

## **Parish Response to DAC and CBC and HE feedback. November 2025.**

Dear Jacqui

Thank you for this notification and on the advice of Emma and Jowetts I comment as follows:

HE:

As explained on the OFS we have shown the alternative forms of heating considered and the reasons for making a different choice for St Mary's. CofE & Historic England guidance has been taken into account in selecting the Flexel ECOSUN S+ no glow infra red panel heaters. We are advised that several churches in the Yorkshire Diocese and at least one in the Oxford Diocese already have them installed.

CBC:

I'm a little confused by the 2 emails from CBC. It seems from the second one that all they are concerned about is the decommissioning of the old equipment and making good. To clarify, we do not plan to retain the old radiators which are of no particular significance in themselves and are taking up valuable floor space. We will certainly make enquiries to see whether they can be reused, but after nearly 60 years in situ they may be too heavily encrusted with limescale to be useful for this purpose. Any making good will be undertaken in accordance with the Architect's advice.

If, however, queries included in the first email remain relevant, I would comment as follows: Flexel ECOSUN S+ medium wave infra-red panel heaters comply with all European regulations and have already been installed in churches. We have contacted Ecclesiastical Insurance with details of the project and have today received the following reply:

"Thank you for contacting us to advise of the PCC's plans to have work carried out at St Mary's Church to replace your heating system. I write to confirm our approval for this work, also that we will not need to make any changes to the terms or premium for your church insurance policy in connection with this work.

"I note that a JCT Minor Works contract is being entered into between the PCC and Contractor and insurance clause 5.4B applies. This clause requires the PCC (as the Employer) to insure against loss or damage to the works and unfixed materials in the joint names of the Employer and Contractor. I can confirm that the PCC's Parish Plus policy automatically provides such cover for works where the contract price does not exceed £150,000 including professional fees and VAT. You can find the details of the cover provided on page 35 of your policy document. The PCC's normal Property damage excess will apply to any claims made under this extension."

Cable routes have been agreed with the Architect to minimise visual impact and will as far as possible be out of sight, clipped to the top of the wall plates. Clipping to masonry is minimal and discreet. Non-ferrous fixings will be used throughout.

We are advised that FP Gold 200 cabling, which complies with all current regulatory requirements, is a widely-accepted alternative to MICC cable in churches and other listed buildings.

Please do not hesitate to let me know if you consider that further information is necessary.

Best wishes,

Elaine