

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you in support of the proposed new Parish Centre at St Leonard's Church Chesham Bois. I would like to make several points to the planning committee:

The present church centre is reaching the end of its service life and is no longer fit for purpose given both current and planned use.

St Leonard's is a flourishing Anglican church, and ministry is constrained by the small mediaeval church and the unsuitability of the Beacon School premises for larger services.

The project will largely re-use church land to provide a sensitively designed eco-friendly centre for both church and community use.

Parking has been carefully thought through and will not cause additional problems in the area.

The Rectory is also no longer fit for purpose, and the Diocese of Oxford is fully behind its redevelopment as part of the project.

The Bishop of Buckingham warmly endorses the endeavour as do I as Area Dean.

I commend the new Parish Centre plans to you without reservation.

Yours faithfully,

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