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Dear Jonathan,

ST. FRANCIS CHURCH, RIDERS LANE, LEIGH PARK, HAMPSHIRE, PO9 4QT REPAIR OF BELOW GROUND FOUL DRAINAGE PIPEWORK

Thank you for keeping me informed of progress during the gradual implementation of a scope of work permitted by the Faculty dated 22nd May 2018, and indeed for your time during our last meeting at the end of last month.

Drainage Works

This project including the seeking of the associated Faculty has been managed by the Parish in its entirety, however I was grateful for the opportunity to be engaged once the works were advanced, and therefore enter into dialogue with M and B Drain Services Ltd. – a firm that I believe has an established working relationship with the Diocese.

The Faculty in question indicates that 'an Architect member agrees the final specification for the drains on site with the Contractor'. This suggests that a member of the DAC be tasked with assisting the Parish, however interestingly no reference is made to the Inspecting Architect, namely me.

Working at reasonable pace, M and B Drain Services Ltd. has addressed a section of earthenware foul drainage pipework which had settled and subsequently cracked, using a short section of 'modern' plastic pipe to maintain the existing run and falls. This action has arrested the leaching of waste into the surrounding ground, and equally returned the system to operation.

The in effect like-for-like repair requirement and methodology has therefore been prescribed by the Contractor, rather than as a formal 'specification' that I or for that matter a DAC member has assembled. It must be recognised however that the repair methodology could only be concluded upon once the failed pipework was exposed.

Having allowed the disturbed ground to settle before re-turfing the excavated area, their final and most recent visit at the end of last year and second CCTV survey has qualified that the work has been successful. 6 months later all appears to be operating satisfactorily and the grass is well settled. That being said, the Parish should continue to monitor operation as the CCTV survey of the remaining pipework did indicate evidence of disturbance elsewhere that may require remedial work in the years to come.

New External Lighting and Signage

Thank you equally for showing me the newly installed external lights and signage, the positions having been informed by an existing provision that had become rather deteriorated. I am sure that the lighting will help those using the steps to the church, and the signage certainly gives the impression that St. Francis is very much 'open for business' and looking to the future.