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To: LDFconsult

Subject: EFD Local Plan Submission Version 2017 Publication Period 18 December 2017 - 29 January 2018

Dear Sir/Madam

Plans for Nazeing: 'Community Centre'

Having fully considered the above document, we wish to make representation with regard to the proposed development of a 'new community centre acting as a focal point for the settlement.'

You will be aware of the existence of St. Giles Church and Community Centre and you will know that planning permission has been granted to improve and modernise this site.

As regular worshippers at St. Giles who make good use of the hall and all community and church 'events' since moving to Nazeing in 1994, we are at a loss to understand why there is felt to be a need for an alternative community centre on a different site. As it is, St. Giles' prominent position in the middle of Lower Nazeing with easy access and car parking, and close to local shops central to the village must surely be the ideal location. Why change it, especially at a time when fund raising is underway in order to upgrade and refurbish this important and much-valued community space?!

We passionately believe that to rip the heart out of Nazeing by compromising St. Giles' community function will be the death knell to our village.

Please re-think your proposals in this regard. It is of vital importance to retain this 'centre' of our community.

We would be more than happy to discuss this item at a time of your convenience, and would welcome your acknowledgement of this communication.

Yours faithfully,

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