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Highway Officer: Robert Smith
Our ref: AVBC/2026/018220
Your ref: AVA/2026/0464
Date: 3 August 2026

Dear Rebecca Godson,

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
(DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2015
ARTICLE 18 CONSULTATION WITH HIGHWAY AUTHORITY

PROPOSAL: Change of use of Trinity Hall from Use Class F1(f) for public worship/religious instruction to Use Class F2(b) as a local community hall/meeting place, retaining the building for community, civic and social uses ancillary to the needs of the local community.

LOCATION: Trinity Methodist Church King Street Duffield Belper Derbyshire DE56 4EU

Derbyshire County Council, the Highway Authority acting in its role as Statutory Consultee, has undertaken a full assessment of this planning application. Based on the appraisal of the development proposals the Highways Development Management Manager on behalf of the County Council, under Article 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015, has no objection subject to the attachment of a planning condition to the decision notice if the proposed change of use is approved.

Background

This planning application seeks permission for the change of use of Trinity Hall from Use Class F1(f) for public worship/religious instruction to Use Class F2(b) as a local community hall/meeting place, retaining the building for community, civic, and social uses ancillary to the needs of the local community.

Assessment

Given the extant use of the site, and the potential activity that could generate, the Local Highway Authority (LHA) considers that the change of use to a local community hall/meeting place is unlikely to result in a material change in trips. The impact of the scheme on highway safety would therefore not be unacceptable.

The application site has good access to bus stops and Duffield railway station, within recommended walking distances, as well as good access to the local footway network, all of which offer alternatives to accessing the site by private car. On-site car parking, together with on-street waiting restrictions and public car parking in the vicinity of the site will ensure that the proposed change of use would have no material impact on on-street car parking.

The site appears to have no secure, covered cycle parking provision, which is required to prioritise sustainable travel in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework (paragraphs 115 a) and 117 a)). Details can be secured by planning condition.

Conclusion

Based on the analysis of the information submitted and a review of Local and National policy the LHA considers that the impact of the development on highway safety would not be unacceptable and impacts on the road network would not be severe.

The LHA therefore has no objection to this application subject to the following recommended planning condition being attached to the decision notice if the change of use is approved.

Planning Condition

1. No part of the development hereby permitted shall be brought into use until details for the provision of secure, covered cycle parking and secure cycle equipment storage facilities have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The approved details shall be implemented prior to the first use of the development hereby permitted and shall be maintained for their designated purpose for the life of the development.

   REASON: In the interest of highway safety and furthering travel by sustainable modes.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Smith
Transport Development Management

Date Received	Case Officer	Reviewer	Date Issued
20 July 2026	**Robert Smith**	**SD**	**3 August 2026**