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ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL
RESOURCES DEPT

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ACTION...

Ref.Proposed Car Park.St.Thomas a Becket Church.

Design and Access Statement.

The reason for making this Application is to improve the present situation with regard to the accessability of Church Lane,Pagham in the immediate vicinity of the Church. Church Lane is a narrow lane leading to the Church and terminating at the path to Pagham Harbour.The Church is served at present by a flint walled car Park which used to be a series of agricultural Barns since demolished leaving space for the parking of approximately 15 cars.

The Lane is virtually blocked by cars parking on the verges of the lane during services,Weddings and Funerals.causing inconvenience for the residents of Little Welbourne ,Grey Barn,Wishbone Cottage,Millstone Cottage and the Vicarage as well as obstruction to potential visitors to Pagham Harbour.Yhe entrance to the present Car Park is directly opposite the church.

It is therefore proposed that a new carpark is provided immediately adjacent to the existing park utilising an existing access gate in close vicinity previously used as an access to the farm land.

The proposed new car park will measure 33metres wide by 30 metres deep which compares favourably with the dimension of the existing car park and will enable 25 cars to park off road,thus alleviating the congestion in the Lane.

The intention is to surround the proposed park with a post and rail fence and shrub hedges which will shield the park effectively and soften any potential impact on the street scene as it shelters comfortably beneath the walls of the existing park.

The owner has been consulted and has previously been sympathetic to this proposal and The Chairman of the Council has also been consulted and is in favour of the proposal.

It is contended that this proposal will be of considerable benefit to the village,will solve a current problem for the Church ,and alleviate the passage of cars to a national protected area.



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