

Newsletter No2

As promised in the first NL we are continuing to use the NL format as a way of keeping you up to date with the progress of the RT.

Since the last NL we have had three meetings. These covered detailed discussions on parking, investigation of additional access routes to the church, issue of graves, extent of VAT on future work and the provision of music. Also, feedback from the majority of church organisations has been received and discussed at length.

With regard to other feedback, a few people have come forward with constructive comments and suggestions but we feel there are still a lot of opinions and suggestions within the congregation of which we are not yet aware.

In order to progress this issue we feel a questionnaire would be a useful means of gathering this information. Therefore, as you can see, a questionnaire has been included in this NL. It will be of immense help to the team if you all would complete and return this regardless of age, being a member or adherent. Please place the completed questionnaires in the collection plates or in the boxes provided in the vestibules.

The team will then analysis the information gathered from the questionnaires and include it in a presentation which will be shown at an Information Evening on Tuesday 15th March.

We must stress that the presentation will not be detailing decisions taken, but rather giving full details of what the review team have discussed and, as mentioned above, the general views gathered from the questionnaires. No decisions will have been made by the review team or Congregational Committee at this stage.

After the Information Evening, all comments received will be discussed by the team and proposals formulated accordingly. It is only at this stage will the review team submit these proposals to the Congregational Committee and the congregation. Subsequently, everyone will have had an opportunity to express their views and be aware of the final proposals. We intend to reach this stage before the summer recess.

This sequence of events will allow the review team to complete the design brief for the architects knowing that every issue and proposal has the broad support of all the people of 1st Antrim.