



EXPLANATORY NOTE

MISSION AND PASTORAL MEASURE 2011 DRAFT PASTORAL (CHURCH BUILDINGS DISPOSAL) SCHEME DALLOWGILL ST PETER DIOCESE OF LEEDS

This note accompanies a draft scheme under the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 which makes provision for the future of a closed church building, The Church Commissioners provide this information so that individuals and interested parties can understand the background to the proposals, make a reasoned judgement on the merits of the draft scheme and, if they see fit, a reasoned expression of support or objection to it.

The Current Proposals

The Commissioners have agreed to publish a draft Pastoral (Church Buildings Disposal) Scheme providing for the closed church of Dallowgill St Peter to be appropriated to use as a children's day nursery.

Background

St Peter's was formally closed for regular public on 1st June 2017. Since then the Diocese and the Church Commissioners have been working together to settle the future of the building.

The Building

Set in a grassed churchyard, St Peter was built between 1843-46 to the designs of A H Cates in the Early English style and is constructed from local coursed rubble gritstone with dressed stone surrounds and details under a Welsh slate roof. The simple and attractive building is not listed. There is no on-site parking but there is limited space to pull-in on the verge.

The Views of the Statutory Advisory Committee

The Commissioners statutory advisors, The Statutory Advisory Committee of the Church Buildings Council (SAC), have indicated that this simple church building makes a prominent and positive contribution to its setting in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, noting that it merits preservation by conversion to a new use that will not demand a major impact on its external appearance or setting.

Planning and Access

The building was offered for sale for community use for 12 months under the restrictive CFX policy of the Harrogate Local Plan. No other viable and appropriate proposals that met the requirements of this policy came forward. Places of worship and children's day nurseries both fall within the D1 use class and planning permission for a change of use is therefore not required.

Burials and the Churchyard

The churchyard has been closed for burials since the 1950's. It is proposed that only part of the churchyard that does not contain any known burials will be sold with the building. This is shown edged in red on the plan annexed to the draft scheme. It is proposed that a new pedestrian access will be formed from the road to provide an independent entrance for visitors to the retained part of the churchyard.

Correspondence

Further information about the proposals may be obtained from the Case Officer, Emma Cosgrif by e-mail at emma.cosgrif@churchofengland.org or by telephone at 0113 353 0269

Representations against or in support of the draft Scheme

Anyone may make a representation for or against any provision of the draft Scheme.

Representations should be sent to:

**Representations
Closed Churches Division, Church Commissioners
Church House
Great Smith Street
London SW1P 3AZ**

Or by e-mail to: closedchurches.reps@churchofengland.org

Any communication received after 18th November 2019 cannot be treated as a representation.

If we receive representations against the draft Scheme, we will send all representations, both for and against, to the Bishop, whose view will be sought. Individual representors will then receive copies of our correspondence with the Bishop (including copies of all the representations) and they may comment further in writing to us in light of the diocesan response if they so wish.

If no representations against the Scheme are received the Commissioners shall make the Scheme and bring it into effect as provided for in the scheme and explained above.

Information on the Mission and pastoral Measure 2011 and its procedures can be found on the Church Commissioners' web-site at www.ccpastoral.org where there are also links to download copies of these notes and the draft scheme.

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