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Localism Act 2011 and Assets of Community Regulations 2012

14th January 2013

Dear Sir,

In response to your letter of 9th inst. I write on behalf of Ashdon Baptist Church concerning the request of the Ashdon Parish Council to designate Baptist Church, Radwinter Road, Ashdon, as an Asset of Community Value.

I wish to point out that the Chapel property is owned by the Baptist Union Corporation, whose address is Baptist House, PO Box 44, 129 Broadway, Didcot, Oxon. OX11 8RT, who hold the ultimate Trust of the property – the local deacons being acting Trustees.

Our adopted Constitution has a clause referring to the ultimate disposal of the property, should the Church in Ashdon close or cease to exist, stating that this be decided by the Eastern Baptist Association and notified to the Baptist Union Corporation.

Given these facts we do not see that either the Parish Council or the Uttlesford can make any decision with regard to the Chapel property which would in effect over-rule the Church's Constitution.

Therefore we ask that the request of the Ashdon Parish Council be turned down.

Yours sincerely,



Glenn Miller – Secretary.