

This documents attempts to provide responses to the 4no. queries received following the 19<sup>th</sup> May DAC meeting.

1) The effect of the raised external ground level on the porch door arch

The raised external ground level will mean the porch door archway will visually appear shortened, as shown in the previously submitted drawings. However, the new dais will match the level of the current threshold step into the porch. Therefore, in use, the arch will not be lower to pass through. Extracts below illustrate this. Mouldings at the bottom of the door will remain visible, as per the photo below.



Above: Extract from 0659.S.005 North Elevation - As Existing



Above: Extract from 0659.SK.030 North Elevation - As Proposed, Option 6



Above: outside of North porch showing threshold step marked by timber fascia (note: external stone paving now removed due to poor/hazardous condition, and handrail relocated to east side)

2) The significance of the porch and aisle floors

The porch and aisle floors are of Ham stone, in good order and matching aisle floors throughout the church. The stone does not appear significantly worn, between thresholds. The detail at the external porch threshold with the timber fascia and shorter external doors is unusual and one wonders if the north porch floor has already been raised to mitigate a previous, steeper, 2-step internal approach through an open porch. Given the lighter wear, it would seem feasible that internal floors throughout the church were relaid, at least to some extent, in the C19 when the heating ducts were installed. The external path may have been re-laid at the same time also in Ham stone, and remaining sections have weathered more significantly. It seems likely that the lower approach was relaid in tarmac when the car park was extended, with the remaining reuseable Ham stone slabs relaid in a shorter section on the immediate approach to the church. This section began to deteriorate at an accelerated rate recently and the Ham stone has now been lifted for safekeeping and a temporary gravel surface installed to mitigate the H&S hazard.

The external porch doors are solid and protect the stone from the weather. It is proposed that the existing stone would be lifted and relaid to new falls to provide step-free access. Stepped access will continue to be available at the west door, and will be improved with current proposals.



Above: North aisle facing north through porch (left) and remaining section of Ham stone path (right), timber fascia clearly visible.



Above: Detail of external timber fascia and porch doors (left) and internal north aisle, heating grille and stepped approach through north porch (right)

- 3) Detail as to why the top of the path needs to be lowered to form first riser of external stair flight

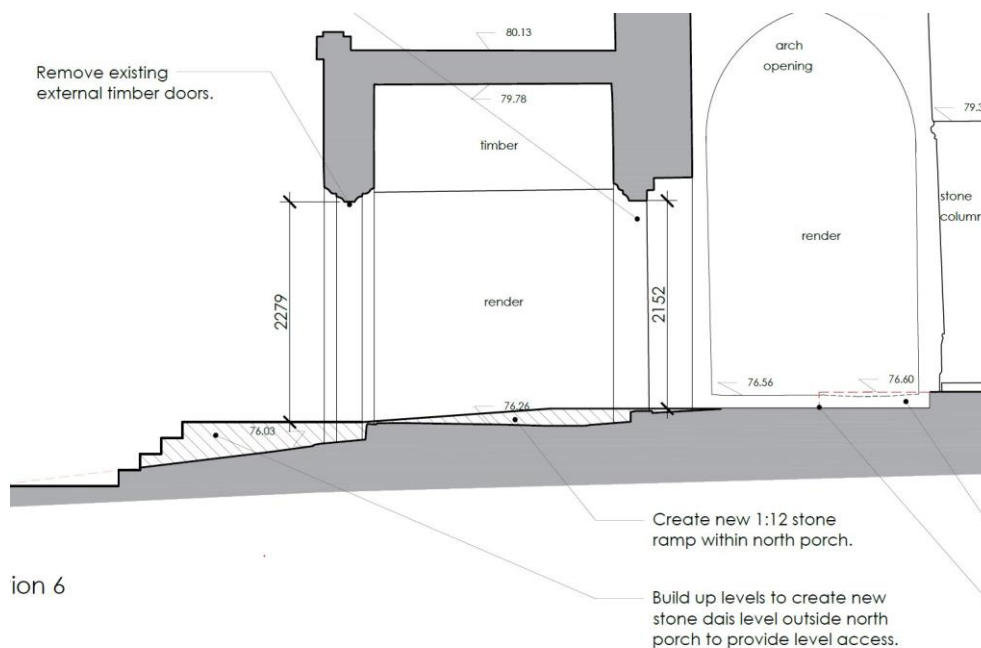
All external levels will be raised generally but at the bottom of the new external steps a level section is required to avoid approaching the steps on a steep slope. Photo below of current

approach showing temporary path when Ham stone flags have been lifted (left) and detail at entrance (right) showing previous steep Ham stone path and raised levels of tarmac car parking adjacent.



#### 4) How the internal ramp will work

The internal ramp will provide an incline at 1:12 to manage the current internal step at the historic threshold to the internal porch door. As the current external porch doors open inwards, the proposal is to remove these and provide new glazed doors set against the north elevation of the internal porch door surround. This will also provide a more welcoming approach to visitors.



Above: extract from drawing 0659.SK030 Proposed North Access Option 6.

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