

- > 399 Finchley Rd.
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- > Application Number: 2023/3884/P
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- > This application is for a change of use from retail to a place of worship.

We strongly urge the council to reject the planning application. We are totally against Change of use of the upper ground floor from retail use (Class E(a)) to a place of worship (Class F1).

We are residents in Alvanley Gardens and find it rather strange that this corner property can be described as being in a town centre. The property is situated on the corner of a very busy main road (Finchley Road) and on the corner of another busy road Lymington Road leading to West Hampstead; in addition it is opposite Arkwright road which is the main road down from Hampstead (FitzJohn's Avenue). Hardly a 'town centre'.

Despite the fact no parking is provided we well know that this will not prevent the majority of congregants and they family members from arriving at their 'place of worship' in motor cars. We experienced the chaos caused on the local roads when the Victory Church had a venue in the same area some yers ago

We cannot accept the fact that a change of the use of this retail space to a place of worship would not cause harm to the 'amenity of neighbours' . We have lived in this road for more than 50 years and have had to fight many planning applications which like this one, are not designed to improve the environment in which we live. Converting a retail outlet into a place of worship would have a major detrimental impact on all the residents in this area.