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Places of Worship and Faith Related Community and Educational Uses.

Reponses to Appendix 3 in order listed.

- 1) The daily use would be small, around say 20 people, but this would be greater on a Saturday with a congregation of about 550 and on four very special occasions the capacity may increase to 750 to 780 which is the capacity of the building. The hours of opening are on the application form.
- 2) Special events will not exceed four and will be based around specific special events on the religious calendar such as Easter and Christmas. These would operate within the opening times set out on the application form.
- 3) The floor space calculation figures are detailed on the submitted existing and proposed floor area schedules. The submitted drawings show the layout of accommodation.
- 4) As the submitted drawings show there is adequate space in the building allocated for toilets, vestry, kitchen, multipurpose rooms offering ample storage and changing rooms. The extensive car parking area is detailed on submitted drawing MC/2220/06B.
- 5) A full detailed Environmental Noise Report has been submitted with the application.
- 6) A full detailed Transport Assessment has been submitted with the application.
- 7) As shown on submitted on drawing MC/2220/06B Car, Minibus and Cycle parking are clearly shown together with drop off open spaces for larger vehicles or coaches.
The parking spaces are numbered and disability spaces clearly shown.
- 8) The access arrangements from the car park are via a large Entrance Lobby with double doors providing good access for people with disabilities together with further double doors leading into the main congregation area. This modern building will have all the necessary ramps, handrails and signage to assist the congregation.

- 9) The nearest Seventh-Day Adventist Churches to the application site are at Aston-Newtown, Lichfield Road, B6 5SX, 24 Windsor Street South, B7 4HX & 18 Western Road, B24 9BL. All these churches could not provide for the number of followers connected to this Handsworth site. All the congregations tend to be from the church locality and Handsworth is no exception.
- The existing church on the site has provided worshipers with a church, but as the congregation has grown it has become too small to hold services for the whole of its congregation so that they can worship together.
- As the existing site has been owned and used by the Seventh-day Adventists since 1967 it made sense to purchase the adjoining site in 2001 to cater for the expanding congregation. The result of the joining of the two sites is this application for a new church building, large car park and retention of the existing church.