

Wirral Christian Centre

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Dear Ian

Thank you for your letter of 29th October 2002.

I am very aware of the sincere desire you have to serve the Lord and your thoughts concerning Narrowgate.

After this letter I feel it would be better that any future conversations take place with David Woodfield and myself together but as you have put certain things in writing I shall endeavour to deal with those as specifically as I can.

The last paragraph on the second page mentions a valuation. This was undertaken on behalf of the Elim Trust Corporation in, I believe, 1996, when Elim was doing a full revaluation of all its properties throughout the United Kingdom. At that time it was assumed that Narrowgate was part of the ETC and it was only later discovered that it had never been transferred from the Trusteeship of myself and my college. You will appreciate that I cannot hold myself responsible for the present condition of the property or for the work that needs to be done to the property.

The second paragraph third page, there are indeed other aspects of the valuation which include sections on the present condition due to lack of maintenance etc., this valuation was indeed paid for by ourselves and we are not going to make that the property of anyone else. I have to correct you on the assumption of the responsibilities of Trustees, first of all the property does not belong to the Elim Trust Corporation and indeed is under the disposal of the two existing trustees. They do not act on behalf of any given charity and have no responsibilities to any given charity but will, of course, act in such a way that any funds that do eventually come from the disposal of Narrowgate are used in a beneficial way where ever the trustees choose to apply those funds. It is not "unlawful" for them to dispose of the property with planning consent for two houses. Unfortunately we had to do something very similar, as you may remember, in the disposal of a substantial amount of Leasowe, which was sold with planning consent etc. I know all about financial burdens on new churches as when we went to Cannock we had to pioneer that church without any major financial support and again in Birkenhead was purchased by the new converts after the crusade.

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In the fourth paragraph of the fourth page you talk about the conversation we had with Ray Smith and yourself and I did say that the release would be only on the condition that it would remain in the Elim Trust Corporation.

In the next paragraph you talk about the deeds already being in Elim and I have dealt with that earlier in this letter.

Finally, I understand your position and am sad that you feel like a 'piggy in the middle' but hopefully we shall be able to discuss this further with David Woodfield. I would say that if Narrowgate is to be run independent of Wirral Christian Centre then it must take on its own responsibilities. The same is happening at this present time in New Ferry, as you know the building was purchased from the Bretheren and mortgages been arranged and that mortgage is being paid through the New Ferry bank account.

I do hope that we can come to a satisfactory arrangement in the very near future.

Yours as always in the Love and Service of Jesus.



Paul

cc D Woodfield, Elders.