



*Summary/Response to all of the Collated Replies received and from my own personal experience of listening to what Individuals had to say when asking questions and expressing their own Opinions at the Group Presentations. We have completed 19 Group Presentations with approximately 277 persons attending, some of these will have attended 2 or more Presentations. We have received back 38 completed Questionnaires.*

There will be many different opinions, some held very strongly. How must we act so that we discuss the issues separate from personalities, respecting the right of others to hold opinions differing from our own?

**UMBRELLA QUESTIONS:**

1. **QUESTION:** If you had a “Blank Canvas” what would your Dreams be for the Nativity Buildings?

**RESPONSE:**

*We have received responses from 38 People/Groups, all of these response have been very well thought out and well presented, with drawings attached. The main theme has been expressed that we must do something and we must make the Nativity Church Safe for all to Worship in.*

*There is a large amount of Information/Ideas received, which I feel will assist with the future development of the Nativity Buildings and Site not only for today but into the Future as well.*

2. **QUESTION:** In what state do you want to leave the Function of The Nativity Church to your Future Generations?

**RESPONSE:**

*The huge majority of the responses have stated that we must “Leave the Nativity Church in a Safe Condition” That we do it now and not leave a huge Debt to the Future Generation.*

*That we do not just complete the “Re–Strengthening up to the 34% as per todays requirements by Law”*

**QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE PRESENT CHANCEL /SANCTUARY/TRANSEPT AREA**

3. **QUESTION:** How often in the past and how often in the future do you see the full Present Chancel/Sanctuary area being used?

**RESPONSE:**

*Due to the Earthquake restrictions on this area of the Church over the past approximately 18 months, this has influenced the thoughts of the parishioners as especially in the case of the Chancel area which has been cordoned off.*

*Again under the heading of Re–Strengthening as this is the area of the Church that falls below the required 34% Earthquake Code of requirement.*

*Also the Majority of the replies are suggesting to demolish the under EQC Code area’s and rebuild up to today’s Earthquake Code of requirement. There are 4 floor plan Drawings available outlining how this could be achieved.*

**4. QUESTION:** If the Present Chancel/Sanctuary/Transept Area is retained can it be converted into a more User Friendly area?

**RESPONSE:**

*The Majority of replies have related to this area for the future, with several suggestions: if Re-structured, then re-allocating the area for different uses and purposes.*

**5. QUESTION:** If the Present Chancel/Sanctuary Area was not available would this disrupt the full use of the Nativity Buildings?

**RESPONSE:**

*The huge response was "NO". Alternatives were given as Above: "If Re-structured, then re-allocating the area for different uses and purposes".*

*"Do not Change what we Believe" – "Must Change the way we Do Church".*

**6. QUESTION:** We can do the Re-Strengthening in two stages: Should we?

**1 / Complete the Transept area first so that the Front of the Church can be used under safer conditions.**

**RESPONSE:**

*The majority of replies preferred to make the changes to the Present Chancel/Sanctuary/Transept area all in the one go. However it has been also suggested if it is financially better to have two bites of the cherry, yes this would be acceptable to complete in two stages.*

**2 / Can we address the Purpose/Use/Design of the Present Chancel/Sanctuary/Transept Area at a later date?**

**RESPONSE:**

*The majority have said definitely no. However several have reserved their decision until costing have been made and published.*