



**Somerset Council  
Planning Area West  
Planning Pre-Application Response Report**

**Reference: 36/23/0023/ENQ (please quote on all correspondence)**

The Parish Church Council (PCC) have approached the Bath & Wells Diocese for permission to replace the remaining lias slabs with concrete. The paths through the churchyard have become dangerous due to unevenness, breaking up and present a slip hazard when wet. Daily use to local amenities & graves. The Diocesan Chancellor has ruled that this could proceed under a 'Further Works' authorisation pending the approval of the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC). The DAC require confirmation that Local Authority permission is not required. It appears no Local Authority permission was required for the 2003 works. St Gregory's Church, Church Road, Stoke St Gregory PC

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**Somerset Council Case Officer: Kerry Kerr-Peterson**

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Thank you for your pre-application submission, this pre-application response is based on the information that you have supplied with your application.

**Planning Legislation relevant to your proposal:**

- The Ecclesiastical Exemption (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) (England) Order, 2010

### Design and Impact on Character and Appearance of the Area

N/A

### Impact on Residential Amenity

N/A

### Parking and Highway Implications

N/A

### Phosphates

N/A

### SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

These works are covered by the Ecclesiastical Exception (Listed Building and Conservation Area) (England) Order, 2010.

Local Planning Authority Planning Permission would not be required if the existing lias slabs are replaced on a like-for-like basis. However, should their replacement be approved for a different material, then Planning Permission would be required.

### Validation-Information requirements for a planning application:

A significant proportion of applications received by the Council are invalid. This means they do not contain the necessary information to assess the application

If you submit an application for the proposal it must include:

- Application form and ownership certificate
- Fee
- Site Location Plan (1:1250)
- Heritage Statement
- Any other plans or documents as specified in our adopted validation requirements, see

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/planning-buildings-and-land/information-requirements-for-planning-applications/> for further information

## **Consultation**

If an application is submitted, consultation will be undertaken with the adjoining neighbours and with consultees. Therefore, it is recommended that you speak to adjoining neighbours before submitting an application.

Consultation on the application may raise new issues not addressed in the advice above. Should this be the case, the officer will work with you to gain sufficient information or amendments to determine the application and where possible address the issues that have been raised.

## **Disclaimer**

You will appreciate that the above advice is based on the information provided and the facts available. This advice is without prejudice to the determination of any subsequent application whether under delegated authority or via planning committee. Further issues may arise during the application process which, where possible, we will seek to address prior to determining an application.