

Picture Palace Campaign – Survey of 25 Church Road ‘Open Day’ 11th August 2012 – Annex A – Verbatim Comments

Note: This contains comments to the survey verbatim. Obvious typos have been corrected. “I did not attend”, “n/a” type responses have been excluded. “[]” indicates redactions relating to personal information. [comment deleted] indicates other amendments.

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Q5. Why did you attend the ‘Open Day’?

- I wanted to see what KICC intended to do with the building
- Because thriving, artistic, multicultural and open minded communities need public spaces to interact with each other and enjoy shared experiences. I don't think that is happening at 25 church road at all!
- I wanted to find out what your plans are
- I didn't! I didn't even know about it and I walk past 25 Church Road and around the CP triangle almost every day! There was no local promotion or information made available by KICC to local people.
- To ascertain if KICC's plans would be of benefit to the LOCAL community
- To have a first hand look at what the state of this precious community building is, and to see what the KICC are intending to use the building for.
- To find about KICC and their proposals for the old Bingo Hall
- To see what they'd done with the place and to ask a few questions to KICC
- To stay informed
- Curiosity
- I am so angry about this I could not attend it would have hurt my heart - but I have read an awful lot about this subject and feel very passionately about it
- Because I strongly oppose KICC's intention to turn 25 Church Road into a church with no strong local connections.
- An interest in seeing the interior of a highly significant local building and to learn more about KICC and their operations.
- To see exactly what KICC intend to use the premises for
- Because I wanted to find out what they intended to do with the building.
- Interest
- To hear more about the plans
- To see the changes to the building and find out about future plans.
- To see and hear what KICC intends to do with the building
- To see the refurbished building and talk to people from KICC
- I wanted to support the cinema...not the church
- Because the PP Campaign urged supporters to do so.
- Because I was curious about such exciting building in the heart of our community.
- To hear what KICC say they are going to do with the building. Also to complain that my house wasn't leafleted by them about the Open Day even though I live two minutes from the building.
- I wanted to hear more about KICC's plans
- To see what KICC has planned for the area.
- Just to see the interior
- Curiosity.
- To see what works had been carried out to the building and to attempt to speak to a trustee of the kicc regarding the use of 25 Church Road.
- To understand more about their proposal for the site.
- Didn't go in but took a leaflet from outside, as very keen to know what's going on. We live on Patterson Road so will be heavily affected by the building use.
- To see what KICC have done to 25 Church Road and to ask them what their intention are.

- I was planning on staying away but your campaign encouraged people to go and find out more and as its only 5 minutes from my house I did.
- Interested in understanding KICC's intentions for the building. Also wanted to see how it had been renovated/
- To see what KICC had done and ask them questions
- I wanted to see what had been done to the building and get a sense of KICC's intentions. This building is the key to sustainable, business-friendly regeneration of the CP Triangle area. It can do that if its a multi-purpose cinema space, open to all local residents. If it is used as a magnet space for large religious gatherings of people from outside the area it will have the opposite effect. I have been following the campaign since it started, and feel that despite the renovations done to the building, letting it remain in church ownership is irresponsible to local business and residents, due to the missed opportunity of having a vibrant cinema in the area.
- Interested to see the development of the site.
- To see what was happening with the building
- To see what they'd done to the building, what kind of organisation and people they were.
- To try to make sense of what they are doing and what their plans are
- Interested to see what the building is going to be used for.
- To find out what the plans are for 25 Church Road
- I wanted to see what they were proposing and to see whether this was really open to the community or whether they were just telling the community what they were doing.
- To see inside the building and find out more about the intentions of KICC
- To find out how KICC will be using the building
- To see what KICC had done to the building; to see how willing they were to engage with the local community; to try to help establish what their intentions are for the building and to show support for the cinema campaign.
- It didn't look very open to me, there was nothing to indicate an open day & they wouldn't let me in as I had my dog with me who is only small! Not very friendly or inclusive.
- I am concerned about the poor community spirit The KCC has shown, and the impact their activities will have on the local community
- Because i want a cinema in Crystal Palace. I am a Picturehouse member.
- Don't want a church on this site, think a cinema would be a better use for the community
- Because I am against the KICC using this property for their religious meetings and I wanted to see what they had done to the interior of the building.
- First chance for three years to look inside the cinema
- Wanted to see the building, never having been inside before
- To support the PPC to bring a cinema to Crystal Palace
- To find out what KICC had planned for 25 Church Road.
- To see what was going on
- South Norwood councillor concerned with KICC proposals for Crystal Palace.
- To hear from KICC what their intentions were for the building and to express my own frustration to the KICC
- I care about what happens in the CP community and I want to support what happens to the triangle.
- To find out what had been done with the building
- To see what is in there
- I was interested to see the building and to hopefully find out more about what they are intending to do with it.
- I was interested in seeing what KICC has done to 25 church road and to show my support for PPC
- I am worried about the KICC plans for our cinema building.
- To see what has happened to the interior of the building. Also, I take pictures of Upper Norwood as a future historical reference.
- I wanted to see what the building was like inside, and what KICC had done in terms of renovations.
- To add my support for a permanent cinema to be stationed at Crystal Palace

- To voice my strong opposition to KICC's use of the building. Having met with representatives of KICC and heard their dismissive and arrogant comments I feel more strongly than ever about the campaign for a cinema in Crystal Palace. The community has been let down by its elected local and national politicians, they have not supported the overwhelming anger that local residents feel about this issue. Bromley council is as weak and ineffectual as its neighbour Croydon.
- To see what had happened to the building and to see if there were any signs of what the current incumbents were intending to get up to.
- I wanted to see what use of the building would benefit the community best
- Because I wanted to see how KICC had renovated the building and what they intend to do with it.
- To find out what the proposed uses of the building and how it had been converted.
- Curiosity
- Curious to see what damage has been done to the interior.

Q6. Having attended the Open Day what do you think KICC's intentions are for the building?

- I am not sure why this matters
- I think KICC are going to use it as a place of worship and to show Christian films
- They didn't let me in
- Bring back a cinema
- It is obvious the intentions of KICC is to conceal their true intent for the use of the building, and to use it for religious worship dressed up as 'Christian themed' events or activities.
- NOT Suitable for the area or in keeping with the wishes of the local community
- I believe strongly that the KICC are planning to use the building as a concert/event space. All of their events are church related and it was quite clear that the building has been set up for large numbers and big productions - in line with their original planning submission.
- To use for spreading their religion
- Definitely a place of worship and showing Christian films - I heard those words from two different people who were part of the KICC congregation. Any claim its for the VCP community is a farce. There aren't any facilities for community groups.
- Church related
- This is very unclear
- Gatherings of a religious nature, obviously its not just a leisure club!
- I really want a cinema and not a church or church run business - we need business savvy people who can come in and make this place what it should be, not a replica of every other sad place in south London - I feel that we have many churches in the area - they are everywhere. I would love a reason to hang out in the palace more something for us not just something that looks like it is being helpful. It is completely bonkers for KICC to think that the people of Crystal palace would be interested in their plan or use it at all.
- Misconceived on many levels - please see my longer answer below.
- Difficult to ascertain, but obviously laid out and equipped for potentially large gatherings with the flexibility in layout for even larger ones.
- To hold religious meetings as well as business and leisure pursuits
- They are biding their time until they can use it as a church but in the meantime they are covering their legal requirements by saying it is a facility for local people.
- Still to persevere with their original intentions
- As a conference centre. Although until we see how widely publicised it is and what range if events are held, it is entirely possible it might end up being hired most regularly by members of the Church. Unsure whether the office space is intended to be used for general KICC admin or just the building admin. Don't currently think they have any intention of re-selling.
- Use the building to have Religious meetings and to minister to their congregation - without giving it the title of a church. They intend to use the building as they had originally intended, but by finding a loophole to the building regulations.

- Venue for their congregation/ worshippers, obeying planning rules in letter but not in spirit.
- Confused. They specifically said it was not to be a church but a venue for conferences.
- Terrible
- I think they'd like it to be a church.
- I strongly believe that KICC intends to use the building for religious ceremonies.
- It's difficult to work out what KICC's long-term plan is. Having been thwarted in their attempts to run church services there, they say they want to run it as a community facility / conference venue. But it's difficult to see how this would generate much profit - or enable them to 'spread the word'.
- In short - changing it into church. They are dressing it up as a venue for hire, zumba, seminars etc. but they won't stop pestering local council until they'll receive what they want. Did you see size of those speakers? They are not for seminars or conferences. This building has got good acoustics, you don't need huge PA system for that.
- To use outside of it's permitted use for a range of large-scale events and to make money. I was told that the community uses such as hall hire and cinema would be commercially set. The serious sound and vision kit indicates that noise could be an issue fro surrounding residential properties.
- They have no intention whatsoever of allowing locals to use it.
- I have no doubt that the primary reason for the refurbishment and redesign of the interior space is to make it possible to hold conferences, seminars etc. Also I believe that the space has been designed to take in a large congregation
- They do not provide a sufficiently inclusive proposal for the use of the building as a leisure facility and community asset.
- Sounds like they are covering up their real intentions and making half-hearted gestures towards community events are total red herrings!
- I am very suspicious as to what they intend for the building as it is clearly an auditorium which would lend itself to services.
- Conferences & Events for a little while and then gradually incorporating religious services when they think we aren't looking maybe under a different title.
- It looks as if KICC have created a flexible meeting place, that could lend itself to gatherings of many hundreds (several thousands poss.) of attendees standing on the lower level. By way of the flier, KICC have publicly stated that they will be hosting a conference on 25 Aug.
- D1 use- Religious or whatever event KICC deem they can get away with
- The spokesperson said it explicitly in my conversation with him (who was a volunteer, and was not able to link us up with someone who could speak with greater authority for the KICC): they will proceed with using it as a mixed use building for a few years, conferences, church events (but at pains to say 'not services'), concerts, films (on a screen hanging from the edge of the balcony, not the main stage) 'until the community gets used to them' (or is worn down from the fight, or trapped by a technicality of a changed planning application), then they want to turn it in to a church. This was said clearly and without apology. This is also confirmed that in fact they plan this sooner rather than later, as there is huge investment in a very loud broadcasting system, which is inappropriate for any of the uses they think they can legally do now (conferences, exercise class, drama groups). They seemed unaware that conferences are outside their current zoning regulation. Note, however, that some of the things said by this spokesperson are on closer examination not verifiable - i.e. seem to be untrue. I asked about community outreach projects in Africa [...] I was told with great enthusiasm that KICC has drilled 200 boreholes for water supply in Burundi [...] This is a statement of huge investment in infrastructure for needy people. However, I found no reference to this on any KICC website, nor on any other internet source. In fact, its difficult to find any charitable works with the exception of directly in the home areas of the pastors.
- Concerning and disappointing
- It's clear from the vast, well-refurbished space and number of seats that this won't just be used for low-revenue community activities like zumba, counselling and a once-a-week family film club. This was compounded by the distinctly unwelcoming atmosphere of the Open Day. Although we saw no crosses or other religious items, everything about the building says 'commercial church' - down to the men wearing baseball jackets with 'Stars of Christ' on the back.

- They are going to do what ever it takes to rent the building and use it however they please regardless of the usage license they hold
- They said it was for conferences, but didn't give much detail on the type of conferences that would be available and the topics; apart from one conference 25/08/12. Didn't give any response on how you would go about booking the venue for a conference when asked - didn't appear to be open to anyone wishing to book it as a venue.
- We were told it will be hired out for conferences and used as a coffee bar but no specific details or answers were forthcoming.
- I think that basically they are paying lip service to the community, they have found a way round getting what they want. They have called it 'open door' very convenient and said it is open for all types of events!!! And that all will be revealed on the 21st August!! So it wasn't really an open day for discussion or debate it was 'come along and we will tell that all will be revealed at the end of august"
- There was not enough information on hand to find out more about any specific intentions of KICC for the use of the building. It didn't seem like they were trying to connect with the local community, I was just handed a leaflet about African business markets.
- By the evasive answers given to various questioners in the group tour, it was clear they will do whatever they like behind closed doors. They said they would only use a D2 use without know what it was as they went on to explain about the first event being a business seminar! The screens looked very suspicious as though they were both set up lecture style
- I was told by their "planning advisor", Edward Oteng, that, having bought the building on a speculative basis (odd in itself when using charitable funds) that they intended to secure a change of use class by setting a precedent for non D2 usages through steady use of the building for conferences etc.
- Given their track record when it comes to communicating, I am suspicious of what they say they are going to do. I suspect they will try to get around the current restrictions
- Don't want any of it.
- To use as part of their religious group
- It is very obvious that this building will only have services - religious - as there are no other rooms on site for meetings/fitness/seminars etc the other functions they are saying will happen within the building - no other facilities are available for other than religious services!
- Not really sure. I know they're not allowed to use it for church services and they seem to be planning on using it for conferences. Can't see how they are going to get a return from their investment that way.
- Gave myself a self-guided tour rather than listen to them - seating in main auditorium (fixed in gallery; chairs on ground) but found very few smaller spaces and presume ground floor space can be used more flexibly. Heard 'Internet cafe' but few computer screens in foyer ...
- The way it is set up - For use as a church.
- Unsure. They said it was available to hire for meetings and to show family films which they would vet. I asked if any regular events were planned and they said no.
- Ultimately as a place of worship ...
- Part place of worship, business centre and concert venue. This came from the facilities manager for KICC.
- To use the building for KICC approved activities with the long-term view of using it for religious services (this is what we were told by the KICC representatives)
- To run regular religious based seminars and fundraising ventures for their group.
- To use as church and conference centre for non-residents of Crystal Palace
- Business
- I have no further information having attended the open day than I did from the campaign flyer
- I have no doubt they will hold conferences and religious meeting there despite not having the correct permission to so.
- To run religious events
- I think they intend to open a church under the pretence of a conference centre.
- It seems from what I saw, that they are intending to use it as a church / place of

worship.

- I walked around as much of the building as possible and apart from the auditorium, it all seems to be office space. The auditorium is set up with some cinema/theatre seating, some freestanding chairs arranged in rows, and some open space. This indicates to me that KICC intend to use this space as a seminar hall, or for religious worship, or similar activities that are based around a stage- but not for entertainment as the stage is not set up as a theatre space, and the screen is very small.
- To use it as a place of worship.
- To hold on to the church function over all other functions
- Because Bromley council is disinterested and so very gullible KICC know that they are easily hoodwinked into believing their proposals. It is blindingly obvious to anyone who has two brain cells that their goal is (in the hope that local opposition dwindles) to open the building as their flagship church.
- Absolutely no idea, the building was bare. There was no information other than flyers about the dedication ceremony on the 25th August.
- not beneficial to the area that's all
- It is clearly intended to be used as a place of worship.
- The main part of the building looks to be set up for religious services and conferences. It is definitely not set up for leisure. The 'cinema' screen is just a pull down projector screen, not suitable for film viewings. There appear to be an awful lot of speakers and a mixing desk which suggests music & religious events are intended to be put on there. I did not see adequate sound proofing for this.
- To run large scale KICC focused D1 events eventually operating as a church. I was told that people would be free to gather to pray there and that the building would be used for business conferences, seminars, hall hire and a cinema run by film company that has yet to be selected.
- Honestly have no idea
- To eventually hold services there

Q7. Do you think what KICC is proposing is a good use of the building? (Further information about answer)

- They will not be providing any facilities for the benefit of the community.
- The area doesn't need any more places for worship. We attend the church on Church Road. The building was originally intended for use as a cinema.
- It seems to be a highly exclusive plan, based on single-faith ideas of what a multi-cultural and multi-faith area needs
- Any commercial venture (preferably a cinema) for local community and surrounding area to use and enjoy, not something as narrow as the KICC are prepossessing
- The KICC is a religious organisation that has attempted to get around the planning department and as such is fobbing off the very vocal community with a half-baked 'community' approach - for which they have done ZERO consultation - including on the 'open day' where they were anything other than open.
- Apparently there will be a library (we already have one in CP and no doubt this will stock just Christian books), there's 6 or so computers in the lobby but that's hardly an internet cafe and again there's a very good internet cafe already on Westow Hill. Community cafe - I saw no evidence and again is already done well elsewhere in CP. Basically it's going to be a Christian place of worship - nothing more, nothing less.
- The information provided is unclear about projected uses, so KICC have not demonstrated positive plans for the building. Their leaflet suggested that they will be offering business seminars, which falls outside leisure use
- This facility is not required in the area, it is not supported or wanted in the area. Local people in CP have a choice of 4-8 local churches of all sorts of "types" - CoE or evangelical. Everyone I know who is knowledgeable about this project wants it stopped, especially as it seems to have been carried out with zero consultancy of the local community.
- I do not think it should be for meetings or zumba classes! - that is nothing I am interested in nor anyone I know- and would take away from local businesses that

already have a rough time - like local lewis harris gym, the zumba classes run by Sainsbury's, the boxing gym in the triangle and big crystal palace gymnasium (all between 2 and 5 min from property). Also we have the most wonderful restaurants and bars available for meetings. I truly doubt the research KICC has done on crystal palace community if that is what they are offering and thus how well they know what we need or what is useful for us as a community - they would not be doing this if they truly cared for crystal palace people. Also Crystal palace is a multicultural and very open beautiful melting pot - that's why we moved here. We are not a prejudiced bunch and I am scared from what I have read about the KICC that they are very prejudiced against those with different sexual preferences and other beliefs- I believe this would be awful for us. I am utterly distraught and disappointed that my taxpayer dollars have contributed to them purchasing this property! They should be ashamed of themselves

- This building was built as a cinema, has planning permission to operate as one, and there is obviously huge local demand for one.
- Too much impact on local area due to number of people and traffic
- I think many problems will arise. i.e. parking, noise. too many people will be there.
- It would be much better as a real cinema that would bring local people into the centre and who would spend money in the pubs, shops and restaurants.
- Ideally KICC should set up a franchise agreement that allows a professionally run commercial cinema to operate Monday to Saturday and Sunday 0001 to 0259 and 1300 to 2359. Church services could then be held on Sunday mornings. Other rooms could be used for cafe and other ancillary activities
- Putting aside the D2 use issue, it is completely unclear what anyone locally has to gain from this. What kind of events will be held there? Will they be relevant to a cross-section of local people or all centred around facets of the KICC's interests? Will the spaces be affordable for small local projects and organisations? Will use by different groups be restricted by Church policies? This use is not obviously an option that will provide 'something for everyone' in the way that a well-run cinema or other leisure venue might.
- Not Intended for the local population
- If they would really share the building with a cinema that may work, but I am doubtful that it is viable as a conference venue (is that within their permitted use anyway) and they were non-committal about use as a cinema.
- It should be a cinema... as the building was intended. Not another 'church'... which provides nothing for young people and the community of C.P
- It was built as a cinema, and most residents would like it to return to the use for which it was intended.
- Just a money grabbing thing from poor people
- We have other community facilities in the area. What we don't have is a large leisure venue.
- This building would make a perfect beautiful cinema. After all it was build as such.
- The building has never been used at such a capacity since it's hay day as the Rialto. The town centre and surrounding area will be overwhelmed by the traffic generated from high capacity events.
- It's not adding anything at all to the local community. In fact, it's taking something away.
- As the building is placed close to a busy one way traffic system and sits on the boundary between commercial properties and homes there is a significant risk that the enjoyment of the local community and home owners will be diminished due to firstly the overcrowding of local streets and secondly the risk of noise nuisance to nearby residences.
- I engaged one of their representatives and asked him about their intention to hold a business seminar and exhibition there on 25 August which is not D2 leisure use. He insisted that this was fine and that as a seminar and exhibition was not expressed forbidden by D2 use that it was ok to hold them in the building (he couldn't seem to see that actually in fact they come under D1 use which is not the planning use for the building). Very strange.
- What is being proposed can be in any building, not one of architectural interest at the heart of the community. The location of what is being proposed is totally inappropriate, both in terms of the generation of additional traffic and the implications for parking.
- Its clear they have no interest in the local area and what with the very limited answers

they gave and the fact it looks like their Walthamstow church it seems clear they will still run this as a Religious venue

- Simply stated, we need a real D2 use building for the area. We need something to complement the plethora of restaurants, pubs and coffee shops, that is of entertainment value to the local residents. We also can not survive the impact of huge numbers of people driving to the area.
- Despite their "Open Day" it is still very unclear what KICC's true proposals for the building are. However they are already planning a conference which is outside the legitimate use of the building so we can only expect more of the same unless Bromley Council steps in to prevent it.
- I cannot see any benefit for the community and am concerned about the parking problem they will cause
- I was semi-resigned to having a prosperity gospel church in the heart of Crystal Palace. Now, having seen the scale of the building, the level of investment and the cult-like atmosphere of the place - which two nice ladies offering juice and biscuits did little to mitigate - I am more fearful and angry than I was before. KICC's protestations that the building is for community use insult the intelligence. They are playing with us, abusing planning laws and biding their time until the community is exhausted .
- I attended the open day on Saturday late in the afternoon. I acted as a potential client to rent the centre. The answers i received from the volunteer that talked to me was quite worrying. I said that i would be looking to host around 1000 delegates. Would parking be a problem? I was told that no there was ample parking and the residents would soon get used to the extra traffic and cars. I asked about catering, locally supplied I was told but when pressed he did say that we could rent heating cabinets to serve hot lunches on site. I asked about cost but he didn't have that info and there didn't seem to be anyone around that did but he assured me it would be competitive.
- Their proposal for use of the building is not clear. A single flyer for one forthcoming conference on 25/08/12: 'Business seminar and exhibition: connecting businesses in the UK and Africa' does not really let the community know what the venue will be used for going forward.
- We already have two halls for hire in Crystal Palace and conference use will be limited with no breakout facilities and very limited catering facilities (no kitchen or hot food) on site. They appear to have alternate ideas which are not being aired to the public.
- I have said no because I believe it will just be used for their own events. If the building was marketed properly and open to other commercial events i.e. wedding shows, food fairs, comedy nights etc then I think that would be genuinely good for the area. However I have my reservations, I believe this is just there way of being able to use it for what they want, so therefore not really open to the rest of the community. I would like to see their marketing plan!!! and see how they propose to pull in events that will be of interest and benefit to the whole community.
- A good use of the building would help to engage and bring together the local Crystal Palace community. There is a thriving community vibe in Crystal Palace with the independent retailers, pubs and markets that exist on the triangle greatly responsible. I think the last thing on anybody's list, to add to this amazing area, would be a Christian centre based on making money.
- Unable to comment as the feeling taken away from the visit was that it is unclear how they are going to use the building, beyond complying with the Planning Use whatever that may be. Quite ridiculous that a Charity can buy a building without a clear view of how it is to be used (this is speculation with charitable funds).
- From what I have seen they do not appear to have considered the surrounding infrastructure i.e. parking etc. Can't see how it will help local business or local residents.
- It was originally a cinema and should be returned to its former use. This will be a boost to the local economy & community.
- There are already enough Evangelical churches around CP we do not need anymore. Plus there are going to be huge crowds going in to this place and no where to park so it is going to cause great tension within the community due to congestion/lack of parking plus the shops /restaurants will suffer loss of trade.
- This is a large building - people traffic needs to be managed and it's very hard to do that with a conference. With a cinema, start and finishing times are organised so that

- crowds of people aren't arriving and leaving at the same time.
- Bland looking interior which doesn't give much away. Presume focus will be worship...activities. Glass doors both to foyer and auditorium - how much sound insulation??. Not convinced of high standard of work - ceiling damp stains on main stairs and quick white paint job on interior walls doesn't mask their unevenness (this answer not relevant to question but wanted to put comments in somewhere)
 - We don't need a conference centre - we already have loads of community spaces; who will go there for a coffee? We have loads of independents all around the triangle. To my mind the only way KICC could make a profit out of the building would be with a congregation from outside the area which is not what the locals want.
 - From what they have said they don't seem to have any use for the building.
 - From their viewpoint I can see that they would consider it a good use of the building. From a local resident's viewpoint it is NOT a good use of the building ...
 - KICC seems to be unclear regarding the use of the venue and its legal obligations. I am concerned about their proposals effect on parking; lack of community involvement in their plans and the inability of the facilities manger to address those concerns.
 - The KICC will determine how and what the building is used for and this will be to suit their own views - not those of the community. Furthermore, they are only paying lip service to the community (i.e. offering a cinema space to City Screen) but they know that this is unfeasible (especially as only a limited type of films could be shown to fit the KICC remit) and as such they have not invested in the cinema equipment as they are clear that there is no point spending the money if it won't happen. It is a really unsuitable building for the local community - who would be running large-scale conferences in the community? Many of the activities they suggest are already available (after-school activities) and it is not desirable for activities to be with a religious bent.
 - From what was SAID - there will be conferences and seminars as the main income earner. (initially presented as "events"). Well - who is going to come to CP (train and bus limited parking) for a conference? They suggest the conservative party have enquired - will they be happy to use the bus for their conference, plus they will be using it for their African investment groups. Being completely selfish I am not interested in this! Plus internet cafe (there is already one a few doors down the road) so why?; family film screenings (on a ridiculously small screen or on a large portable screen which cuts the audience size to about a third/fourth of the seating capacity). Also zumba and drum workshops but I can already do sports in plenty of other spaces in CP and the space seems highly unsuited to this kind of workshop or conferences for that matter. The screen and stage for a presenter is tiny and very far away and the sound and acoustic set up is certainly not for concerts or other music based events. I am not interested in the space being a conference centre - I would never use it for conference
 - They will not be providing anything beneficial for the local community.
 - I think they are proposing to use the building badly. A conference centre would not be of interest or as much a benefit as a cinema for this area
 - I'm not sure I see their proposed use benefiting the whole of the local community- we already have two churches in the triangle, and further churches in the local area. I see that KICC are proposing to use the space for business seminars, but these seem totally unrelated to Crystal Palace businesses.
 - Too broad, not representative.
 - It provides a facility which is not all encompassing, and will cause noise, disruption, traffic chaos and a lot of misery to residents in an already densely populated area. The majority of the congregation will be coming from outside the area. I'm also convinced there will be a negative effect on local traders because of the volume of traffic, this could cause shop and business closures which would destroy the unique and vibrant atmosphere of our community.
 - There is nothing here to serve the community. The will only allow bookings that suit their predilections.
 - Been inside an oasis of potential for artisan ethos of the triangle!
 - Is not something that all members of the local community can openly participate in. KICC wanted to use the building to benefit communities from different areas of south london, not Crystal Palace.
 - I can not see how this will benefit the local community. As I mentioned, it is not set up

correctly for film viewings and I did not see a space that would be adequate for exercise classes as KICC is saying they would be putting on. There are already zumba and keep fit classes in the town hall next to Sainsburys and in the huge Crystal Palace fitness centre which are set up better for this.

- The proposals for the building fall outside the permitted use class. The target audience is from a large catchment and many will be traveling miles to SE19. There is no car parking with this venue and KICC propose to run events for 12,000+. The standard answer that because this area is bad for parking means KICC coming here won't make any difference is illogical and clearly cannot be substantiated. When pressed KICC disclosed it is advising patrons to park in Crystal Palace Park - not a thought for the public who rely on those car parks so they can use the NSC and park.

Q8. If you answered No to question 7, what would you prefer 25 Church Road to be used for?

- Cinema, general performance venue. Open space for community usage- playgroups, theatre groups, dance classes etc
- 25 Church Road should be used as a cinema - something that the area desperately needs.
- A professionally run cinema
- Cinema
- Anything other than an evangelical church of questionable authenticity and dubious standards. A cinema would be ideal, as would other uses, but not as a church.
- It would be best put to use as a commercial venture (such as a cinema) that can be enjoyed and used by the local community, and will benefit local shops and restaurants by bringing people and trade to the area> It should not just be for people who are coming for a specific reason to the area (i.e. for worship/religious community centre) at specific times or on specific days and are not going to add to the local economy/regeneration
- I would prefer that this building was used for its original purpose as a cinema - one that does not censor on the basis of its narrow religious beliefs.
- Cinema or other broad community use building. Not just one part of our community.
- A cinema - one that can support the interests of the whole community including LGBT community
- A Cinema
- A cinema
- Its original use, which was for a cinema
- Crystal palace needs a cinema - its a British institution, its our history.
- An upmarket cinema or similar, which is what the building was originally designed to be. It would be a wonderful asset at the heart of the Crystal Palace - for the whole community to enjoy. A cinema, or upmarket entertainment centre would also help regenerate the most run down part of the Norwood triangle, and could only boost trade in the immediate vicinity too.
- A cinema.
- Cinema or other social use that local people will benefit from
- A cinema would be far better.
- CIMEMA
- A real cinema
- A community venue/theatre space/gallery
- community use - cinema would be good but not the only viable alternative
- A cinema. Lacking in the area at the moment. Has huge support. Would bring people in to the area whilst also providing for local people. A good range of films could ensure everyone is catered for all backgrounds, beliefs, interests, lifestyles, ages etc.
- Cinema
- Cinema/entertainment
- A cinema - a cultural asset open to all and responsive to local residents interests. A venue that will mainly be for local community.
- Cinema.
- Cinema

- A cinema
- A cinema.
- A cinema
- A cinema - of the type run by City Screens.
- Cinema
- An independent cinema
- Cinema / bar along the lines of Ritzy in Brixton or Clapham Picture House
- A cinema and non religious community centre.
- The building is ideally suited to being used for the purpose of which it was first built, and that is a cinema, along with a small cafe area.
- Cinema
- A cinema!
- A cinema for the local community
- Having seen the inside of the building for the first time It would make a lovely cinema.
- I would like to see 25 Church Road as a general public cinema, with the flexibility to be used for additional art-focused events - art exhibitions etc. Cafe/bistro space?
- Cinema
- A cinema that shows all kinds of films, has a cafe and meeting space for other kinds of events. Picturehouse Cinemas have a documented positive regeneration effect on areas, and they have agreed that our area would allow them to establish a profitable, sustainable business. The Council and Chamber of Commerce should be supporting this aggressively.
- The building should be retained as a much-needed venue for public entertainment, ideally a cinema which is what it was built as.
- Cinema
- As it was and always should be - a cinema! The auditorium is breathtaking, and thankfully the church has not substantially altered its proportions or plaster decoration. The entrance, stairways, windows, the very bones of the place shout 'cinema!' And a beautiful one at that, that could be used not just to screen films but to have cafes and extra rooms for properly community-oriented activities, with great views. It could be an icon and source of pride for Crystal Palace for generations.
- A Cinema
- A cinema for the community
- Cinema or theatre or a public arts space
- It is clearly an auditorium and a former cinema in layout; it would be good to have a cinema in Crystal Palace again.
- We need more entertainment facilities in Crystal Palace. A Cinema would be a great boost for the town centre. Alternatively it would make a good concert hall venue.
- Events is a good idea, but as I outlined above, a cinema is also a good idea as it opens it up to more of the community.
- 25 Church Road is an incredible venue which I'm sure would be greatly attended by the local community if used as a cinema, theatre or live music venue. With the current surge in independent film production, I could see it being a perfect platform for local film makers, I would even propose a film festival! There could be workshops, local schools could benefit, it would definitely be something the local community would get excited about.
- A cinema
- Obviously a cinema. It is what local people have been wanting for ages.
- A cinema - the only logical addition to a high street already full of cafes bars and shops - and for an area served well by local churches
- To be a cinema.
- A local cinema
- A Cinema
- A cinema. That's what it was built for and it would be good for the area.
- Original purpose ideally
- What it was originally built for; a cinema.
- Dedicated cinema
- Live music venue, theatre and cinema.

- Cinema
- Ideal for a local cinema.
- A cinema! If not, something that fits the 'leisure' requirement for the community, that suits the community.
- A cinema! Or at least a space that people in the community can and will use for theatre and art/cultural space. KICC mentioned Fairfield Halls Croydon as an example. Well that is a good example of exhibition, theatre, workshop, community space where everyone can contribute/participate if they would like. Also in terms of picking up the footfall and atmosphere of CP on Church St - the cinema is a fabulous economic enterprise what with the amount of CP and non CP residents who visit regularly plus the ever increasing use and importance of CP Sports Centre which also houses athletes - plenty of punters for the cinema and the local businesses.
- Its original use as a neighbourhood cinema
- A cinema, as per the campaign and the original use of the building
- A cinema
- Cinema
- CINEMA
- A cinema seems an obvious choice... any form of use that fits within the D2 leisure usage which might help to generate growth within the area.
- I think it would really benefit the whole community to have some kind of cultural or entertainment space- somewhere for films, or local theatre, or concerts,
- There are very few activities for young people to take part in in Crystal Palace. A cinema would be beneficial to them. Also, there are already a number of churches in the area.
- The development of the area requires investment, a cinema would provide this 7 days a week, from noon to midnight, adding a key feature to the most run down part of the triangle. Cinema is secular, multicultural and artistic in what it shows. A church is not as diverse and inclusive as a cinema. There are also a number of other places of worship in the area, yet the nearest cinema is miles away.
- A cinema for which the building was originally intended, serving the locality.
- A non-denominational use that can service the entire community. A cinema would be proffered, but [comment deleted] should not be encouraged in any community
- Arts centre cinema
- A cinema. Local entertainment theatre and open space for children's groups.
- I would like it to be used as a cinema which would benefit the whole community, not just one religious group or business conference.
- Any other use
- Cinema
- Picture House cinema
- A cinema would be perfect, after all that was what it was originally built as.

Q9. Do you think KICC's proposals will help local traders and contribute to the economic, social and cultural regeneration of Crystal Palace? (Further information about answer)

- People using the building are bound to use local businesses for their needs whilst there- e.g. local cafe for lunch. Clothing stores etc. will be known by more people.
- People will be bussed in/drive in from other areas and only attend the space. The car parking for Sainsburys etc will be so impacted it may put off real shoppers to there and other shops, places in the triangle.
- The details they have provided are not extensive enough and make me doubt their true intentions
- Some traders might benefit, for example local eateries - but not pubs or gastro pubs as presumably if congregants follow Christian practice they will avoid alcohol. But there will be no long-term benefit to local business as it has been made clear time and time again there is no local interest for this evangelical church and that therefore attendees will be coming from outside the local area, and will leave the local area after their services have ended.
- The KICC's usage will be for a dedicated congregation who will attend and then leave.

A cinema would deliver footfall throughout the week and additional trade for restaurants and bars in the area.

- Crystal Palace needs arts and cultural venues that attract all races and cultures and all ages.
- KICC is not inclusive. The congregation is not from the area and over the last 3 years KICC have shown less than no interest in the local community. In fact they've actively snubbed CP residents.
- Businesses will only improve economically in CP if we provide something that makes the area "a destination" for people to travel too en masse from other parts of London. As it stands the only people going to the KICC facility will as I understand it, not give a monkeys about our local community. The KICC project will cause antagonism and will make the area a divisive one.
- Absolutely not - A cinema would bring us all together more - I can go to the palace have dinner, see my friend and meet people - do some shopping and go to the cinema - I can meet my community there. There is no way what they are proposing would suit any one apart from themselves
- No, not at all. By its very nature, these religious facilities have no appeal to non-followers. This particular denomination isn't known or active in the community at all - it's obvious to most Crystal Palace/Norwood residents that KICC have acquired the building because it can accommodate the kind of large gatherings these church groups favour (although I'd hesitate to call them a 'church', because from all the evidence I've seen KICC are principally interested in making money from their flock). If KICC were socially responsible and compassionate - as their own faith commands them to be - why would they plonk themselves in the middle of a community that's overwhelmingly opposed to their plans for 25 Church Road? The organisation have themselves admitted the majority of their congregation will be travelling in from outside the area, so they're not likely to have any vested interest in making use of local businesses - especially as a lot of them are bars and restaurants or local community gathering points (i.e. the library etc). Their intention to use powerful amplification for music and preaching also shows contempt for the neighbouring residents, who are clear that they don't want 25 Church Road used for the purpose KICC are proposing.
- From what I understand of KICC's membership, they will come in on a Sunday, from a wide area, and will have little incentive to patronise local businesses.
- Will cause local residents to take business/ shopping elsewhere due to capacity issues
- KICC's current proposals are focused on a very specific client group and so will not have more widespread appeal. In the long term this will actually be a major disadvantage to KICC.
- Much depends on what is held there and there might be some associated increase in trade. However, it seems unlikely it would make CP an habitually regular 'destination' for people in a way that would increase trade for local businesses. Depending on what is held there, I can't see any particular social or cultural benefits from a few Zumba classes and 'business' conferences.
- KICC congregation likely to come purely to KICC venue and not use local cafes, shops etc
- The guys I spoke to at the event were very nice but they were very vague about either the history of the purchase of the building or the future use. It felt like they had been put up without a proper understanding of plans so I was no wiser having spoken to them.
- Not in the slightest. A cinema would encourage people to eat/drink in the parade and bring valuable footfall.
- Church goers don't spend their money in a local pub or restaurant. They will spend it in a church. They wont be local people, they will be traveling to attend the church and as such they won't care about our community. The fact that it took KICC three years to speak to local residents shows that they don't care about this community. What example are they going to give to their followers?
- Traffic and parking problems this venue will attract are bound to discourage and displace shoppers and visitors to the town centre. KICC events encourage attendees to spend money in venue not elsewhere.
- There will be detrimental economic change to the area would this building be used by the KICC for the purposes they wish, due to the influx of cars that would be vying for parking space with local people and visitors to the area, and as far as social and

cultural regeneration is concerned I feel that the KICC would have a negative impact on the area as a whole as they are holding on to the only large D2 venue that the area boasts.

- Far too insular - people will arrive, park on our streets, cause chaos with traffic and residential parking and then leave without making use of our local amenities. We have noticed this with the other church just off Church Road - lots park on Patterson Road so we always find it hard to park, and I've never seen any of the 'parishioners' in the restaurants, cafes, shops afterwards (they wear quite unusual white robes and often have bare feet so you'd notice them!)
- I cannot see how their plans will contribute to the area's regeneration. They have never consulted with the local community about their plans for the building and have no events planned which will help it.
- Very specific target audiences who will park (blocking up spaces for general visitors and shoppers), attend and leave.
- -I do not see how the additional traffic and the loss of parking will assist local traders in any way - quite the opposite, in fact. Fewer people will visit Crystal Palace if the experience is made more difficult.
- The events they seem to be advertising and the huge capacity seems to suggest they care little about the local area and it is clearly a venue for their followers.
- (I've detailed this above.) KICCs proposals are likely, in the balance, to have a very strong negative effect on the area. In addition, as I mentioned above, when they say they have done something positive for a community it is not necessarily true, or at least not verifiable. We do know, with verified information, that they have had a repeated history of financial mismanagement and [comment deleted] counter to their charitable objectives.
- Definitely not! The building should be used for public entertainment which would help to regenerate the local area by attracting customers to spend money in local shops and restaurants.
- I cannot see how KICC's proposals would benefit the local community in any way - culturally, commercially or even spiritually. The world has seen the achievement, pride, inclusiveness, goodwill and wonder of the Olympic Games and its ceremonies - is it too much to ask have a little bit of that legacy in Crystal Palace? In a building whose aim was to inspire all those things? Because now I feel that this isn't just about a church or a cinema. It's about how we want to live our lives, and share the benefits of our culture, in our own town.
- Their track record shows they do not care about the locals, trader, community
- Evangelical churches tend to attract lots of people but they don't then spend money locally. You go to church, worship, and go home.
- We already have many coffee bars and restaurants in the triangle so one more makes no economic sense. "Conferences" are unlikely to do anything for the local community, economically, socially or culturally.
- Unless as I have mentioned in number 7 they have a marketing plan to make sure that the building is open to a wide range of commercial/social events. If it is just going to be used for their events then no I don't think it will help or contribute to the area or traders.
- At this time it is impossible to tell as KICC have not been specific in outlining their intentions. I find it highly unlikely, judging by what I have researched online, that KICC have any interest in cultural regeneration or interest in engaging with the local community.
- It will change the face of the local area which has taken some years to build up. The volume of people who may attend events will keep locals away from the centre of Crystal Palace and head to other areas where there is a more relaxed feeling.
- KICC's congregation will not add anything to the local economy through their presence in the area - e.g. shopping, using restaurants and bars etc. Experience from having grown up in Twickenham where the rugby stadium was used each year for the Jehovah's Witnesses convention showed that they did not spend any money locally, but did put others off using the town centre due to their sheer numbers. On a smaller scale, I believe KICC will have the same impact on CP - taking up parking spaces (both on road and at the NSC) that would otherwise be used by those looking to spend their leisure time and money in the area.
- If the building is used as a place of worship how will this help local business. I can't

imagine that people will come out from worship and then visit the local restaurants, pubs etc. Or even bother to walk around the triangle see what a diverse range of shops we have.

- The activities of this type of church will not add to the local economy, and only hinder local traffic when large scale events take place there
- Their church & parishioners are from Wimbledon so why should they take over this precious building? They will clog up the roads & take parking spaces without providing any benefit to the local area.
- No where to park/congestion/crowds
- I know of nobody in the area who is keen on any of the proposals KICC has put up for this building. There has certainly been no discussion with the locals for 3 years.
- I can't see it - if anything it will compete with existing trade - the independent cafe across the road is one of them.
- At the moment when I want to go to the cinema or to see a gig I go to Brixton and eat in Brixton's restaurants. If this was a cinema or venue I'd spend my money locally.
- Their first "outing" for the building is a seminar to foster business links to Africa. I haven't noticed a gaping requirement for Crystal Palace residents and traders to build business links to Africa. What relevance and contribution does that have to the area?
- KICC seem unclear about what they want and how they will achieve it. Their ambition seems to be a place of worship via the back door, ignoring what local people want.
- The KICC are clearly using the building for their own community - not the local community.
- My impression from talking to the KICC rep was that they will run anything they possibly can which will legally (he kept say 'legally!') meet D2 requirements of the building. He stated often - for African investment conferences plus what I mentioned previously. None of these have been finalised, and was not able to put dates on starts for any of these. I cannot see that the more community oriented ideas will be put in place considering the space is not set up for this. It was stated by the KICC rep that KICC purchased the cinema as a church space as this is what they need - they are a charity (non-profit) and intend to help people from the Christian ethos. He was unable to state why they had not sold the building to look for church space elsewhere but did answer yes that they are still looking for church space. Therefore I think they will be running religious seminars there and this will not contribute to regeneration of CP in one bit. It will be exclusive not inclusive.
- They have not engaged with local traders and there was nothing to indicate that they were even having an Open Day.
- Internet cafe, business seminars fits in well with d2 criteria
- It will be a case of in & out - the attendees will not be staying in the Palace. Also the events will only serve to exclude large parts of the Community
- I am a local trader [...]. I think a cinema would be a great help in the regeneration of the area. I do not think a centre for KICCs congregation from outside the area would be as beneficial. I also think parking would be a problem. I am witnessing a gradual change in the area for the good. Many new shops and cafes are opening and the KICC proposal could stop this progression dead.
- I think KICC might bring people to Crystal Palace, but I'm not sure they would use the shops and restaurants, as they would come just for KICC events. Also, I think CP really needs more evening business as there are so many bars and restaurants- KICC events might only take place in the day time. I also see parking as being a hugely significant issue- I find that even just shoppers in CP park anywhere they can on local roads, any there is often not enough space for residents. With an influx of 600-1000 people for KICC events, parking in CP will be a nightmare, and I think other visitors would be put off coming to the triangle.
- Trying to be too broad to grab more attention, yet not specialising in one area means it will struggle. Jack of all trades...Also makes it harder to manage budgets, forecast, remain transparent and engage with the community.
- Absolutely not, as already explained.
- I am a local trader. Sunday is my busiest day of the week, thousands of worshipers descending upon the area would definitely put my clients off from visiting and also would take up all the local parking spaces which are easily available on weekends. I feel this would distinctly encroach upon my livelihood of myself and many others.

These people would not be here to enhance local trade and they certainly won't have any spare money to spend in the area after the service, once they have tithed it to [comment deleted].

- Religious worship is plentiful enough
- It will benefit people from a different area and of a certain religious community.
- It will have a negative effect instead
- The venue aims to keep patrons spending behind the open door! The traffic and parking demands created by this new capacity venue will displace shoppers and visitors to the area as well as residents.