

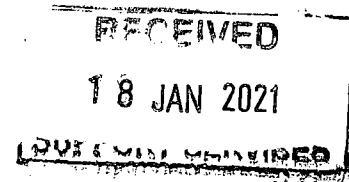
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To: planningapplications@rochford.gov.uk  
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Subject: St. Mary's Church, Foulness Island

For the attention of Ms Katy Ellis.

Dear Ms Ellis,

Ref No's 20/01075/FUL and 20/01076/LBC



I am writing regarding the planning applications numbered above, to convert St Mary's Church, Foulness into a 5 bedroom home.

It is proposed to use the north side of the church for 'Utilities', there are graves in this area and for many years there were iron crosses marking these graves.

It is also proposed to use the west end of the church yard as parking for the property and the community. Again there are graves in this area which was used for the burial of babies and children who died very young. In fact my aunt is buried in this area and when I was young my mother used to take me to her grave to place flowers. At that time in the 1950's 60's the graves were very visible but over the years they have flattened.

Has any provision been made for visitors to the house to park their cars or will they be using car parking spaces designated for use of the community. I hope that consideration has been made for a footpath from the car park to the entrance of the house, so that the church yard is not damaged by footfall.

I would hope that there would be a full archeological survey of these two areas to ascertain where any graves are before any planning application is approved.

I believe that it would be wrong to use either of these areas for the purposes proposed, and hope that the planning application will be refused on these grounds. I also object strongly to the use of utilities and a car park on consecrated ground.

There seems to be no mention on the planning application as to where residents of the house could sit outside or have B B Q's in the summer, there being no area mentioned for outdoor activities. It is hoped that use of the churchyard for recreational purposes would not be allowed under planning.

I am also writing this letter on behalf of my brother and sister in law (David and Ruth Ripplingale of 22 Bell House, High Street, Great Wakering).

They were both born on Foulness Island and lived there all their lives until in their seventies. They also remember the graves to the north and west of the church yard.

Yours sincerely,

Lesley Abbot [REDACTED]