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Subject: **Objection to Proposed Three-Storey Block of Flats Adjacent to Brethren Meeting Hall, Shipley Road**

Dear Sir or Madam,

I hope this letter gets to you as we are having issues with the planning portal

I am writing to formally object to the planning application for the construction of a three-storey block of flats on land close to the boundary of our private church property on Shipley Road.

Our church site is situated in a quiet rural setting, and its privacy and seclusion are essential to its purpose. The proposed development raises several significant concerns:

1. **Overlooking and Loss of Privacy**
   A three-storey structure positioned so close to our boundary would directly overlook our private church grounds. This would severely compromise the privacy of our congregation and visitors, particularly during worship, pastoral activities, and community events.

2. **Incompatibility with the Rural Character**
   A development of this scale and height is out of keeping with the surrounding countryside. The rural landscape consists predominantly of low-rise, unobtrusive buildings, and introducing a large multi-storey block would negatively impact the area's character and visual amenity.

3. **Potential Impact on Church Operations**
   The quiet atmosphere of the property is central to its use for reflection, worship, and pastoral care. Increased noise, traffic, and activity associated with a dense residential development could disrupt these essential functions.

4. **Overdevelopment of the Site**
   The size and massing of the proposed block represent an overdevelopment of the plot. More

sensitive, lower-impact alternatives—such as single-storey or low-density housing—would be more appropriate for this countryside location.

Given these concerns, I respectfully request that the council reject the current application. I would welcome the opportunity to provide further information or meet with planning officers to discuss the impact this development would have on our property and its important role within the community. The developer has failed to engage with us as neighbors and we strongly oppose this development.

Thank you for considering my objections.

Yours faithfully,

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