

## Sarah Williams

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**From:** Emma Brown <Emma.Brown@bathwells.anglican.org>  
**Sent:** 14 December 2022 15:32  
**To:** Sarah Williams  
**Subject:** FW: Cheddar, St Andrew (Diocese of Bath and Wells): Proposed reordering

CBC's pre-app response for Cheddar, thanks

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**From:** David Knight <david.knight@churchofengland.org>  
**Sent:** 14 December 2022 11:48  
**To:** Emma Brown <Emma.Brown@bathwells.anglican.org>  
**Subject:** Cheddar, St Andrew (Diocese of Bath and Wells): Proposed reordering

Dear Emma

Thank you for seeking the advice of the Council over the proposed reordering at the above church. This advice is given under the Council's delegated advice policy.

The Council noted that, taking all the information provided into account, that the parish had a strong case for the proposals. It felt that as presented this was not immediately apparent in the statement of needs which could usefully present a fuller picture of both the current and future life of the parish.

The statement of significance implies that the pews to be removed were designed by Butterfield and include Medieval bench ends. Although the statement shows that the medieval elements are significant it does not address the significance of the Butterfield pews. To make the case for their partial removal the parish will need to show that the benefit of removal outweighs the loss of the pews. It will help the parish to make its case if there was a fuller assessment of the significance of the seating and detail of the proposed new seating. The Council's seating guidance will be of assistance [Seating | The Church of England](#).

The statement of needs shows why freer circulation space is desirable. The plan drawings appear to show pinch points around the proposed dais and the toilet pod. It may be helpful to confirm that there is sufficient space at these points for good access. The Council tends to prefer straight edges to platforms, rather than rounded. This is partly since the straight lines are more in keeping with other furnishings in the building and provide confidence for the users over where the edge of the platform is.

The provision of option drawings is helpful in its demonstration of the process that the parish has completed to develop its proposals. Some further commentary may make this even more useful to the consultees, especially to confirm what is not being done, for example the glazed lobbies shown in the drawings are not addressed in the documents. Will they be included?

As the proposals include heating the parish will need to complete a heating options appraisal. The appraisal form and other guidance can be found at [Net zero carbon church | The Church of England](#) (scroll down).

I hope this advice is helpful. Please ask again if any further input from the Council is needed.

Best wishes

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