

Our Lady of Fatima Church (Mairehau)



A preliminary engineering assessment of Our Lady of Fatima Church (Mairehau) has revealed that the building is earthquake prone. Whilst engineering solutions and the future of the building are considered the Church will remain out of use and shall be fenced to prohibit access.

The Hall has also been assessed and requires remedial work in order to meet appropriate building standards and allow it to be re-occupied. A schedule of temporary strengthening works has been produced for consideration by structural engineers. It is envisaged that the strengthening works once underway will take a minimum of two weeks to complete.

The following actions have been and/or will shortly be undertaken:

1. The installation of a temporary fence around the Church building to include the closure of the current school entrance (West of Church, Red outline) (3rd May 2012).
2. The fence will remain in place whilst more permanent solutions are investigated in association with structural engineers from Opus International Consultants.

3. Traffic management changes to include all vehicle and foot traffic moved to between Church and Presbytery, with crowd barriers and appropriate signage to separate pedestrians from cars & guide visitors safely through the site, (Blue outline). (East of Church). *For more information please refer to the Traffic Management Plan.*
4. Please take care when driving and walking around the site. Pedestrians must walk within the defined walkway adjacent to the Church.
5. Existing one-way system for vehicles entering the site to stay in place.
6. Existing Car Parking arrangements to remain in place (apart from the loss of parking to the west of the Church).
7. Movement of the container from next to the hall, to the Eastern edge of the sports court to allow sufficient space and installation of brace strengthening.
8. Strengthening of the Hall to be undertaken.

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