



Diocese of Westminster

PROPERTY DEPARTMENT

Mrs Kristina Smith
Principal Planning Officer
London Borough of Camden
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2 March 2021

Dear Mrs Smith

RE: ST ALOYSIUS SCHOOL, PHOENIX ROAD, LONDON, NW1 1TA – CHANGE OF USE

Following the closure of the two school sites which were known as St Aloysius RC School with the agreement of the Council Education Services due to falling school numbers. The site of the infant's school closed in July 2019. The children moved temporarily to the junior school site at Aldenham Street which itself closed 31 December 2019.

Since that time the school has been occupied by guardians while the future of the school site by the parish is assessed. We have been in discussions with your property department but matters have not progressed. Therefore, we are proposing a change of use from a planning use class F1 (non – residential institutional use) to a B8 use (storage or distribution) which we are advised is the appropriate use class for a food bank.

The party we would be prepared to work with are Euston Foodbank (Registered Charity 1172880) who are local to the area and already work with the parish. They have sadly outgrown their main site and have a number of other sites which they use for storage. This will provide additional space at a much needed time by the community when the demand for food banks has greatly increased and more space to store and sort in one location streamlining their service and delivery.

They currently open their doors to the public four times a week.

Saturday 11 – 12.30pm

Sunday 2-3.30 pm

Tuesday 12-4pm

Thursday 5.30 to 7pm.

They have deliveries a few times a week and serve the area around the Euston mainline and the London Borough of Camden.

As a change of use we do not propose changing the elevations to the buildings and with the front forecourt it is easy to bring vehicles in through the gates off the road to deliver food produce. The large palisade bins will be collected off the street as necessary addressing the refuse. They will be brought back onto site once emptied as before.

People collecting items as emergency packs or otherwise will do so cueing within the playground so there will not be people cueing on the footpath causing nuisance to passers-by.

Please reply to: Property Services, St Joseph's (Chapel Entrance), St Joseph's Grove, London, NW4 4TY

Tel: 020 8457 6534 E-mail: carolhaigh@rcdow.org.uk

Registered Charity No. 233699 – Website: www.rcdow.org.uk

As this is a much needed service and the Diocese and Parish are happy to support the charity in their work which relies upon volunteers we hope that a swift decision by the council supporting the change of use can be made to assist the local people.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me on 020 8457 6534.
Thank you for your assistance in dealing with this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C Haigh'.

Carol Haigh
Estates Surveyor