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Notification under the Ecclesiastical Exemption (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (England) Orders 2010

LOCATION: CHURCH OF ST ANDREW, CHURCH STREET

PROPOSED WORK: Reordering including introduction of WC's, Served, potential pew removal to create a hospitality area and new Eco heating system

We were notified on of amendments to the proposed works at the above site.

Historic England advice

Significance of the affected heritage asset

The Church of St Andrew's dates from the 14th/ 15th century, retaining a strong perpendicular style with a striking church tower. It underwent a significant William Butterfield restoration on its interior in 1873 including some works to the roof and the production of pews designed to match the medieval ends that survived.

Due to its exceptional architectural and historic interest, the church is listed at grade I. It, consequently, forms the top 2.5% of all listed buildings in England.

Impact of the proposed works

The works relate to a reordering within the church. Historic England provided advice on scheme on the 20 December 2024, which recognised improvement in the proposals following our initial pre-application response. In the correspondence from 20 December 2024, we raised two areas for further consideration. Further information has been submitted and we would like to offer the following comment.

Pews

A further rationale for the approach to the design of the pew ends in the south aisle has been provided. As previously stated, this presents a means by which to retain the



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significant pew ends. However, it could be made more meaningful if a slightly longer length of the pews could be retained so that there was space for a person to sit on. If there is enough space in the aisles for this to be possible, bearing in mind their future use, this would be a welcome refinement.

Stage

The second aspect is the proposed stage. The revised scheme suggests that the wood from the removed pews will be utilised. It is not clear if that will respond to the timber on the flooring, and care will be needed to ensure there is a consistency between the two surfaces. We welcome the removal of the carpet.

Recommendation

Historic England welcomes the opportunity to review the latest proposals and the steps that have been taken to address our earlier comments. We hope the above advice is of assistance in the determination of the application. If there are any material changes to the proposals, or you would like further advice, please contact us. Please advise us of the decision in due course.

Yours sincerely

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