

# Consents Enablers Training Day

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# Housekeeping

- Fire Drills
- Facilities

# Agenda

<b>1000</b>	Welcome Tea & Coffee
<b>1030</b>	Introduction and aims for the day
<b>1100</b>	Overview of the Online Suite
<b>1130</b>	TEA AND COFFEE BREAK
<b>1145</b>	Presentation: Common Issues
<b>1300</b>	LUNCH
<b>1345</b>	Workshop: Problem Solving
<b>1430</b>	Discussion
<b>1530</b>	END

# Introduction

# Exercise 1

1. How do you feel about being a Consent Champion?
2. How do you feel about using the Property Consents System?

Aims for the day

# Why Consents Enablers?

- Understand how Consents fits in to the larger Online Suite
- Provide local knowledge
- Quicker responses to queries
- Familiar faces within the district.

# Learning Outcomes

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Anything else?

# Overview of the Online Suite

# Online Suite Welcome Page

> PROPERTY CONSENTS

> STATISTICS FOR MISSION

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> GRANT APPLICATIONS

> MANAGE USERS

> CONTACT US

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# Common Issues

Whilst we strive to minimise the issues users experience, there will always be issues with the system.

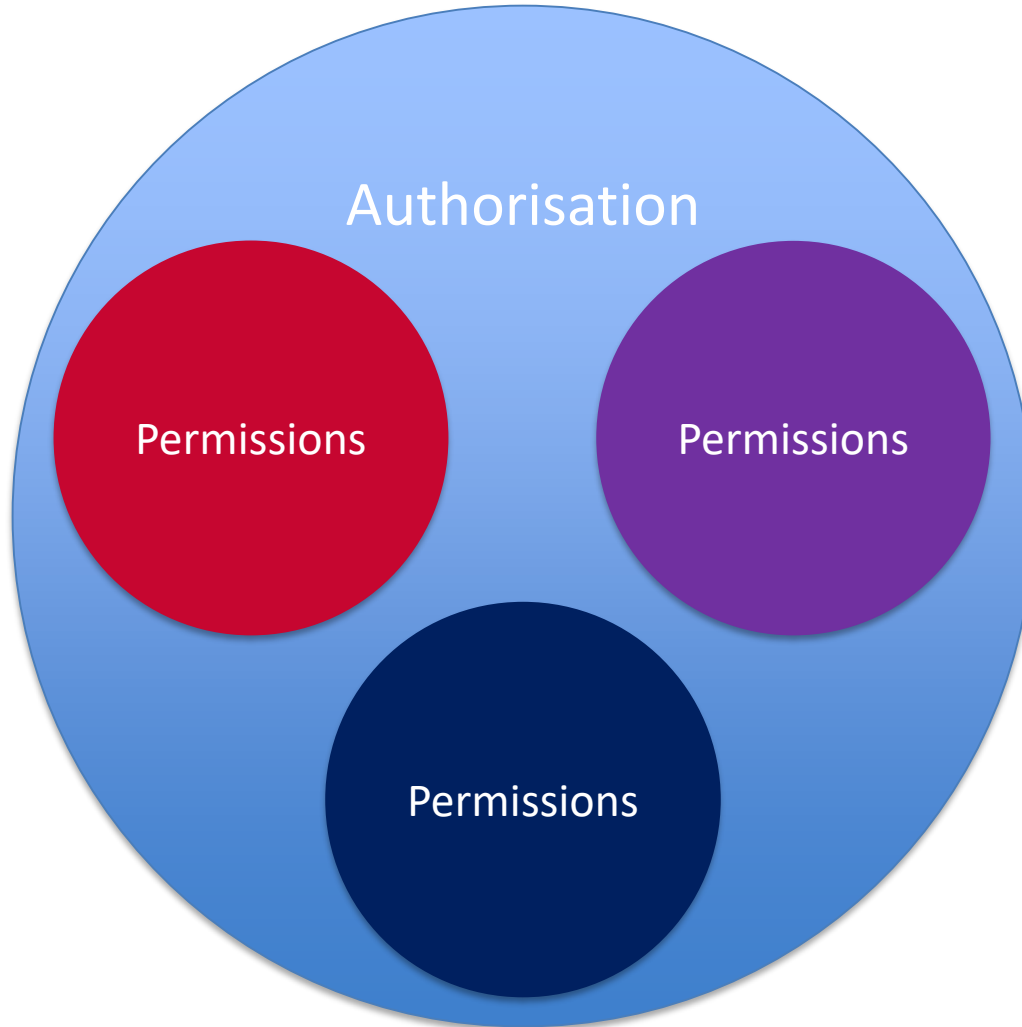


# Accessing Property Consents

- User not authorised
- User accessing Property Consents using the incorrect role.
- User does not have appropriate permissions

# User Not Authorised

Confusion between authorisation and permissions.



User Registers

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The diagram is a vertical flowchart with four steps. The first step, 'User Registers', is enclosed in an orange rounded rectangle. A blue arrow points down from this box to the second step, 'Superintendent authorizes users', which is in a blue rounded rectangle. Another blue arrow points down from the second step to the third step, 'Superintendent gives user permissions', also in a blue rounded rectangle. A final green arrow points down from the third step to the fourth and final step, 'User logs in to site', which is enclosed in a green rounded rectangle.

Superintendent  
authorizes users

Superintendent gives  
user permissions

User logs in to site

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# Awaiting approval?

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Your user account has been registered successfully.

Your superintendent minister or circuit administrator will need to approve your account before you can continue.

If you are experiencing delays with your authorisation, **please contact your circuit office for an update.**

If you have any technical difficulties, please contact **the Web Support Officer**

Thank you

**The Web Applications Team**

User does not have  
appropriate permissions

**Read Property:** Enables users to view projects on the consents site (as well as entries on the Returns site.)

**Update Consents:** Enables users to create and edit projects on the Consents site.

**Manage Users** (District and Circuit Users Only): Allows users to authorise users and assign permissions to user accounts.

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Keir Hardie	N/A	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	<a href="#">EDIT</a> <a href="#">×</a>
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# User accessing Property Consents using the incorrect role

Logging in under the incorrect role is one of the most common issues.

Current role is indicated in the blue bar at the top, where it says “Role: ...”.



The screenshot displays a web application interface. At the top, there is a blue header bar. On the left side of the header, the text "The Methodist Church" is displayed next to a white cross icon. On the right side of the header, there is a user profile section with the following text: "> leet@methodistchurch.org.uk > Logout" and "> Edit My Profile > Role: Managing Trustee". A red arrow points to the "Role: Managing Trustee" text. Below the header bar, there is a search bar on the left with the text "FIND PROJECT BY ID" and a "SEARCH" button. To the right of the search bar, the text "Listing Projects" is displayed.

# Managing Trustees

- Managing Trustee is the role that will be doing most of the work on the system.
- Often church managing trustees, but can be circuit, district, or even Connexional.

# Circuit User

- Supervisory role.
- Confirm funds
- Authorise payment requests from TMCP circuit funds.
- Give Circuit Support to a Project

# Circuit vs Circuit Managing Trustee

Features	Circuit User	Circuit Managing Trustee
Raise Projects	✗	✓
Edit Projects	✗	✓
Add funds	✗	✓
Confirm circuit funds	✓	✗
Raise payment requests	✗	✓
Authorise payment requests against circuit funds	✓	✗
Give managing trustee authorisation	✗	✓
Give circuit support	✓	✗

# Consent Giving Body

- Supervisory role.
- Confirm funds
- Authorise payment requests from TMCP District funds.
- Give Final Consent to a Project.

# Project Finance

- Project Funding
- TMCP vs Local Funding
- Confirming Funding
- Payment Requests

# Project Funding

- Issues occur mostly around sales, leases, and easement projects.
- Trustees need to indicate what fees they are paying.
- Where are these fees being paid from?



# TMCP vs Local Funding

- Most funding comes from either church, circuit or district funds.
- Two sub-types: TMCP and Local, indicating where funds are held.
- TMCP funds held in trust on behalf of church, circuit or district.
- TMCP funds will always have a trust number.
- Local funds held locally in bank accounts.

- Examples of TMCP funding:
  - Church Funds
    - Bequests
    - Legacies
  - Circuit Funds
    - Model Trust
  - District Funds
    - District Advance Fund

## Other Funds (TMCP)









- Rarely used but useful to be aware of
- Useful for district projects where money is coming from the advance fund.
- Hunter Rowe Trust (11974)

# Confirm Funding

- Who is responsible for the fund?
- Managing Trustees can confirm the majority of funds.
- Exceptions: Circuit, District, and Connexional Grants.

Project Funding 



 TYPE	 LOAN	 TRUST NO	 DESCRIPTION	 AMOUNT PROPOSED	 AMOUNT CONFIRMED	 MANAGE
Church Funds (Local)	NO		Local Funds	£4000.00	<b>CONFIRM</b>	<b>EDIT</b>  Awaiting Confirmation

# Payment Requests

- Only accessible once final consent has been given.
- TMCP or Connexional Funds only.
- Locked if project is amended and before final consent.
- All payments are requested by the managing trustee.

# Payment Requests

<b>Funding Type</b>	<b>Authoriser</b>
<b>Church Funds (TMCP)</b>	<b>Managing Trustees</b>
<b>Other Funds (TMCP)</b>	
<b>Connexional Priority Fund</b>	
<b>CPF Levy Refund</b>	
<b>Fund for Property</b>	
<b>Circuit Funds (TMCP)</b>	<b>Circuit User</b>
<b>District Funds (TMCP)</b>	<b>District User</b>

# Authorisations

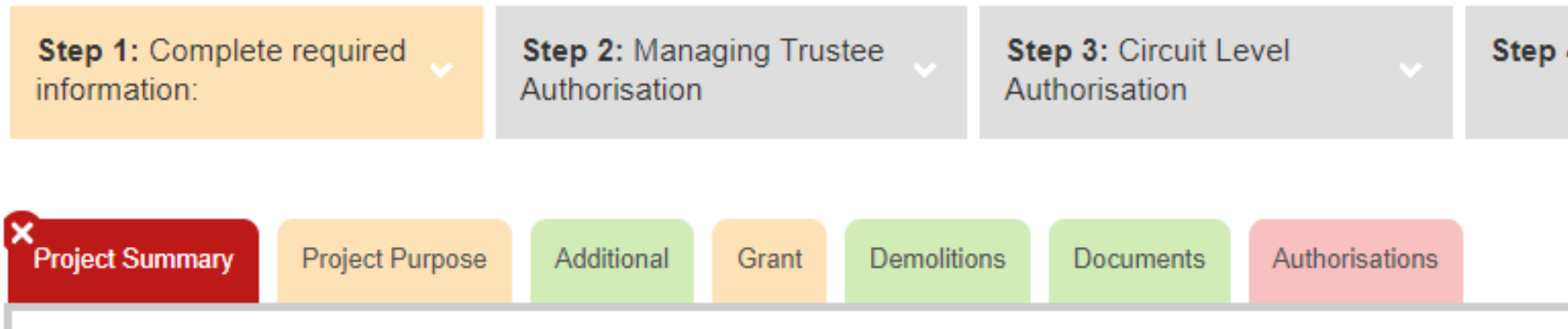
- Main complications are around Connexional Approval
- Two types of Connexional approval:
  - Sharing Clearance – LEPs
  - Conservation/Listed Building Approval
- Both lock the form when given.
- Currently needs to be removed by Web Applications Team.

# Authorisations

- Managing Trustee authorisation can only be given when Step One has been completed.
- If a tab to the left of Documents is amber or red, then information is missing.
- All tabs to the left of Documents need to be green.
- Documents, Payments, and Authorisations do not need to be green to give authorisations.



# Authorisations



Why can't this project be given managing trustee authorisation?

# Authorisations

- Some projects require Connexional authorisation:
  - Listed Buildings
  - Buildings within conservation areas
  - LEPs
- Final Consent can't be given until Connexional authorisation given.
- Can only be rolled back by the consents team.

# Replacement Projects

# What is a replacement project?

- A replacement project is a project where a sold church or manse is being replaced by a new building.
- Is not for projects such as replacing windows.
- A replacement project creates a CPF Levy Refund funding line against the project.
- A replacement project currently requires a sale project and an estimation of the CPF Levy Refund.

# Issue Escalation

# List of Relevant Teams

## General Queries

Web Applications Team

([consents@methodistchurch.org.uk](mailto:consents@methodistchurch.org.uk))

## Conservation/Listed Buildings

Conservation Team

([conservation@methodistchurch.org.uk](mailto:conservation@methodistchurch.org.uk))

## Sharing Clearance/LEPs

Connexional Ecumenical Officer

([eo@methodistchurch.org.uk](mailto:eo@methodistchurch.org.uk))

## List of Relevant Teams

### CPF Levy Refund Approvals & Replacement Projects

Andrew Thorpe-Apps

([Thorpe-appsa@methodistchurch.org.uk](mailto:Thorpe-appsa@methodistchurch.org.uk))

### CPF Levy Refund Finance

TMCP Finance ([finance@tmcp.methodist.org.uk](mailto:finance@tmcp.methodist.org.uk))

### Sales/Leases/Purchases/Easements

TMCP Legal ([legal@tmcp.methodist.org.uk](mailto:legal@tmcp.methodist.org.uk))

**LUNCH**



Workshop

## Solving Technical Issues

- Split in to 5 groups of 3 people.
- 10 different problems that need to be solved.
- Discuss with people in your group
- 45 Minutes

- Please see the worksheet that is being passed around for further instructions.
- Feel free to scribble notes in the boxes provided.
- We will discuss these at the end of the session.

# Discussion

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