



**THE METHODIST CHURCH LIVERPOOL DISTRICT LIVERPOOL SOUTH CIRCUIT**  
*LAND AT GARSTON PARK CHURCH Garston Old Road Liverpool L19 1QL*  
**DESIGN + ACCESS STATEMENT** to accompany OUTLINE PLANNING APPLICATION July 2013

**1: INTRODUCTION**

**EXISTING**

Garston Park church (originally Island Road Methodist Church) was constructed in 1872 with additions in 1894. Adjacent to the church was constructed a Methodist Day School (used by the Local Education Authority in the mid 20<sup>th</sup>C until other local schools were constructed) which has been used by the church for church activities and for the use by local community groups.

A radical review of the total facilities managed by the church members has concluded that there are buildings surplus to requirements. Major maintenance and development of those that are planned to be retained, using the proceeds of sale of the surplus to fund the transformation.

**PROPOSED**

It is now proposed that the schoolroom building and adjacent garages should be demolished and the land (also including the section of land currently vacant and formerly occupied by a Community Hut with adjacent allotments) used for the construction of 6no 3-bedroomed houses with adjacent carparking and garaging.

**2: ACCESSIBILITY**

Access to the site for the housing will be from Garston Old Road, with vehicular pavement crossings for access for carparking and garaging. The existing vehicular access for the church users remains as existing, giving access to an enlarged car parking area to the rear of the housing.

**3: ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY**

All construction will have to meet the requirements of the current Building Regulations.

Given that a section of the existing site (previously used for allotments after WW2) has not been used for some years and sycamore seedlings have been allowed to take hold, it is proposed to consult over suitable landscaping of the site to ensure that the quality is enhanced.

**4: CHARACTER**

Notwithstanding the 'reserved matters' at this stage of the application (Landscaping, appearance and scale) it is suggested that the scheme is for 6no 2-storey three-bed houses. It is hoped that the materials to be used would be sympathetic to existing constructions opposite and adjacent to the site.

**6: MOVEMENT TO, FROM AND WITHIN THE DEVELOPMENT**

Vehicular and pedestrian access is as shown on the submitted plan.

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