

STATEMENT OF CLARIFICATION

The reason for this clarification statement is ensure Mr Bamptons professional reputation has not been damaged due to a slight misunderstanding by the Parish Council and the content of a recent village circular issued by Mrs Woodhouse.

In the Parish Councils letter to the Archdeacon, Vicar, PCC, DAC Chair dated the 16th March 2017 there was a slight misunderstanding.

It was stated in para 10 of our letter “Additionally, it was stated at a recent site meeting between Bill Bampton and the fire officer that access and turning for emergency vehicles was an issue and would restrict the already very limited parking even further to just a handful of places”.

Mr Bampton clarifies as follows:

1. It was not Mr Bampton who met the fire officer but one of his colleagues Mr D. Needham and Mr D. Gaillard. However Mr Bampton did report at the Parish Council meeting hence the misunderstanding.
2. Mr Bampton also states that he outlined in planning terms that there was no difference between a Church and a Community Centre, therefore permission for a change of use was not required but it would be to alter it.
3. Mr Bampton also confirmed that there would be no requirement for a turning head for the fire engine but they would require a width of approx 3.7 meters clear up the roadway.
4. Mr Bampton also confirmed that Mr G. George had informed him that he had told Mrs Woodhouse that she could not use his land/ditch and therefore the combination of the reduced width and the requirement of the fire engine would eliminate most of the parking spaces shown.
5. Regarding parking within the graveyard which would require planning approval from Uttlesford District Council. Mr Nigel Brown, Chief Planning Officer, had confirmed that planning approval would be unlikely to be forthcoming.

The combination of the above would result in minimal parking being available and therefore would not change the Parish Council’s position that ‘just a handful of places’ would be available.

Cllr C. Elkington

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