

ADDENDUM 02.08.16

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Target decision date:	8 August 2016	Ward:	Whitley Bay

Application type: full planning application

Location: Mission Hall Coquet Avenue Whitley Bay Tyne And Wear NE26 1EE

Proposal: Change of use and alterations to former church hall to form swimming pool and cafe. Provide mild steel gates and railings to existing front and side boundaries

Applicant: Mr Marc Dining, Mission Hall Coquet Avenue Whitley Bay Tyne And Wear NE26 1EE

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RECOMMENDATION: Application Permitted

A letter of representation has been received setting out details of a former use of the building. This letter is attached.

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To whom it may concern,

The Church building in Coquet Avenue was used by Coquet Avenue Evangelical Church, from the late 80s, we took over from another Church who used the building for over 60 years.

I was involved in youth work during my time there from about 1990.

The church was used for many activities, from pea and pie suppers to food parcels drop off for a trip to war torn Croatia, in which members of the Church were involved in and went,

Outside the grass was used for bouncy castle fun days which were very popular, using the front entrance outside to cook burgers, We even had a small soccer tournament.

Many funerals were held there and dedications, we also had several wedding receptions there.

We had keep fit classes, and dance groups.

Our Church services started on Sunday mornings at 10am followed by Family Service at 11.30am food was always served on first Sunday of the month.

Tuesday at 2pm Ladies met and 8pm that same night Bible Study Group.

Friday morning was Mums and Toddlers with at time over 20 Mums with Children, they mostly walked in from the local area after School drop off for their older Children.

On Friday night it was Light Factory Youth Group for Teenagers in which all activities were undertaken using the outside as well as the inside.

On the 3rd Saturday of the month we had Dads Toddler Group, with Bacon Sandwiches served, on the last Saturday each month we held Kids Craft Club with craft making and other activities.

All through the year we have had activities Big and Bold Christian Road Show, Holiday Kids Club.

The Building was always a busy place, and we found that most people walked to the Church, when we had large events like the Carol service which was 4pm near Christmas were over 100 people came we advised the to park in the car park at the Old Library Site or on the Playhouse Car park.

We had no Issues with any of the people around us during our time, but were sensitive to the area.

We moved in 2011 as the work took us to Hillheads Community Chuch, in Kingsley Avenue, where a new building was erected to serve that Community, in which we are now continuing the work but doing even more.

Coquet Avenue Building is a great place and ideal for the local Community

