

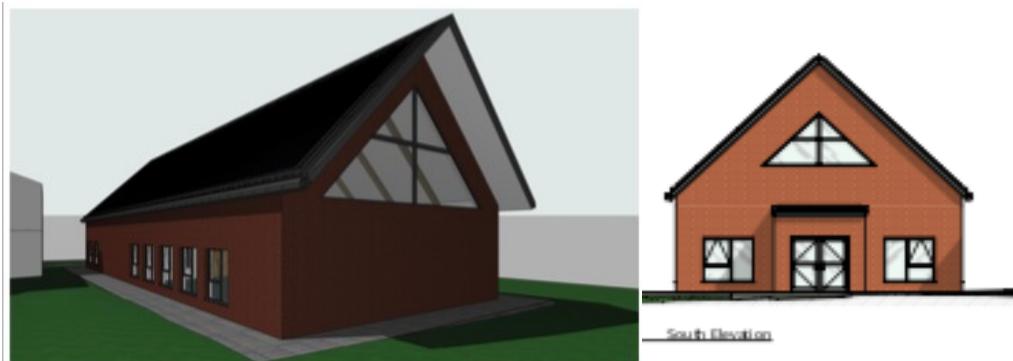
HOW CAN YOU HELP?

1. FEEDBACK - Once we have received as much feedback as possible, St Michael's PCC will collate the comments and share particular themes and outcomes, and see what further discussions and alterations might need to take place. Naturally, there is still quite a long way to go in terms of planning and refinement of a design as we work towards a full and detailed tender. The views received from you will help in that process. **It would be helpful to receive feedback forms by Sunday 17th November.** Do note that the initial designs will continue to be on display in church until the end of November (except where other events and services make this temporarily impossible).

2. TIMELINE - There is a draft timeline that takes you through from now until a possible build date in June 2021. It is worth stressing that this is all very provisional and depends a great deal on how the project progresses. However, we encourage local people to take a look and understand where we might go from here.

3. SKILLS, TIME AND FUNDRAISING - St Michael's will need the help of the whole community in making this exciting vision a reality. The feedback form indicates some particular areas of assistance we have already identified. These include fundraising, administrative support, publicity skills, graphic design and communications. We might not be able to take up every offer, but as we move towards the more practical stages of the project we will be asking for your support and help.

Saint Michael's looks forward to providing a wonderful new facility for our parish and wider community, and working with you to achieve this for the benefit of present and future generations.



ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS BARNES



CHURCH HALL NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME

Welcome to the fourth of our occasional newsletters about the St Michael's Church Hall project. This newsletter is intended to complement other forms of communication that many of you are already engaged with. **If you would like to go on the Church Hall email list please contact: churchhall@stmichaelbarnes.org.** We will also ask you to fill out a GDPR form so that we know your preferences and how we hold and use your personal information.

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COMMUNITY CONSULTATION Part 2

Over the last few months we approached a number of companies who looked like they might be able to fulfil the Church Hall Project Brief. The Brief arose out of the first part of our community consultation.

We were very pleased to receive an initial design from a company called Net Zero, although we would have liked to receive others too. However, this design is very appealing and appears to fulfil all of the key criteria for the project. We have sought to listen very carefully to the diverse views expressed in the first community consultation and this initial design reflects that feedback.

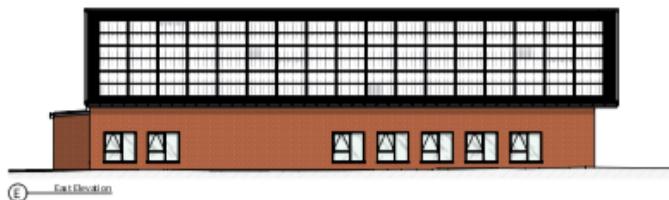
For the history of the project and its origins, aims, vision and rationale please see the 'Church Hall Business Case' which brings together a range of information. You may also wish to look at the feedback and other documentation on our website www.stmichaelbarnes.org

WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK

We are sharing this initial design with you for your reflection and feedback. We are keen to receive this from as wide a range of people as possible: congregation, neighbours, local residents and hall users. The preliminary feedback we have already received (for example from St Michael's Nursery, Barnes and Richmond Operatic Society and the Barnes Community Association) is very positive and encouraging. In these meetings, notes have been made of any particular areas for further discussion and alteration. There has also been a meeting of a focus group to provide more detailed feedback.

On the basis of these discussions we have already requested the following amendments to the initial design:

- Doors from the large hall onto the garden, and possibly another set into the passage.
- A gable over the vestibule entrance at the front of the Hall.
- Improved images showing the Hall in a more realistic streetscape, clearly indicating the boundaries of the site.
- Sliding doors (perhaps mirrored in some places) to the storage in the large hall for better access along its length.
- Rescaling of the furniture in the Community Meeting Room - the room is a lot larger than the size of the furniture would suggest!
- It may be possible to raise the height of the windows to start at higher point off the ground.



WHY THIS DESIGN?

The design received from Net Zero fulfils all the key elements of the brief, and the desires of the community arising from our first community consultation. For example, it offers a building with a **traditional appearance**, but the advantages of a contemporary build. It is also roughly the same size and proportions as the current hall.

Companies like Net Zero offer a **'Turnkey' service**. This means they offer a full service from architect-design, through planning, to construction and completion with fittings. This makes such projects significantly easier for volunteer-led community organisations, charities and churches.

The March 2019 quoted price was £826,125 (excluding demolition and landscaping). This estimate will change, particularly because of economic uncertainty but, once agreed and signed, this is a **fixed price**. We believe that, in the long run, this proposal offers value for money considering the benefits and efficiencies of what would be provided.

An attractive aspect of this bid is the clean and **environmentally friendly technology** which, in the long run, is efficient and cost-saving. At a time when we are all conscious of our environmental impact, this seems especially important.

A key element of this project is the **short construction time** to reduce disruption for neighbours and users (especially the nursery). This is why a company offering a building largely built off-site is ideal for our project. Net Zero indicates a 10 week build time (although demolition and clearance might add 1-2 weeks more). However, construction of the actual body of the new Hall might take as little as 2 weeks. The majority of the remaining time being used for internal fitting, causing low-disruption in the local area.

The design also offers a **better use of space** and an improved layout enabling increased versatility with the option of using more than one space at the same time (where appropriate) through better soundproofing and separate access.