, with limited capacity. The existing supply rating will accommodate no more than 2 active charging points.
3. To comply with the local policy, the applicants will be required to arrange for a new three-phase 440V electricity supply, which will involve a main road crossing, for which they have been quoted £60,000.00.
4. In view of the proposed use by a charity with limited budgets, rather than a commercial organisation, and an infrequent use for limited periods, with members of the congregation living within walking distance from the site, and the likelihood that vehicles will be at the site for an hour at the most for each of the regular services; it is submitted that the above financial outlay is unjustified and disproportionate for a charitable organisation.
5. In all these circumstances, the applicants are willing to provide 2 active charging points.

Condition 6 – Hours of Use

6. A similar issue has recently been considered by East Herts Council, where a S73 application in respect of hours of use was resolved by a variation of the original hours. I attach a copy of the decision notice reference 3/26/0086/VAR, dated 15th May 2026. Condition 10 refers to hours of use in the following terms:

The building and car park shall not be used at any time outside the hours of 05:30am to 22:00pm Sundays and 08:00am to 22:00pm Monday to Saturday. When the premises cease to be occupied by the East Herts Gospel Hall Trust Charity or their nominees, the building and car park shall not be used at any time outside the hours of 8:00am to 22:00pm Monday to Sunday.

Reason

In the interests of neighbouring amenity and in accordance with policies DES4 and EQ2 of the East Herts District Plan 2018.

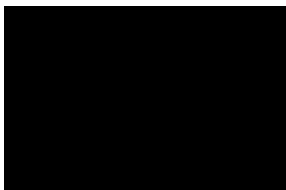
7. The applicants are willing to accept similar restrictions at this site, which will allow some future flexibility if required as well as the Sunday morning service.

Conclusion

I hope that the above response will assist the Council in a sympathetic consideration of the current application.

Please let me know if any further discussion is needed or if you will require any further information.

Yours sincerely



John R Shephard