Paper Petition Details

Objection of Grant for St Ethelbert's Church Hall

We, the undersigned wish for the Council to end negotiations with St Ethelbert's RC Church, Wellington Street, Slough for a grant of £250,000 for the construction of a new hall, for the following reasons:

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- Have a long track history of wasting money e.g.: shoddy plastering (£380,000)
- Lack of use by the parishioners
- No commercial value
- Eliminates parking spaces for parishioners
- Alternative plans put forward that would diminish the large price of £700,000, were dismissed, without any valid reason.

This petition was received on 2nd December, 2015.

This petition was passed to the Director of Customer & Community Services on 4th December, 2015.

This petition was responded to by the Strategic Director of Customer and Community Services on 31st December, 2015.

Final Results	
Number of Signatures	10

Council Response

Thank you for your Petition.

Your Petition is an objection to an alleged Council grant of £250,000 towards the "construction of a new hall" on the basis of a range of allegations which you set out in your Petition.

I am afraid the Council is not making a grant award to the St Ethelbert's RC Church.

The Council is however, entering into a legal agreement with the land owner of the Church, the Northampton Roman Catholic Diocese Trustee (charity number 234091). The consideration being paid is in relation to acquisition of land under the Curve Compulsory Purchase Order and other related matters. The Council is legally required to make this payment. I would reiterate that this payment is not a grant award by the Council.