

To the Secretary  
The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical  
Parish of St Mary with St Faith & St Francis, Alverstoke  
Green Road  
Alverstoke  
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PO12 2ET

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Dear Sir

**Re: Alverstoke Parish Centre Regeneration Project**

We are pleased to note that planning permission for the new Parish Centre has been granted and that detailed technical specifications are being drawn up. Once this process is complete, we understand that invitations to tender for the construction phase will be issued.

We are aware that, as the Managing Trustees, the Parochial Church Council ("PCC") has the power under section 5 of the St Mary, Alverstoke, Burial Ground Act 1965 ("the Act") "from time to time [to] lay out and develop the [former] burial ground and erect ... buildings or structures thereon ... for such ecclesiastical and charitable purposes as they may think fit" without requiring our express consent. Our consent would be required only if the PCC decided to sell or lease the land, so the right to occupy and develop the land is the PCC's in perpetuity by reason of the Act. We are, nevertheless, happy to confirm that the Portsmouth Diocesan Board of Finance, in which title to the former burial ground is vested, is fully supportive of the project, which will serve the community of Alverstoke and the surrounding areas."

We appreciate that funding for the project will depend on grants from a number of organisations and we would be content for this letter to be shared with such organisations.

Yours faithfully



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Head of Strategic Implementation & Resources