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**Subject:** Re: Church of St Dubricius, Parsons Street, Porlock, Minehead, Somerset, TA24 8QJ, (faculty: 2025-117742), our ref: 212127

**Importance:** High

**Re: Re-shingling the tower spire with locally sourced oak shingles, re-slating the south elevation of the nave and the porch roof, installing a photovoltaic (PV) and infra-red heating system, conservation works to the Reredos & Triptych, as well as various external and internal repairs.**

Dear Jacqui

Thank you for consulting the SPAB regarding the proposed works to the Grade I listed church of St Debricius, Porlock. We apologise for the slight delay in replying to you.

We recently (30th October 2025) responded to a consultation from Exmoor National Park regarding the proposed solar panels and a new glazed door in the porch, which we understand has since been omitted from the scheme. We copied the DAC in on these comments so we will not repeat them here.

This application also relates to:

- Re-shingling the tower spire with locally sourced oak shingles.
- Re-slating the south elevation of the nave and the porch roof.
- Installing an infra-red heating system and under-pew heaters.
- Conservation works to the Reredos & Triptych.
- Other various external and internal repairs.

We do not have any objections to the proposed works, but we would like to draw the DAC's attention to the following matters:

We are pleased to see a very thorough report from PCA regarding the condition of the roof. We note that it is proposed to cover the inside of the elm guttering with copper. Will this cope with the leaching of acid from the oak shingles above? We know lead can have problems with it but we were not sure how copper reacts. There also appears to be some structural works / repairs that PCA recommend are completed at the same time and the leadwork clearly needs attention. We would therefore suggest that the DAC requests a detailed specification of the proposed works to include all proposed materials.

Regarding the new heating, we note that the drawings state that the final positions of the Herschel Halo Infrared Heaters are to be confirmed. This need to be confirmed as soon as possible prior to installation along with the method of fixing which must be reversible and should not cause damage to the roof timbers. Cable routes need to be discretely positioned.

We are therefore happy to defer this application to the DAC.

Best wishes,

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