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| http://interchange.moray.gov.uk/int_images/image_108872.png**ASSET TRANSFER REQUEST** | **Office Use only:**   |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Asset Ref** | Land Adjacent to Clovenside Cemetery | | **Name CTB** | FBC | | **ATR Ref** | 143 | |  |  |

**NOTICE OF ASSET TRANSFER REQUEST**

**Representation Submissions / CTB Feedback**

Part 5 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 sets out that people are to be made aware that an asset transfer request has been submitted. Notification has been published via the [Moray Council website](http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_109940.html), advertised via Moray Council social media sites, notification to any tenant/owner/occupier of said asset and notification at the site of the asset. These notifications explain how representation can be submitted.

When representation is received in response to these notices, the Moray Council must send copies to the community transfer body for comment/feedback. Details of which can be found below. In order to comply with data protection requirements, any personal information will be ‘blacked out’ from these documents before submission to you.

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| **Date of Representation period  (50 working days):** | 08/04/25 – 17/06/25 |
| **Number of Representation(s) received:** | 106 |

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| **Date collated Representation sent to CTB:** | 19/06/25 |
| **Deadline for receipt of CTB comments on representations (20 working days from date representations issued))** | 17/07/25 |

All comments/feedback received will be published via the Moray Council website for public information.

If the CTB feel they are unable to meet the comment/feedback deadline; they should contact the CAT team to discuss.

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| 1 | In Favour.  The Baptist Church is making use of land and a building that would otherwise sit empty and in disrepair. They have already shown willing to renovate the current building.  As a church there is no reasoning that they would ever try to prevent access to the cemetery or parking. This sale would bring money into the local area. |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 2 | In Favour.  The land can be put together better usage.  Dependent upon the usage as to whether the usage would impact on the church, parking or grounds etc.. |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 3 | Not In Favour.  There is a distinct lack of information to allow us to make an informed decision on this proposal. The wording of the consultation is biased towards selling Common Good Land and highlights the aspect of cost to the Common Good of a vacant building. This is the first time in over 20 years that I have seen this argument put forward for the sale of land when it has never been considered in the CAT applications of other buildings and land. In addition, local press releases would have you believe that the deal was already done, thereby making complaints irrelevant. The fact that this consultation is not in the 'current consultation' link highlights that feeling.  Forres Community Council have raised a number of questions pertaining to this sale. Until these questions have been answered and publicised, we request that this consultation is halted and started again once the Forres public have been made aware of the full implications of the sale. |
|  | Moray Council are in a better position to respond to this  Moray Council Comment - The cost of a vacant building is always considered when an Asset Transfer Request is received.  The Moray Council cannot control what is written in the local press.  The consultation is not within the Current Consultation page within the CAT consultations but is on the Moray Council consultation page.  All Forres Community Council questions that were highlighted to the CAT Team were received on 14 May 25 and responses were distributed on 29 May 25. The responses can be seen on the consultation following the link called - Forres Community Council Q & As.  A request for the consultation to be halted was received on 29 May 25. After internal discussions, it was agreed that the consultation would not be halted. The consultation had been given a 2-week extension which meant the consultation was in the public domain for a 10-week period. |
| 4 | Not In Favour.  I think the fact it’s common good land and next to the cemetery means it should remain as common good land, belonging to the people of Forres. For a big burial, with lots of mourners, there won’t be enough parking. Once it’s sold, it’s gone and there would be no way of using the land in the future for maybe a garden of remembrance. And no guarantee that it wouldn’t be sold in in the future for development which again would be inappropriate. Presumably the Baptist church currently rent Clovenside so there would be lost income. |
|  | The Car Park arrangements will continue with no change. Rental Income will be replaced by investment income once the sale proceeds are received.  Moray Council Comment - In any sale the Council will ensure that access for public parking is protected – access to remain in perpetuity. |
| 5 | Not In Favour.  You have not provided enough detail in the proposal. You state that the car park will not be affected but not what agreement is being made with the new owner to ensure the car park will not be affected. They could sell on this land, or refuse access to those using the car park, what agreement would prevent this. You have stated this will remove future burdens on the common good fund. The proposal should not proceed without a detailed breakdown of these burdens and burdens experienced in the past. You have proposed the funds will be distributed in the community. There is no detail on how this will be done and how funds will be allocated. The proposal should not proceed without further detail of this distribution of funds. Basically, the proposal is not sufficient in providing detail for a decision to be made. It should be stopped, and a new proposal made that provides enough evidence and detail for an evidenced/risk-based decision to be made.  This proposal is not sufficient - cancel planning. |
|  | The Car Park arrangements will continue with no change. Sale proceeds will be transferred into the Forres Common Good Fund  Moray Council Comment - In any sale, the Council will ensure that access for public parking is protected – access to remain in perpetuity.  The vacant liabilities referred are: Non-domestic Rates, Insurance, Utilities and Maintenance.  All funds from the sale will be distributed to the Forres Common Good Account. |
| 6 | Not In Favour.  Not enough spaces for internment parking. Parking available at present is what is required, and you cannot even honestly answer the question about car parking you just skirt round the issue and that tells me you are not being up front about what ground is really required for. A clause of no residential buildings to be put on any of the land has not been included |
|  | The Car Park arrangements will continue with no change.  Moray Council Comment - In any sale the Council will ensure that access for public parking is protected – access to remain in perpetuity. |
| 7 | In Favour.  Happy for church to purchase land |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 8 | In Favour.  It is a good space to hold community events which the church offers regularly. |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 9 | In Favour.  Because they do free events for the community, Christmas time, Bonfire night etc. |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 10 | In Favour.  I might would benefit the whole community security a community space and releasing funds for community use. There needs to be a sign on Victoria Road indicating where this hall is. |
|  | Thank you for your support. A Forres Baptist Church sign could be made available by the church at no cost. |
| 11 | Not In Favour.  The land is for the people of Forres, a legacy. Selling of the assets will mean eventually the cupboard becomes bare and less of a legacy for the community as a whole.  Why not simply rent the land on a long lease, the legacy remains intact, and the church remains the user. A win win situation for both parties. |
|  | The land is already subject to a long lease.  Moray Council Comment - Forres Baptist Church do not want to continue leasing on a long-term basis. If the lease is terminated, the common good account will not only have less income generated but more will be paid out for vacant liabilities. |
| 12 | Not In Favour.  My family members and I have used the car park shaded in pink for the past 35 years when regularly visiting the lairs of our deceased parents. We travel independently in several vehicles and so prefer to use this car park rather than parking within the Cemetery which can be difficult to access when there are lots of other visitors.  Obviously, I have no concerns over the sale of the land on which the Baptist Church stands, only in respect of the continued access to the car park area. |
|  | The Car Park arrangements will continue with no change.  Moray Council Comment - In any sale the Council will ensure that access for public parking is protected – access to remain in perpetuity. |
| 13 | Not In Favour.  In recent times it has come to light that the general public in the Forres area is in total ignorance of how much asset, in land and many, the town has and how it is used. In the light of this it is impossible for citizens of the town to assess what impact a sale of such assets will have. With regard to the sale of the land at Clovenside Cemetery, I gather that the Common Good fund receives rent. If the land is sold this rent will no longer be available. The vacant premises liability is currently not an issue. That can be tackled in the future, should such a situation arise. Also, following a sale, how could it be guaranteed that the car parking area will always be available free of charge for the general public? I am concerned that these days any disposal by the Moray Council of common good land and common good funds is done without due consideration of the wishes of the citizens of Forres, whether consultations take place or not. |
|  | Rental Income will be replaced by investment income once the sale proceeds are received. The Car Park arrangements will continue with no change.  Moray Council Comment - In any sale the Council will ensure that access for public parking is protected – access to remain in perpetuity. |
| 14 | In Favour.  I believe the church has offered a lot to the community in recent years, especially since the opening of the hall. Lots of people have used it on Bonfire night, Christmas day, it offers drop-in sessions for lonely or vulnerable folk. The church is very welcoming, and it offers a food bank.  It's still easy access to the cemetery. |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 15 | In Favour.  This will enable FBC to further improve their work for the community in Forres |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 16 | In Favour.  I understand that the church has been trying to purchase the land and building for some time now and it would give them security.  My only concerns would be that the car park area is retained for parking for visiting the cemetery and in the event of a larger number of vehicles overspill is permitted onto the rest of car park by the church. Additionally, that the funds raised go towards Forres projects following consideration by the public not just Forres councillors. |
|  | Thank you for your support. The Car Park arrangements will continue with no change. |
| 17 | In Favour.  It's a very good idea; there is plenty going on at the church during the week for people of all ages. The church already uses the land anyway and anyone and everyone has almost complete access to the area. As I understand it the same rules in place now will be in place after if they purchase the land. |
|  | Thank you for your support. The Car Park arrangements will continue with no change. |
| 18 | In Favour.  The church provides a community service which is invaluable. This land will be put to good use. |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 19 | In Favour.  The building may not be easy to lease again should the present occupiers decide to leave in order to buy some other property in the event of a refusal to sell it to them. This would then leave the common Good Fund with the problems of maintaining an empty building with the financial and security costs that that will entail - perhaps over a protracted period of time.  I do not know what would happen to the land, if sold to the Baptist Church, should the church subsequently decide to disband or otherwise vacate the site. I have two recommendations: 1) In the event of the church disbanding or closing in some way in the future, the Common Good Fund should have first refusal in buying the building back. 2) As the site itself could be a valuable one for housing or other development at a future date, I strongly recommend that the sale to the Baptist Church is arranged in such a way that any such future economic development benefit is returned to the Common Good Fund at such a time. |
|  | Thank you for your support. |
| 20 | In Favour.  Myself and my family are attending this church every Sunday and we are supportive for the church to be able to own this place |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 21 | In Favour.  I don't see any valid reason for the proposal not to proceed. Public parking for the cemetery will not be affected in anyway. |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 22 | In Favour.  I attend the Forres Baptist Church and happy to support their bid to purchase the land.  Happy that people attending the graveyard will continue to have access and parking right next to the cemetery. |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 23 | In Favour.  FBC will continue to keep both the building & surrounding area in good condition. This reflects well on the Clovenside cemetery & means that the building will not be left empty & possibly fall into disrepair. |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 24 | In Favour.  The Baptist Church is well attended, well looked after and is used by the Community at large. It also has a food larder, regular walk in coffee mornings and an increasing congregation. The area will be enhanced by the of this building/area to the Baptist Church and not detrimental to parking for Clovenside funerals. |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 25 | In Favour.  The Baptist Church offers both a spiritual and practical benefit through what it offers to the Forres community |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 26 | In Favour.  It will provide a permanent base for serving the community |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 27 | In Favour.  Forres Baptist Church is a significant contributor not only to the spiritual welfare of the Christian community in Forres but also to the general social support of the whole community through its 'drop-in centre', food bank, debt management advice, etc. The purchase of the land would allow the church to to move forward in the purchase the building to remove uncertainty for the long-term continuity of appropriate accommodation from which to serve the Forres community. |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 28 | In Favour.  This won't disrupt day to business for most people |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 29 | In Favour.  The is a very suitable use of the land as the church is a local community activity, run by local people, that acts in the best interest of the people of Forres. |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 30 | In Favour.  It causes no problems |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 31 | In Favour.  The church existing on that site is of great community benefit to Forres and the surrounding area. A security of tenure will enable them to continue offering services to the community |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 32 | In Favour.  The church is good for Forres  The church is happy for public to use the car park, Forres is losing nothing. |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 33 | In Favour.  It provides the church with security so they can increase the number of community-supporting activities they already provide. There is little to no adverse effect on the people of Forres. |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 34 | In Favour.  I only agree to the selling of the Common Good Land to the Baptist Church as long as there is a clause in the sale, stating that the Baptist Church must ALWAYS allow parking for the cemetery, at any time. However, before Moray Council agrees to the sale, I want to know what will happen if the Baptist Church closes and / or wants to sell the land. |
|  | Thank you for your support. The Car Park arrangements will continue with no change. |
| 35 | In Favour.  The building will be used by the people of the area |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 36 | In Favour.  I only agree to the selling of the Common Good Land to the Baptist Church as long as there is a clause in the sale, stating that the Baptist Church must ALWAYS allow parking for the cemetery, at any time. However, before Moray Council agrees to the sale, I want to know what will happen if the Baptist Church closes and / or wants to sell the land. |
|  | Thank you for your support. The Car Park arrangements will continue with no change. |
| 37 | In Favour.  Happy for the church to use the land  Asset to the community if they take over this land |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 38 | In Favour.  Forres Baptist Church is very community based and welcoming. There is a drop-in every Tuesday morning open to everyone. We are currently enlarging the hall so we will be able to hold more community events. |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 39 | Not In Favour.  Common good land should not be sold! It is for the benefit of the community. The land could be leased to the Baptist church and the community would still benefit. |
|  | Sale proceeds will be transferred into the Forres Common Good Fund for the benefit of the whole community.  Moray Council Comment - The asset is currently leased. All proceeds of the sale will be deposited into the Forres Comon Good account. Forres Baptist Church do not want to continue leasing on a long-term basis. |
| 40 | In Favour.  The church is a great asset for the community |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 41 | In Favour.  *No Comments Entered* |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 42 | In Favour.  FBC do a lot for the community. |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 43 | In Favour.  This a fantastic opportunity to expand provision of much needed useful service to the whole community. Highly recommended to approve  I understand that the Church plans to expand its community involvement and ownership of the land will give them security of tenure. |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 44 | In Favour.  The Church are a well-established community group within Forres. They already use the building and car park so I can't see a reason as to why this should not proceed. The sale should ensure that the common good pot gets a well needed boost which will mean there should be plenty in the pot to maintain and possibly improve our other common good areas.  As long as there is no change of use to the car park area and users that already rely upon it when visiting the cemetery can still do so then there shouldn't be an issue. Are the Church planning on restricting access to the car park or have they any plans that will reduce the capacity of the car park? |
|  | Thank you for your support. The Car Park arrangements will continue with no change. |
| 45 | In Favour.  Church member, and important to Forres  It makes sense to allow the sale to go through |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 46 | In Favour.  The Forres Baptist goes beyond holding religious services on Sunday but is a valuable part of the community, especially those who are through difficult times.  The proposed plans will be of benefit to both the church and local area in expanding the existing services. |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 47 | In Favour.  It would benefit the community  Forres Baptist Church is a warm and welcoming space with the community at heart |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 48 | Not In Favour.  During the times of the Reformation, church lands were seized by the government all across Britain. Now, we are to give our Common Good land to a Church?... I understand that they have invested into that property with various grants. So, they clearly trust in obtaining that land for the Baptist Church. Why can't they buy privately owned land on sale? And how do we know whether people visiting their deceased loved ones in the adjacent cemetery will find parking afterwards on that land? Once it's privately owned, the community has no more rights to it. So, if there happens to be some event on at that church that fills the carpark, the church users will have priority... When the land is gone, it's gone and not Common Good land anymore... And the new owners, in this case potentially the Baptist Church, could sell it to anyone at a later stage, when perhaps they are not as popular anymore as they are now and need to shut or locate elsewhere... And we won't know how the noise level will be there with such future owners. Many live in that area possibly for the quiet it gives them?... |
|  | The Car Park arrangements will continue with no change and are governed by the 99 year lease currently in place.  Moray Council Comment - The asset is not being given to Forres Baptist Church. They have engaged with the Moray Council about a sale for the land.  The Moray Council cannot comment on why the Forres Baptist Church have identified that this asset is their preferred choice.  In any sale the Council will ensure that access for public parking is protected – access to remain in perpetuity. |
| 49 | In Favour.  The church has been doing a lot for the local community, and it is growing as a result. It has a good range of people in congregation from babies and children, teenagers and adults from those in 20s right through to 90s. The land was already being rented to the owners (William Purves) in a 100-year lease. The building sits on the land so they should own land with the building  It is likely that carpark and surrounding garden will be better maintained if owned by church. We all know that the council is short of money for maintaining it |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 50 | In Favour.  This church community promote truth and healthy attitudes and behaviours, very much needed in increasingly darker days. They are welcoming to all and enthusiastic to support local community groups.  Restricting such a positive and supportive group of people would be a great shame and major lack of insight for what is good for the Forres community and thereabouts. These people are well meaning, genuine and would put all facilities to good use, benefitting all who would avail of them. |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 51 | In Favour.  I think it's a good use of space |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 52 | In Favour.  It will benefit the community by giving the church a permanent place to hold events like the Christmas lunch etc the reach and bless those that are in need. |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 53 | In Favour.  It will benefit the local community with social activities for all ages |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 54 | In Favour.  For the splendid ability of a church that brings together our community |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 55 | In Favour.  Forres Baptist Church is already using the building and car park regularly. Selling the land to the church will make no noticeable difference to the area. |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 56 | In Favour.  A sound proposal to benefit the community and safeguard parking both for the church and the cemetery. |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 57 | Not In Favour.  It looks like we will lose car parking spaces |
|  | The Car Park arrangements will continue with no change.  Moray Council Comment - In any sale the Council will ensure that access for public parking is protected – access to remain in perpetuity. |
| 58 | In Favour.  It helps the community from events |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 59 | In Favour.  It is being used more and more as a community hub which I think is definitely needed in Forres. It provides a safe, warm and hospitable place for religious people and non-religious people! I see the positives outweighing any negatives that may be produced as a result of this survey. |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 60 | In Favour.  So, the Church congregation can obtain the building and have security |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 61 | In Favour.  I’d like to see Forres Baptist Church grow and for them to continue serving the community in the way they do. The extra land will mean more possibilities for outreach and in a time when community partnering is so important then this is a great idea.  Forres Baptist Church are always striving to serve God and neighbour, and this project will give them a boost and encourage them in their vision. |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 62 | Not In Favour.  There needs to be more involvement with the community on the use of common good land not just those who have a say in the use of common good funds |
|  | Moray Council are in a better position to respond to this  Moray Council Comment - Moray Council are following the Legislative process by going to Consultation. |
| 63 | In Favour.  This is the most active Christian church in Forres, providing much care into the community, spiritual and physical. If this purchase enables them to continue and expand their care permanently, it will be benefit the whole town.  I understand that they are installing a Defibrillator on the exterior of their building for community use🙂 |
|  | Thank you for your support. The defibrillator is now installed. |
| 64 | In Favour.  Currently being used by the church and who work with the community. Good to see the money going to back to Forres to use for other things. |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 65 | In Favour.  *No Comments Entered* |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 66 | In Favour.  The Baptist church has been a real blessing to me and my family, and a number of friends from the community.  It will be much better having a local owner of the building than an absentee landlord, to make sure the building and car park are well looked after. |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 67 | Not In Favour.  The information you have published states ‘William Purves’ within boundary of Clovenside Cottage, this is not correct. Piece of land to the right of proposed sale that currently has a poorly maintained concrete brick wall and a stone soak away not included in proposal, who will maintain responsibility for this.  Have you consulted land registry? |
|  | Moray Council are in a better position to respond to this  Moray Council Comment - The consultation does not mention Clovenside Cottage. |
| 68 | Not In Favour.  Common Good Land should always be that and never sold. Selling it puts very limited funds into the Common Good so the council can use it to pay themselves for [check notes] "Gras cutting". And Lord knows consecutive Councils have made a complete shambles of protecting such land. Lost to the common Good and sold repeatedly in years to come for individual good. All common good land should be protected and preserved. Maybe this time the council will actually take heed of the vote unlike Roysvale where despite a majority against, the council have decided to recommend the reappropriation of the land for a bus park for a school that few people want built there in the first place. |
|  | Moray Council are in a better position to respond to this  Moray Council Comment - All Common Good account funds pay for the maintenance of all Common Good assets.  From this consultation, 84.1% are in favour of the disposal to Forres Baptist Church. |
| 69 | In Favour.  I believe the Church has used the building for over a decade anyway, and they do a lot of good in the community, it seems nonsensical to object.  It would be great if a sign could be put up at the end of the road near the police station, to point people to this great community asset. |
|  | Thank you for your support. A Forres Baptist Church sign could be made available by the church at no cost. |
| 70 | In Favour.  The community will benefit from having permanent church facilities and funds from the sale |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 71 | In Favour.  This land is no adult t the church, selling it will make funds available for Forres. |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 72 | In Favour.  This will benefit the community giving a permanent site for the church to offer outreach to the community |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 73 | In Favour.  The community space the church provides is a fantastic asset for benefiting the local community.  It will be great to have a church at this end of town, where no other one exists. |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 74 | In Favour.  I am writing to advise you that I fully support the sale of the land adjacent to Clovenside Cemetery to Forres Baptist Church. I believe this would be of great asset to the community. |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 75 | In Favour.  I write in support of the proposal for community asset transfer of Moray Council's intention to sell the adjacent land at Clovenside to Forres Baptist Church. |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 76 | Not In Favour.  Please find my response to the consultation below.  Key Questions  • Do you live in an IV36 postcode area?  Yes, I do  • Are you happy for the proposal to proceed?  No, I am not  • What are your views on the proposal in relation to the disposal from Moray Council to the Forres Baptist Church?  You state that ‘The sale will include payment, and all proceeds of any sale would be credited to the Forres Common Good Account and funds generated would be distributed within the local community.’ Recently Moray Council have started using Common Good funds to pay for services such as grass cutting. This is a first, historically it has been allocated to things such as Forres Bonfire, Forres Christmas Lights etc. If the council can again use Forres Common Good assets to provide them with easier solutions they may continue to erode this asset when it is to their benefit, and not necessarily the benefit of Forres.  • Do you have any additional comments?  If the Baptist Church want to use the ground as a car park, why not charge them rent and keep the asset for the people of Forres. |
|  | Moray Council are in a better position to respond to this  Moray Council Comment - Common Good funds are primarily used to maintain the Common Good asset. If there are surplus funds, community groups can request funding assistance for activities relevant to the common good. |
| 77 | In Favour.  I am writing to show my support for Forres Baptist Church owning the land at Clovenside as I believe it will be a great benefit to to local community |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 78 | Not In Favour.  I want to know why the church wants ALL the area shown when it already has access and uses all the area. Also, the whole area shown is often fully used by respectful mourners when there is a funeral not associated with the Baptist Church.  I object in principle to the sale of more land than is needed. I understand their desire to own the land around their church but why the whole area. I would like to know how much they asked for and how much the council offered. They have no need to own the majority of the carpark when they already have full use of it. So, no I am against this sale as it stands. |
|  | The Car Park arrangements will continue with no change.  Moray Council Comment - The area identified within the constitution is currently leased to Wm Purves Funeral Directors and sub-leased to Forres Baptist Church. The sale contains the same footprint as is currently leased.  In any sale the Council will ensure that access for public parking is protected – access to remain in perpetuity. |
| 79 | In Favour.  I agree |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 80 | In Favour.  As a resident of the Forres / Rafford community, with a postcode of IV36, I fully support the disposal of the land adjacent to the Forres Baptist Church, to the Forres Baptist Church. |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 81 | In Favour.  I am in favour.  Forres Baptist Church is a community group dedicated to supporting all ages and sections of the community and will look after the land well.  thank you |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 82 | In Favour.  This land would be very Important to the Forres Baptist Church. I am currently a member and the extra space would be magic and greatly appreciated. |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 83 | Not In Favour.  1 Just to let you know that i do not agree with this; i believe that common good land in Forres should stay as common good land.  2 Please could you record that i do not agree to any sale of common good land until further notice. |
|  | Noted |
| 84 | In Favour.  I am writing to express my favour of the sale of the common good land to Forres Baptist Church, given the excellent work they do for the local community. They provide a 'Drop In' and warm space each week for everyone, which includes a free food pantry for people to help themselves, and many other good community projects throughout the year.  Given the church has been based in the current building for over 14 years, and the church has maintained it and the surrounding area well, I think it would be the right thing to do, to sell the church the land, so they can have their own permanent premises in the area. |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 85 | In Favour.  I am very much in support of Forres Baptist Church purchasing the common good land from the Moray Council. It would be a good outcome for the community as the church reaches out to all age groups with free local events. I have helped at these including free Christmas lunches, weekly drop-ins/warm space, a food pantry, ladies & men’s events, bonfire suppers all which are well attended. These events help people of all ages & families who could otherwise be socially isolated & struggling with the cost of living, hence why I support this purchase. |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 86 | In Favour.  As a resident of IV36 I am fully supportive of this Common Good Land being sold to Forres Baptist Church. I am very aware of all the activities the church undertakes throughout the year which support all the local community e g. warm space and drop-in sessions, Christmas dinners, Bonfire night burgers etc, etc. Alterations generating a much greater internal open space are just being completed. |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 87 | In Favour.  I am writing regarding the proposed sale of the car park land to the Forres Baptist Church. This entire proposal carries my full support. The fact that the Forres Baptist Church are willing to pay £280,000 for a parcel of land that may only be worth a fraction of this and the fact that this money will go directly to the Forres Common Good Fund is a fantastic outcome for Forres. The additional community service that a growing and outwardly looking church will provide will be a huge benefit to all residents in IV36. |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 88 | In Favour.  I am writing regarding the proposed sale of the car park land to Forres Baptist Church. I am strongly in favour of this proposal. The fact that the Church are willing to pay £280,000 for such a tiny piece of land that will benefit the community is a fantastic deal for the town of Forres. There is a great need for a community building up at that end of town where none currently exist. |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 89 | On behalf of Forres Community Council, I am writing to you to request that the consultation for the sale of Common Good land is halted until questions asked by Forres Community Council are answered. Once the questions have been answered, there needs to be a short period for the information to be publicised. This will allow the general public to make an informed decision based on more information than is available in the prospectus and the press.  We have written to the Chief Executive asking for this to happen and a list of questions raising our concerns have been sent to our 4 Forres Moray Councillors.  Once we have the answers, we will be able to discuss this matter at our next Community Council meeting on Jun 19th and come up with an agreed consensus based on accurate and unbiased information. |
|  | Moray Council are in a better position to respond to this |
| 90 | In Favour.  I am in full support of the slae of Common Good Land at Clovenside Forres to Forres Baptist Church.  I believe this will be very beneficial to the community, enabling the church to continue helping residents and releasing funds for use in the community. |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 91 | In Favour.  To whom it may concern, I support Forres Baptist Church in their application to buy the land from Moray Council. Thís will benefit the whole community of Forres and surrounding area, as they offer a regular drop-in centre, where people of all ages can meet for coffee and a chat.  They also run Men's Fellowship Evenings and Ladies Coffee Mornings.  The services they run are essential in the present climate of economic, social and people with mental health issues. |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 92 | In Favour.  We’d like to be included as locals who live near the Forres community that we support the project that Forres Baptist church is proposing to buy common good land. This will be good and supportive for the community during these tough times of increased poverty as it will provide a drop-in centre, a warm space and a food bank and community |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 93 | In Favour.  I am writing to support the proposal that Forres Baptist Church buys the land at Clovenside in Forres.  As a church they are actively involved in the community.  Especially with their Drop in/ Warm space- it is a friendly welcoming space open to anyone.  They also have food bank which can be accessed at any time even evenings if necessary.  They also opened up on Christmas day offering people food and company, on what can be a difficult for some people.  The church has also got a good range of ages from babies to 93yr old, with activities running for all ages. |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 94 | In Favour.  I am writing to give you my support for the development of this site.  I live in Forres at The Park in Victoria Road.  The church provides so much for the community. I was first attracted by its provision of a warm place and a food larder. At the basic level this is a godsend to families in the area and the elderly. It shows real care in the community with real support, real friendship and care for wellbeing. It also provides companionship to not only the elderly but also more vulnerable younger people who struggle mentally and physically with day-to-day life.  There is also youth support going on at the church which gives outstanding Christian values and encourages young adults in their Christian lives. This connects through to encouraging teenagers to take part in and work towards extending their lives to participate in Christian youth ventures more widely in Scotland, the UK and beyond.  More broadly the church encourages people to consider religion and its values and also the impact it can have on our lives to guide us and strengthen us.  This community will grow with your support in its development and security of tenure. |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 95 | In Favour.  I am writing to say that I am in favour of Forres Baptist church purchasing the common land. The church provides many services for the community  Thank you |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 96 | In Favour.  I am writing this with regards to the disposal of Forres Common Good Land opposite the old Clovenside Cemetery (now Forres Baptist Church).  I am in favour of this proposal for multiple reasons. However, the main one is that currently the church is being used as a community hub which benefits individuals in Forres.  There have recently been renovations to the hall (making it a larger space) and plans are to utilise this space for future public/church activities.  There is a drop in open to the community each Tuesday, we run a soup and sweet for older generations, and just recently there has been a defibrillator attached to the church building which can be used by the public.  I see no negatives with this proposal and for any negatives that are produced by the public consultation the benefits outweigh them in my opinion.  I value the church as my personal place of worship, and I know that at the centre of all we do, we wish to welcome those in Forres into our building. Having a positive result from this consultation will aid us doing that. |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 97 | In Favour.  I’m writing this email to adjust the matter about the church buying the land. I personally agree with the idea and I’m all for it to go ahead as there has been many positives like groups that involve inviting members of the public to these which having a big space benefit this for big gatherings. Overall, the church would benefit this in the long haul as no negatives can be seen. |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 98 | In Favour.  I am writing to give my support to the disposal of the common good land adjacent to Clovenside cemetery to Forres Baptist Church.  Since this land is already leased to William Purves and is now used by Forres Baptist Church, disposal of the land to the church will make no substantial difference in the status of the land. The Church provides services to the community with the weekly drop-in to welcome people and help them with any needs. In addition, a CAP (Christians against Poverty) meeting is held to assist those with financial problems  I am a resident of Forres IV36 and I am sending this email to register my support for disposal of this land to Forres Baptist Church. |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 99 | In Favour.  I am writing to give you my support for the development of this site.  I live in Forres at The Park in Victoria Road.  The church provides so much for the community. I was first attracted by its provision of a warm place and a food larder. At the basic level this is a godsend to families in the area and the elderly. It shows real care in the community with real support, real friendship and care for wellbeing. It also provides companionship to not only the elderly but also more vulnerable younger people who struggle mentally and physically with day-to-day life.  There is also youth support going on at the church which gives outstanding Christian values and encourages young adults in their Christian lives. This connects through to encouraging teenagers to take part in and work towards extending their lives to participate in Christian youth ventures more widely in Scotland, the UK and beyond.  More broadly the church encourages people to consider religion and its values and also the impact it can have on our lives to guide us and strengthen us.  This community will grow with your support in its development and security of tenure. |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 100 | In Favour.  I would like to express my overwhelming support for the sale of common good land to Forres Baptist Church at Clovenside. The church proves many services to the community of Forres throughout each week; their work and outreach is vital for many in our town, and they share God's love and welcome to everyone who visits them. |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 101 | In Favour.  To whom it may concern,  I am writing to say I am very much in support of the proposal to sell the common good land in the vicinity of Forres cemetery to Forres Baptist Church.  The church is already well established there, so realistically I can't see that anything would change. They are a group of community minded people who have already shown they offer several things to the community. I know of a number of elderly people who benefit from their drop-in sessions on Tuesday mornings. Anything that offers a free cuppa, friendly chat and support is surely a good thing. In a time of rising costs and unfortunate albeit necessary council cutbacks, if this church can offer a food bank resource and means of combating loneliness, this should be applauded. They also host youth events from time to time, alongside other Baptist churches in Moray. Again, getting young folk involved in wholesome activities, away from screens, X-boxes, potential substance abuse is admirable.  In addition, there will still be parking for those visiting their loved ones in the cemetery, so no problem is created by selling the church the land.  I wholeheartedly give my support. |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 102 | In Favour.  I wish to record my SUPPORT for the sale of the land to Forres Baptist Church.  I can think of few better uses for Common Good Land than this - indeed, if the land were given by you for FREE to an active church such as this, I would have no objection!  This is an active church which provides spiritual, social and physical welfare to the local community. Its activities are well known in the town.  I also understand that they have recently obtained and maintain a PUBLIC defibrillator, which may prove invaluable to adjacent residents or visitors to the cemetery.  If my memory serves me correctly, prior to the arrival of William Purves, this piece of land lay waste for countless years, serving no practical purpose other than that part of it, which provided road access to what is now the new cemetery.  Please APPROVE the disposal of the land, so that future generations in the community, can benefit from the presence and activities of this Church. |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 103 | In Favour.  I am writing in support of the proposed disposal of the Forres common good land adjacent to Clovenside cemetery.  The church will not only be taking on responsibility for the maintenance of the land but providing a financial investment in the future of Forres. Meanwhile they will be using the land to provide support for the community. This is a win for everyone.  If the proposal does not go ahead, we could see the unwanted land fall into disrepair and become a burden on the council, while generating no income.  The money received from the sale should be ring-fenced and only used for the town of Forres. Not spent on services otherwise provided by the council, but on providing support to the community - fulfilling the purpose of the common good in a way retaining the land would not. |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 104 | In Favour.  I would like to give my total support to the proposed sale of Forres Common Good Land to the Forres Baptist Church. The Church operates a number of activities, some weekly e.g. a Drop In (and a warm space in colder months) and some across the year e.g. a Bonfire night barbecue which are assets valued by the local community. The church is also paying a good or “very fair” price for the land which in addition will be an economic benefit to the population. |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 105 | In Favour.  We fully support the application by Forres Baptist Church to purchase the common good land adjacent to Forres Baptist Church.  We are aware that the Church run many events for the local community on an ongoing basis. They embrace people of all ages from young to old and the Forres Baptist Church is a vibrant hub for the community. It is also a valuable asset to the town and the purchase of the land can only be positive for the community and the Church. |
|  | Thank you for your support |
| 106 | In Favour.  I wish to put forward my support for the purchase by Forres Baptist Church of the Common good land at Clovenside.  The Baptist church, of which I am a member, provides many services and functions to support the community, as well as for its Church congregation. These include, but are not limited to, drop in coffee mornings, family support and elderly support.  The purchase of the land secures the site for use by the church in an ongoing capacity, a site that it is already using. The impact on the local community will not differ through this purchase as the use of the site will remain the same. |
|  | Thank you for your support |