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Subject: 1280-07: Bath Abbey - tower roof

Dear Jacqui

1280-07: Bath Abbey - tower roof

As promised, here is the exchange of emails with Laura Batham of B&NES, regarding their council's position regarding the final proposals for the tower roof, as submitted for Faculty approval.

Antony

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From: Laura Batham <Laura_Batham@BATHNES.GOV.UK>
Sent: 22 May 2025 14:30
To: Antony Feltham-King <Antony@stannsgate.com>
Subject: RE: 1280-07: Bath Abbey - tower roof and viewing platform - your ref: 23/02666/PA04

Dear Antony,

Thank you for your email and please accept my apologies for the delay in replying. I would agree that re-roofing and siting of free standing furniture would not require planning permission and therefore only a faculty would be required.

We will await consultation through the faculty process in due course.

Kind regards
Laura

Laura Batham

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Dear Laura

1280-07: Bath Abbey - tower roof and viewing platform - your ref: 23/02666/PA04

I hope you are well.

I am following up on the pre-application discussions that we had last year concerning the roof of the tower at the Abbey, and the proposal to install a viewing platform. The stance of the LPA is contained in the attached pre-application response document dated 31.10.24.

Despite encouraging responses from other consultees in relation to the potential viewing platform, the comments contained in the pre-app response led to a re-consideration of the

scope of the project. Given the pressing need to stop surface water entering the fabric of the building, the Abbey has elected to concentrate solely on the re-covering of the tower roof, and the creation of a new bench at the existing roof level. This is described in more detail in the attached 'project summary' document, which forms part of a forthcoming submission for formal Faculty approval from the Diocese of Bath & Wells. The proposed plan and section are also attached, which may be directly compared with the drawings previously submitted to you as part of the pre-app process.

Given that this now directly follows many of the suggestions made by you and your department last Autumn, and the fact that the proposals have no visual impact on the appreciation of the Abbey from surrounding viewpoints, we consider that this does not warrant a separate planning application in addition to the Faculty approval. We are proceeding on this basis unless we hear otherwise from you. (You will naturally be consulted as part of the Faculty process in any case).

With best regards

Antony

PS: Please note our new postal address as noted below. All other contact details remain as before.

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