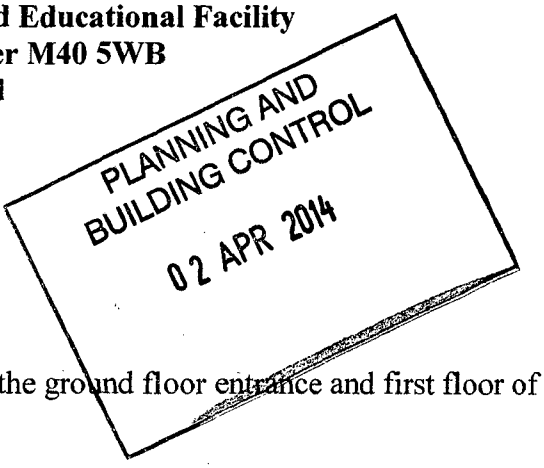
DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT

Proposed Retention of Existing Religious and Educational Facility
at 322-330 Moston Lane, Moston, Manchester M40 5WB
For The Redeemed Christian Church of God



GENERAL

Site History and Background

The site of approximately 350 sq m consists of the ground floor entrance and first floor of the old Co-op building
There is no known relevant planning history

Environs

The property is located on the on the corner of Moston Lane and Kenyon Lane at the eastern end of the village commercial centre and consists of a ground floor ex Co-op store, now a Funeral Directors with first floor offices over constructed using with brick facings beneath a slated roof

The Scheme and Proposal

Our client did not understand that a "change of use" application was required to convert the first floor as there are no structural alterations to the property
The proposal is to retain the religious and educational use of the first floor to the benefit of the community as described on their enclosed data sheet

Waste Management

The existing waste management strategy will be retained

Car Parking

There is a public car park opposite the site of adequate size to accommodate the building usage

Landscaping

There is no existing landscaping to the site

Conclusion

We are of the opinion that this usage has introduced a unique use to what was once a disused derelict part of the building to the benefit of the community. The refurbishment with no alterations has enhanced the existing premises to the benefit to the property and to the all who frequent the area

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ACTIVITIES

1. Regular meetings on Sundays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays
2. Weekly women meetings which aims to:

- Encourage women to express themselves and get involved with their local groups.
- Register and vote regularly as necessary
- Organize recreational activities to promote well being among women
- Offer counselling and support for women dealing with any form of abuse
- Advice, guidance and support on self care, and womens medical problems.
- Advice and support for young mothers during pregnancy and after child birth
- Support for African women to understand life in the UK
- Help women relate with their spouses and children
- Communal one to one support for each other by engaging in saving schemes, babysitting for each other, visiting those in need, sourcing financial help and scholarships for families.

3. Seasonal Community activities such as hair plaiting, summer and Easter Fairs, Christmas Carol Service
4. Koinonia – Caring for children in the community for a day (6 times a year – saturday) – includes music, drama, dance, fun activities, games and competitions
5. Saturday School (10 am to 1 pm) – free maths and English tuition for twenty children aged 5 – 16, first come first served basis
6. After School / Study Club from 3.30 to 6.30 weekdays for children aged 4 – 16 years
7. Men's group meetings
8. Youth Football club meetings including registration, planning and organisation
9. Nursery and Playgroup for children aged 0 – 5 years
10. Holiday Club for children and young people aged 4 – 16 – group discussions, dance, drama, cooking, outings, competitions, games and more.
11. Weekly Youth meetings
12. Twice a week prayer meetings
13. Choir Practice twice a week
14. Elders meeting for men and women aged 50 upwards – tea, activities and information provision