
MEMORANDUM

From:	Catherine Brimble Senior Landscape Officer		
Service	WBC Landscape and Trees	App No:	251538
Address:	Shinfield Baptist Church, Fairmead Road, Shinfield, Wokingham, RG2 9DL.		
Proposal:	Full planning application for the proposed partial demolition of existing church and associated buildings and replacement with new church building, upgrade to existing building together with reorganisation of parking area, landscaping and associated site works.		
Type of Development:	Minor All other developments		
Site Visit Made:	Yes/No		

Summary Of Recommendations

- ☐ No comment
- ☐ No objection
- ☒ No objection subject to conditions (and reasons) **stated below**
- ☐ Request further information before determination as **stated below**
- ☐ Objection due to the reason(s) **stated below**

Comments On Proposal

The site is located adjacent to Hollow Land which is designated as a Green Route and there are no existing trees adjacent to this boundary at present.

Additional information has been provided to address highway comments. I have no objection to the replacement church building and formalisation of the car park as shown on the revised drawings.

The Proposed Landscaping Plan submitted with this application indicates that a number of new trees will be planted as part of the proposals, this is welcome and will contribute to the character of the Green Route in this area in accordance with Local Plan policy CC03.

As previously stated in my pre-app comments (241088), it is important that the design of the car park provides for appropriately sized tree pits to enable the any trees planted, to grow and thrive into the future. Many of the trees proposed adjacent to the site boundary will have difficulty in growing either surrounded by block paving or gravel. Further landscape details including tree species and tree pit details

(probably requiring some underground soil cells) will need to be provided through a landscape condition, if the application is approved.

Conditions & Reasons (if required)

Standard condition – CL5 - Landscaping

Date:	15 th January 2026	Signed:	C. Brimble
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