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2024/5792/P	Wiley Chow	20/01/2025 09:40:44	SUPPRT	<p>My name is Wiley Chow, and I am a long-time member of King's Cross Methodist Church. As a local resident and an active participant in the church's activities, I am writing to express my strong support for the planning application regarding the proposed redevelopment of King's Cross Methodist Church.</p> <p>The church has been a vital part of my life for many years, providing a sense of belonging and spiritual growth. It has also played a central role in fostering community spirit, offering support to families, individuals, and vulnerable members of our neighbourhood. I believe this redevelopment project is essential to ensure the church continues to serve as a welcoming and inclusive space for everyone in our community.</p> <p>The proposed redevelopment will bring immense benefits, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Essential upgrades to the church, ensuring it remains a functional, inclusive, and inviting space. Improved facilities that will allow the church to host more community events, benefiting a wide range of people, from families to vulnerable residents. The opportunity to preserve the church's historical character while equipping it with modern features to better serve the local community. Enhanced accessibility features, making it easier for people with mobility challenges, like myself, to fully participate in church services and events. Much-needed spaces for community groups, helping to address the shortage of local meeting venues. Expanded outreach programmes, such as food banks and other vital support initiatives for those in need. <p>The redevelopment will not only enhance the church's ability to serve its congregation but also strengthen its role as a key community hub. As someone who has attended numerous events, from family gatherings to community workshops, I am confident that these upgrades will enable the church to host even more activities, enriching the lives of residents across the neighbourhood.</p> <p>This project will also preserve an important historical landmark, ensuring it remains a vibrant and integral part of our community for generations to come.</p> <p>I fully support this application and respectfully urge the council to approve it. The redevelopment will have a lasting positive impact on both the church and the wider neighbourhood, providing benefits that will be deeply felt across our community.</p> <p>Thank you for taking the time to consider my comments. I truly believe this redevelopment is essential for the future of our community, and I hope you will support this important project.</p>

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2024/5792/P	Yuet Ngoh Khoo	20/01/2025 22:09:27	PETITNSUP P	My name is Yuet Ngoh Khoo, I'm a member in Kings cross church about 10 years. I support the redevelopment of our church because our current building is over 200years, and it needs a lots of remedial work. And is very expensive to maintain and in it's current state. In my opinion, the best sensible solution is to redevelopment the building, so that is in the future more energy efficient and bring down the cost of maintaining the building. We also want to plan ahead for future generations. And also for the benefit of local neighbourhood of kings cross to have a new church, that is fit for purpose, for people to come here to worship or to visit, and to seek help and support.
2024/5792/P	C. Lee	20/01/2025 14:56:17	SUPPRT	Our church is thriving, but our historic building is no longer meeting modern needs. We're proposing to update the space for our growing congregation and community, improve accessibility, upgrade student accommodation, and provide service support to the community.
2024/5792/P	Rotin Choy	20/01/2025 20:47:00	SUPPRT	<p>I strongly support the redevelopment project as proposed by King Cross Methodist Church. With improvements on accessibility and facilities as well as expanding the capacity, I am expecting more local residents, travellers and new immigrants can join the activities as hosted by the church and provide support / care to those who in need, both physically and spiritually.</p> <p>I have been attending services, activities and worship in this church since I moved to UK. It helped me a lot in understanding and adapting to the culture and community in UK.</p> <p>This church is crucial in the area and should modernized to serve more people.</p>
2024/5792/P	Wai Ling Miran Lau	20/01/2025 23:04:43	SUPPRT	<p>I strongly support the application for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) As a new comer to the UK, I have been giving a lot of support from The King's Cross Methodist Church, which is very important to immigrants like us. Through the Church, we are able to connect with the community and we can easily integrate into the society with different cultures. 2) The Church provides different services to the neighborhood. One of them is to support low income students by providing them accommodation which is an huge support to them. The Church also helps those homeless by providing them sleeping spaces and food during winter times. This is a very valuable building not only to Christians but also other local residents who need social and practical support. 3) As the number of people coming to the church for worship is continuously increasing, the space is really not enough to accommodate. The crowded environment could cause danger especially to seniors and little children. 4) As an aged building of 200 years, maintenance is not easy due to the high cost. Most of its facilities are out dated, broken and are not good enough to meet some of the requirements of the Church. <p>Given the above reasons, I strongly appreciate the council to approve the redevelopment of the Church.</p>

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2024/5792/P	Ho Yin Wu	20/01/2025 10:12:33	SUPPRT	<p>For nearly two decades, I have been an active member of King's Cross. During this period, the King's Cross area has undergone significant transformations. The composition of our congregation has also evolved, notably with a recent influx of immigrants from Hong Kong. For these or in particular the church provides both spiritual support and a means for them to integrate with the new community they have moved to.</p> <p>The church's infrastructure is very outdated and is in urgent need of extensive renovation. This is essential to accommodate the increasing number of congregants and address other inadequacies such as accessibility for people with mobility difficulties. Moreover, these renovations will enable us to enhance our social services for the local community.</p> <p>Our church has maintained local night shelters on an annual basis. With the proposed renovation plans, we will be able to increase our outreach to include mid-week worship for the growing number of office workers now stationed in the area due to the presence of large corporations.</p> <p>I wholeheartedly support the renovation project and am eager to see Kings Cross Methodist Church continue to play a pivotal role in the local community as it always has done for the past 200 years.</p>

2024/5792/P	Martin Single	20/01/2025 12:25:17	COMMNT	<p>My name is Martin Single. I have been the Treasurer of the student hostel which has been located at Kings Cross Methodist Church until very recently.</p> <p>I am writing to strongly support planning application 2024/5792P.</p> <p>Having been connected with the existing building for some years, the existing building is no longer fit for purpose:</p> <p>(a) The existing building requires a lot of expenditure eg new windows, new heating system, rewiring etc and it is no longer fit for purpose.</p> <p>(b) The current layout is poor - there is a lot of circulation space - and the current building therefore requires a lot of energy to heat.</p> <p>The proposed development would be much more energy-efficient and would also bring the building up to modern standards.</p> <p>In addition, the new building would have much improved accessibility - the current building doesn't have a lift and there is poor accessibility for wheelchair users and others.</p> <p>We have run a student hostel on the site for a number of years - the existing rooms require residents to use shared bathrooms. We understand that today's students have higher expectations in terms of en-suite facilities and the new design will provide that. Whilst it was a hostel run by the Church, there were no stipulations that students had to attend worship. However, we did find that some students willingly engaged in activities run on site particularly the winter night shelter and a drop-in centre for the homeless. We would similarly expect some of the future residents to get involved in outreach activities run on the site.</p> <p>I consider that the scheme will be a considerable enhancement for the local community in that it will be an accessible, modern meeting facility not only for the Church itself, but also available for the local community. The current building, particularly on the Crestfield Street elevation looks very shabby and unwelcoming - the design and proposed cafe in particular will provide a welcoming space for the local community.</p> <p>In conclusion I consider that the proposed scheme retains the historical elements of the site, but it will be a much more accessible and welcoming site for the local community, and it will enable a strong church to continue to serve the locality.</p>
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2024/5792/P	Miranda Wong	20/01/2025 17:34:11	SUPPRT	<p>The Methodist Chaplaincy House is an important community hub to myself and fellow church goers, providing a regular opportunity for people of Chinese heritage and background to come together, socialise and worship our faith.</p> <p>We believe this extension will be important to the long term sustainability of this community as it continues to grow in numbers, and more space is required to accommodate our weekly gatherings.</p> <p>I hope you will take this into consideration and we hope for your approval of this extension.</p>
2024/5792/P	Idy Tam	20/01/2025 20:39:13	SUPPRT	<p>I would like to express my sincere support for this redevelopment project. King Cross Methodist Church has been an very important "home" for us, where we worship and share together. As an new immigrant to UK, we were confused when we first landed and it was this church which provide us a lot of guidance support in adapting to our new life here in the past few years. I am sure a lot of the others shared the same experience.</p> <p>The redevelopment as proposed by the church will definitely bring great benefits to the community, with the upgrade and expansion, they can serve a much wider range of people, from families to vulnerable residents.</p>
2024/5792/P	Karen Chiu	20/01/2025 12:46:23	SUPPRT	<p>I wholeheartedly support the planning application for the redevelopment of King's Cross Methodist Church.</p> <p>As a longstanding place of worship and community engagement, the church is facing the challenges of an aging building that no longer adequately serves the needs of its growing congregation. In particular, we have experienced significant growth in our Chinese congregation, a reflection of the broader demographic changes in the area. The redevelopment is essential to provide a modern and welcoming space to accommodate this expansion, ensuring that the church continues to meet the spiritual and communal needs of its members.</p> <p>Being located in the heart of King's Cross, the church also has a deep commitment to serving the local community. The proposed redevelopment will include affordable residential spaces for students, addressing the pressing need for compliant and reasonably priced housing in this central and vibrant area. This effort aligns with our mission to support young people and foster a sense of inclusivity and care.</p> <p>We believe that this redevelopment will greatly enhance the role of the church as a hub for worship, community activities, and social support, while also contributing positively to the dynamic and diverse neighbourhood of King's Cross.</p>
2024/5792/P	Wai Lau	20/01/2025 11:41:10	COMMNT	<p>As a long-time member of King's Cross Methodist Church, I regard it as a vital cornerstone for spiritual support and community help. The proposed redevelopment will greatly benefit all generations by creating welcoming spaces for youth to grow, offering crucial support for the elderly, and advancing environmental sustainability. Enhancing worship areas and providing more room for activities will ensure the church continues to be a beacon of hope and connection for the community.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my comments. This redevelopment is essential for our community's future.</p>

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2024/5792/P	Eva Fan	20/01/2025 13:59:54	SUPPRT	<p>I have been a member King's Cross Methodist Church for nearly 20 years and during that time there have been very significant changes to the King's Cross area. The nature of the congregation has also changed with more recently an influx of immigrants from Hong Kong.</p> <p>The infrastructure of the church is very old and much in need of a major renovation to both service the increasing needs of both the congregations that worship due to lack of space and outdated facilities and also the to provide social provision for the local communities.</p> <p>We have maintained local night shelters annually and with our renovation plans we would be able to offer mid-week services for the increase in local office workers that are now based in the area from the increasing presence of large corporations.</p> <p>I fully support the renovation project and look forward to Kings Cross Methodist Church continuing to be an important part of the local area as it enters its 3rd century of serving the community.</p>

2024/5792/P	Lee Cheng	21/01/2025 02:47:37	COMMNT	<p>I am writing as a long-time member of King's Cross Methodist Church, where I have been actively involved for over 23 years. I am writing to strongly support the planning application for the church's redevelopment.</p> <p>Over the years, I have regularly attended worship services and community events at the church, including family gatherings and workshops. These proposed upgrades will enable the church to host even more activities, further enriching the lives of those who rely on its services.</p> <p>As someone with mobility challenges, I am particularly encouraged by the inclusion of improved accessibility features in the redevelopment. These updates will make it easier for me and others to participate fully in the life of the church, ensuring that everyone feels welcome and included.</p> <p>Additionally, there is an urgent need to modernize the church's facilities to continue providing long-serving student accommodations for nearby universities. Supporting and serving our neighbors—including university students, travelers, local residents, and workers—has always been a core part of the church's vision. These improvements will enhance our ability to serve both the spiritual and practical needs of the community while fostering integration and multicultural engagement in this vibrant urban area.</p> <p>I strongly support this application and urge the council to approve it. The redevelopment will ensure the church continues to serve as a vital community hub and a source of support for all who live, work, and study in the area.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my comments. I believe this project is essential for the future of our community.</p>
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2024/5792/P	W.Lee	20/01/2025 15:11:33	SUPPRT	<p>Our church is thriving, but our historic building is no longer meeting modern needs. We're proposing to rebuild the church for our growing congregation and community, improve accessibility, upgrade student accommodation, and provide better service support to the community.</p>
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2024/5792/P	Tsui Wah Kwan	21/01/2025 02:26:14	COMMNT	<p>I am writing as a long-time member of King's Cross Methodist Church, where I have been actively involved for over 20 years. I strongly support the church's planning application for redevelopment.</p> <p>As someone who regularly attends worship services and community events at the church, I believe this project will bring immense benefits to the wider community. The proposed improvements will not only preserve the church's historical character but also equip it with modern facilities, enabling it to host more events and activities that serve families, vulnerable residents, and other members of our diverse community.</p> <p>For many years, King's Cross Methodist Church has been a vital part of my life, offering a sense of belonging, spiritual growth, and opportunities to engage with others. The redevelopment will ensure that the church continues to meet the needs of people like me while also adapting to the increasing demands of the area.</p> <p>Given the growth in travel, business, and residential development in this vital interchange area, it is crucial to provide for the spiritual and social needs of both local residents and visitors. Our church is uniquely positioned to serve travellers, workers, and families, and the redevelopment will create much-needed spaces for community groups, addressing the current shortage of local meeting venues.</p> <p>I fully support this application and urge the council to approve it. This redevelopment is essential for ensuring the church's continued contribution to the community and will have a lasting positive impact.</p> <p>Thank you for taking the time to consider my comments.</p>

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2024/5792/P	Elsie AU	20/01/2025 16:06:40	SUPPRT	<p>My name is Elsie AU. I have attended the Church every Sunday and the activities provided by the Church for over 6 years.</p> <p>I strongly support the Application and its redevelopment project. I believe the proposed redevelopment will have a positive impact and will benefit the Community.</p> <p>Reasons for me to support the project are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Church had been built and established for long time ago. Some of the facilities are rotten and old and it requires putting in a lot of money for repair and maintenance with the limited income derived mainly from donations. With the increasing number of followers attending the Church, the usable space is very tight particularly when the Church organizes big events and joint services on special occasions. 2. The Church is situated in a very central location which is very close to the Mainline train stations and tube lines. Some of the international tourists or visitors may need a place for prayers as well as for temporary resting while waiting for their connection journey. With the redevelopment, the Church will be able to provide space for them which at present we are not able to do. Hence, it can serve the public and the Community better. 3. The Church, at present, provides a shelter home (once a week) with hot meals for the homeless people. With a wider space after redevelopment, the Church can provide more spaces for the homeless. Similarly, the Church, after redevelopment, can provide more lodging for international students with a few reputable universities very close to the Church. 4. The historical character of the Church will be preserved when it is upgraded while the Church can equip with modern features to better serve the local community. 5. I am a widow and went to the Church since my husband passed away 6.5 yrs ago. It helps me to unload my sorrow and start a new life & have made many friends there. It is a vital part of my life and provides a sense of belonging & spiritual growth. Now I am helping other members who have similar situations as me. I am also offering to help the other elderly. I am very much looking forward to going to the Church every Sunday for worship as well as offering whatever I can to my Church's friends who are lonely & need help. 6. I have attended many events organized by the Church in the past from family gatherings to community workshops. The upgrade will allow the Church to host more activities. This will benefit the Community as well as its Neighbourhood. The upgrade will include disabled facilities which will benefit a disabled person like me. <p>In closing, I strongly support the project & strongly encourage the Council to approve the Project.</p> <p>I thank you for the time to consider my comment. I believe the redevelopment is vital for the Community.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Elsie AU (Ms)</p>

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2024/5792/P	Peter Cornick	20/01/2025 11:04:55	SUPPRT	<p>I strongly support the proposed redevelopment of the building to meet the needs of the rapidly growing congregation and the surrounding local community.</p> <p>In recent years, we have witnessed significant growth in our Chinese congregation, primarily consisting of individuals and families arriving through the British National Overseas (BNO) visa program. This expansion reflects the importance of creating a welcoming space that accommodates the spiritual, cultural, and practical needs of this vibrant group, as well as the broader congregation we serve.</p> <p>Our existing building, while cherished, is aging and no longer meets the demands of our mission. Redevelopment presents a crucial opportunity to improve and modernize our facilities. In particular, we aim to enhance the accommodation of student residential spaces, enabling us to support young people seeking affordable and well-maintained housing in a central and accessible location.</p> <p>Given our location in the heart of King's Cross, we recognize our responsibility to address the needs of the local community as well. Our vision includes creating multi-functional spaces that support various community activities, outreach programs, and partnerships. These spaces will be designed to ensure inclusivity and accessibility, fostering connections among diverse groups and serving as a hub for positive social impact.</p> <p>This redevelopment aligns with our long-term commitment to serving both our congregation and the wider community in King's Cross. We are confident that these improvements will allow us to continue to thrive as a place of worship, community engagement, and support for generations to come.</p>