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Dear Sirs,



I am writing as a parishioner of Holy Family Church to comment on the proposal to obtain the field between the Church and St Rita's retreat centre for a football pitch, which causes us much concern.

May I invite the reader of this letter to imagine how they would feel if they were attending the funeral of a close relative in the Church, and they were met with great cheering from just outside.

I hope I would be right in imagining that you might be quite distressed.

Even in today's increasingly secular world, we deceive ourselves if we think that spiritual issues are not extremely important to the majority of people.

There are many places to play football, but only one in Honiton for Catholics to worship. You can't move a Church, you can move a football pitch.

I would urge any one who has influence in this matter to consider what the really important things in life are. Peace once lost can never be regained.

I would be grateful for the opportunity to address any meeting on the subject.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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CC. Fr. Gerald Wilson.

