

Stockland: St Mary Magdalene (601532): Case has been reviewed by the DAC ref 2023-082995

Dear DAC

The DAC have reviewed your application and before moving the case forward, further edits are required to the forms already completed, or further supporting documentation is necessary as explained below:

Dear Alison,

Following email correspondence, I confirm that following the DAC meeting of 19th March 2025, the outcome is as follows:

The church is on the At Risk Register. The parish will need to exercise caution that the significance of the church is not lost with the large scale of works proposed. This is a well prepared and wide-ranging application which seeks to address the condition of the building and proposes a reordering scheme to ensure its future usability. The committee welcomes this and overall supports what is proposed. The questions raised are not fundamental but suggestions on the proposed works which may require further consideration.

- Kitchenette – It might be sensible to include doors across the front of the servery unit to provide a degree of security and improve the overall appearance of this element when the north aisle is in use and the kitchenette not required. The southeast corner of the kitchenette being so close to the arcade entrance doors looks visually awkward and may limit circulation. Reconsideration of interior details would be welcome.
- Bells – Bell proposal seems sound. However, this will not be possible if there are continuing issues with the structure of the tower. Depending on how successful the repairs to the tower are, it may or may not be possible to ring the bells. A further report from a structural engineer will be required to support the re-use of the bells once the tower is repaired.
- Tower Structure – The tower structure is of concern and requires thorough investigations. The committee is aware that the investigations cannot be carried out thoroughly until the structure is cleaned out. The drawings provided are clear and sound.
- Trench arch system –Archaeological considerations relating to the trench arch system and any recording of materials to be removed or proposed to be removed.

The committee discussions centred on how best to move the application forward and allow the necessary further investigations to be carried out. In the light of further investigation details of the proposed works may well change and because of the complexity of the project it needs to be considered as an iterative process. The possible comments of the consultees such as Historic England may be dealt with at a late stage considering the church is on the At risk register. Funding has been secured and there are time limitations within which the project has to be completed.

After much discussion the committee believe that the best remedy would be that of an Interim Licence as the parish will then have the permissions required to start the work. The request for an Interim Licence has been initiated.

At subsequent stages of the work revised proposals, drawings, schedule of works

etc should be submitted so that they are available to form part of any revised faculty application.

Please note: An Interim Licence gives formal legal permission for work to commence but in the end what is done has to be given final approval by a full faculty.

Please await the Licence for work to commence.

Regards,
Jaquie Carreira-White
DAC Secretary

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