

NOISE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Date: 05 May 2026

Proposed Development: Change of use of the existing building and associated facilities from a doctor surgery (Use Class E) to a place of worship (Use Class F) and all associated works and infrastructure, without compliance with conditions 4 (EV charging points) and 6 (Hours of use restriction) in planning permission BN/130/25/PL.

Location: The Croft Surgery, Barnham Road, Eastergate
PO20 3RP

Applicants: Springfield Gospel Trust

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Planning permission has been granted for the proposed Change of use of the existing building from a doctor surgery (Use Class E) to a place of worship (Use Class F), subject to planning conditions.

1.2 Condition 4 of the recent planning permission states:

Within three months from first occupation of the development, the applicant or developer shall provide electric vehicle charge points to serve the parking spaces associated with the approved use in accordance with the council's standards as set out in its Parking Standards SPD. This requires EV charging points in 30% of parking spaces (rising to 50% from 2028 and 100% from 2033) with electric ducting provided to all other spaces to provide passive provision for these spaces to be upgraded in future. The electric vehicle charge points shall thereafter be retained and maintained in good working condition.

Reason: To mitigate against adverse impacts on local air quality and to promote sustainable travel, in accordance with Arun Local Plan policy QE DM3(c), the Arun Parking Standards SPD and the NPPF.

1.3 Condition 6 of the recent planning permission states:

The building shall not be used except between the hours of 19:00 - 21:00 on Mondays and 06:00 - 08:00 on Sundays.

Reason: To safeguard the amenities of the neighbouring properties in accordance with Arun Local Plan policies D DM1, QE DM1 & Q DM2.

1.4 This application seeks the removal of the above planning conditions.

- 1.5 The proposed use will include weekly services on Sunday mornings and periodically on Sunday afternoons, and weekly services on Monday evenings. This is primarily for local worship by households living in or close to Eastergate. Vehicular access is from Barnham Road, and the existing off-road car parking will be retained with hard surfacing.
- 1.6 This Noise Management Plan is prepared to document design and management procedures to ensure that the proposed place of worship can operate in harmony with neighbouring occupiers and avoid any disturbance to people living nearby.

2. KEY OBJECTIVES OF NOISE MANAGEMENT PLAN

- 2.1 The key objectives/outcomes from this Noise Management Plan are:
- Minimising the impact on local residents and neighbouring occupiers
 - Satisfying Environmental Protection and the Local Planning Authority
 - The identification and management of the range of potential noise sources related to the premises and all specified events and activities
 - A complaints procedure – including recording of actions/outcomes and regular review

3. DESIGN TO MANAGE NOISE IMPACTS

- 3.1 The existing building and car park are located on the north side of Barnham Road Eastergate, within the Built-Up Area Boundary.
- 3.2 The proposed place of worship is located to the northwest of the plot and car parking spaces are provided close to the northeast and eastern boundaries. The existing car park and access is paved with bound materials. The site frontage is enclosed by the existing fence, mature hedge and gates.
- 3.3 The proposed place of worship has limited fenestration with existing windows on all elevations. The main entrance is from the existing carpark, on the eastern elevation.

4. MANAGEMENT MEASURES TO MINIMISE NOISE IMPACTS

- 4.1 The following management measures are proposed to minimise noise impacts:

Component	Measures to be taken
Internal music	No musical instruments or pre-recorded amplified music. Unaccompanied voice singing. External doors and lobby closed during services.
Outside music	No outside music is to be permitted at any time.
Worshippers and car park	Worshippers will gather in sobriety with due regard to neighbours. Car doors will be shut quietly – not slammed – both on arrival and departure. On Sunday mornings, no general

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conversation in car park on arrival or departure. Greetings limited to foyer and/or meeting area. Trustees will monitor regularly to discourage loitering, chatting or inconsiderate and noisy driving. Use of vehicle stereos in or close to the church car park is inappropriate and inconsistent with a place of worship. Departures to be prompt following services and normally within 15 - 20 minutes. The car park is not a children's play area and families will be always supervised. The premises are primarily for the use of local households who will gather as families in their own vehicles. Taxis or private hire operator vehicles are not used. The car park gates will be bolted and padlocked when not in use. Chain and lock will not be utilised. The gates will be maintained in good condition, with hinges and locks being regularly lubricated. Care will be taken in opening and closing the gate, especially on Sunday mornings.

Deliveries and Collections	Deliveries to the premises are abnormal and will be limited to normal weekday working hours. Waste removal is limited and will usually be in bags taken away by cleaners on weekly or fortnightly basis. Preparation of hall for Sunday service normally undertaken on Saturday during daylight hours.
Smoking shelters, external seating and eating areas	None proposed. The applicants have a no-smoking policy. No external seating or eating is proposed.
Gardens and play areas	Periodic grounds maintenance will be undertaken during normal working hours. No play areas are proposed.
Weddings	The proposed Place of Worship will not be licensed for solemnising of marriages – this is limited to the larger 'City' hall ¹ .
Mechanical equipment air con/extractors	All mechanical equipment will vent to the northeast of the building, with systems being fitted with sound attenuators as required.
Open-air public events and festivals	No open-air public events and festivals are held.
Complaints	In the unlikely event of complaints, these can be made by telephone on the contact number to be displayed on the public notice board at the entrance or in writing to the Trustees. A responsible person will be nominated to ensure a

¹ Nyton Road Aldingbourne Chichester PO20 3TX

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prompt sympathetic and polite response, together with a review of the circumstances and recording of actions/outcomes. The record of complaints will be reviewed annually as a minimum and will be available to the Council's Environmental Protection Team on request.

NMP Review and Update	This NMP will be reviewed and updated within 12 months of first occupation of the proposed Place of Worship and thereafter at five years intervals or following three consecutive justified complaints being received.
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