

NORTHERN PLANNING COMMITTEE – 10 August 2011

UPDATE TO AGENDA

APPLICATION NO.

11/2085M

LOCATION

St Martins Church, Shrigley Road North, Higher Poynton

UPDATE PREPARED

9 August 2011

APPLICANTS SUBMISSION

The applicant has submitted additional details relating the scale parameters of the new dwelling. These details indicate that the proposed dwelling will be no more than 11 metres in depth, 9 metres in width and 8 metres to the ridge.

In addition, further details on the requirements for the dwelling have been submitted. In summary, these are:

- Accessibility for local people to enquire about baptisms, weddings, funerals, hall booking, etc.
- Continuity in pastoral care
- Will allow the minister to follow up calls and encourage people to try the church
- Facilitating the community provision of the hall for a wide variety of users
- Maintenance
- Security / deterrent for thieves and vandals

KEY ISSUES

The additional details that have been submitted are still not considered to demonstrate that there is a fundamental need for an onsite presence 24 hours a day. There is nothing to indicate why the tasks outlined above could not be carried out by a single minister off site.

Accordingly the very special circumstances required to clearly outweigh the harm to the Green Belt by reason of inappropriateness and loss of openness have not been demonstrated. Therefore, as in the original report, a recommendation of refusal is made.