

Annex A to: Submission of Casework to the Church Buildings Council (CBC) – Authorisation to Consult the CBC



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to me, Alison ▾

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Dear Ian,

I have consulted with the DAC Chair and glass/stained glass expert, and in the first instance I would like to stress the importance of the parish to involve their appointed Quinquennial Inspector immediately. When dealing with contractors it is often beneficial to have the architect manage the project as the kind of work may be more complex, as I believe it is in this case.

The DAC assessor has advised that the two panels of glass were clearly removed “professionally” from the exterior to gain access to the interior presumably for non-religious activities. Both openings need to be boarded up and properly secured from the interior and any fragments of the stained glass carefully collected and retained with the panel in a safe place. I assume this has been done, that the parish have notified the police, acquired a crime report reference and informed their insurance company? If so, there’s no immediate urgency to justify an emergency faculty and time for the parish to consider the options with their QJ. Please be minded to produce a statement of significance with your faculty application, which sets out the details of the windows in context. You will need to decide what the PCC can afford to do from the absolutely necessary to the full range of repairs.

Please note that the DAC assessor cannot recommend JRS as they subcontract to a glass artist with no apparent conservation skills.

A full faculty is required for this, and as there is no contextual information about the glass – Julian Orbach’s 2014 revision of Pevsner’s Somerset S&W simply states “much by Drake & Son: nave windows 1896-1913...” I would suggest the application for faculty be prepared to be submitted bearing in mind that the DAC assessor mentions that statutory consultations will be needed with VicSoc and CBC.

Regarding the plain glazed window its ferramenta and stone frame – The assistance and advice of your church architect is **essential** – especially since your QJ Report is imminent. The DAC assessor has referred to the JM Glass condition description, re-leading the whole window and repairing the hopper may well have featured in the last QJR. The condition and structure of this window would certainly benefit from a complete restoration and repair and thus represent value for money (as opposed to restricting this to the small area eligible for the minimal insurance claim). Noting from the photograph supplied that this window contains mouth-blown glass if this is all re-used, **subject to the Archdeacon’s support, this could be done under List B with the provisos that the QJ is involved with the whole process, and that JM Glass are appointed. No need for an emergency faculty.**

To avoid frustration in not seeing to this complex situation as best as possible from the start, I encourage the parish to consult with the church architect based on the advice given.

For your reference, the next DAC meeting is on the 20th of March 2024. I would need an application by the end of week to include on the agenda if the architect was able to work within this time frame, alternatively the standing committee will convene on the 3rd of April 2024, with deadline for submissions on the 27th of March 2024.

I hope this helps.

Best wishes,

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