

Supporting Documentation

Chester St Oswald and St Thomas of Canterbury – War memorial landscaping, wall and steps

Note to parish

This bundle includes all the supporting documentation to your faculty application as required under Rule 5.5 of the Faculty Jurisdiction Rules 2015.

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Caroline Hilton, DAC Secretary



30 March 2023

We petition the Court for a faculty to authorise the following-

Please describe the works or other proposals for which a faculty is sought in the way recommended by the Diocesan Advisory Committee in its Notification of Advice.

SCHEDULE OF WORKS OR PROPOSALS

to further develop the calvary war memorial area
providing hard standing with sandstone riven slabs and having st bees sandstone edging

to refurbish the cast iron gate from the public footpath and repaint with black metal gloss
refurbish and re seat the stone steps leading from the gate to the memorial area and refurbish the red sandstone wall either side of the steps where necessary and re fit any loose stones with the appropriate lime mortar

Copies of the Standard Information Form and any drawings, plans, specifications, photographs or other documents showing the proposals must be provided with this petition.

Ref:	2020-049112	Church:	Chester: St Oswald & Thomas of Canterbury
Diocese:	Chester	Archdeaconry:	Chester
Created By:	St Thomas' Church Noel Baker (02/03/2020)	Contact Tel.:	07855497692
Status:	Proposal in preparation		

Statement of Significance

1) Section 1. Brief history and description of the church building(s), contents, churchyard and setting

The Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury is situated in the City of Chester, in an area of the city informally known as "The Garden Quarter". This is a densely populated area, close to the University. While the church was built in 1872, the parish of St. Oswald which it serves, is much older, dating back to about 980AD. One of the earliest references to St. Oswald's can be found in Bradshaw's Life of St. Werburge (Chapter 4) The Parish Registers date back to 1580. The church is recorded in the National Heritage List for England as a designated Grade II listed building. It is an active Anglican parish church in the diocese of Chester, the archdeaconry of Chester and the deanery of Chester. The patrons of the parish are the dean and chapter of Chester Cathedral. The architects were George Gilbert Scott and John Oldrid Scott. The church is built in red sandstone with a Westmoreland slate roof. Its style is Gothic Revival, designed by Gilbert Scott. Through a generous donation in 2016 the interior lighting was replaced giving a much brighter and welcoming feel to the church. The main heating system is fuelled by gas, with some supplementary electric heaters. It is an impressive building both externally and internally. It sits at a busy road junction on one of the major roads leading into/out of Chester and close to the original University buildings. On the site is a parish hall. The grounds are largely lawned with a number of trees subject to a preservation order. A car park for about 15 vehicles is at the rear of the site where it borders the church primary school. It is a significant building in the locality.

2) Section 2: The significance of the church (including its contents and churchyard) in terms of:

- i) Its special architectural and historical interest
- ii) Any significant features of artistic or archaeological interest

There are two magnificently-carved reredoses by Deacon, one in the Lady Chapel (1913) and one in the sanctuary (1909). The Lady Chapel reredos features a Madonna and Child with the inscription "Magnificat anima mea Dominum, et exsultavit spiritus meus in Deum" from the Magnificat. The Lady Chapel Altar has three carved panels featuring a pelican feeding her chicks with her own blood, a Lamb holding a Shepherd's staff with the inscription "Ecce Agnus Dei" and another carved panel depicting an Eagle in flight. Around the base of the Altar is carved the Inscription "I believe in the Communion of Saints" a quotation from the Nicene Creed. Permission was given by a Faculty dated 16 June 1913 to remove the tapestry hangings behind the communion table in the Lady chapel and erect in lieu a reredos of oak with the cost to be defrayed by Helen Catherine Tidswell of Northgate House, the reredos being intended to complete the memorial to her late husband Richard Thomas Tidswell. The Faculty also provided for a canopy of carved oak for the font as a memorial of the late mother of Jane Wright of 22 Chichester Street.

The Reredos in the Sanctuary, which was installed in 1909, was by the architect Charles Deacon (1844–1927) as a memorial of Rev E C Lowndes, and is carved with the Instruments of the Passion. Atop which are four statues of archangels Michael Gabriel Raphael and Uriel. The wooden high altar (in the sanctuary) is decorated with three painted panels, featuring: the Annunciation, the Nativity and the Visitation.

The West Window is by Kempe dating from 1885. The baptismal font at the west end of the church used to have a magnificently-carved suspended cover which collapsed in 1980. Also at the West End there is a Sacristy created in 1897 and a choir vestry.

In the south aisle there is an Altar to St. Oswald & St. Thomas with a Triptych of St. Oswald and St. Thomas of Canterbury which was dedicated on All Saints Day 2005 in memory of Irene Waller. There is also a wooden desk in memory of Ernest Waller containing a book with the names of the faithful departed.

The tower clock was erected as a thank offering for the birth of Beatrice Mary Latham by her parents John and Almeida Latham, Christmas 1913. The clock was installed by J.B. Joyce and Co from Whitchurch, Shropshire.

The church bell bears the following inscription 'Sanci Oswaldi C W. J W. W W.' and was originally hung in the parish of St. Oswald, Chester and afterwards at Hilbre Island.

The aisles are mostly tiled, with the area around the sanctuary being Minton tiling.

3) Assessment of the impact of the proposals on the significance defined in Section 2

The proposals to enhance the area of the Church curtilage where the Calvary Memorial is situated will have no adverse impact on the Church building and its contents. What it will do is provide easier access and a more pleasing experience whilst visiting and viewing the Memorial with the added roll of honour to the fallen which will enable people to experience fifty two weeks of the year.

Currently the Roll Of Honour is kept in the Church safe and is read out once a year on remembrance Sunday

Plan

Interior



Exterior



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Statement of Needs

General information

St Thomas of Canterbury is situated in a middle/working class area in close proximity to The University of Chester population in the region of 4,000. It is situated 5 minutes walk from the Church Aided Blue Coat Primary school. Many of the properties close to the church are student accommodation in homes of multiple occupancy. There are three regular masses per week, 10.00am on Sunday, attendance varying between 30 - 60, with 100 or more if there is a baptism, 7.00pm on Tuesdays, attendance 7 -10, 12.30pm on Wednesdays attendance 15 - 20. This service is held once a month in the University chapel with chaplains, as well as our priest, regularly attending on a weekly basis. Once a month there an 8.00am mass on a Sunday and a Walsingham mass monthly on a Saturday. On several Sundays during the year one of the teachers from the primary school brings children who make a contribution to mass through presentations, reading and prayers. The adult age profile is 30 - 95, with the predominant age range 60+.

The PCC agreed to a policy of keeping money from lettings from the parish hall and funds raised by the hospitality committee as a development fund. Thus when major items of expenditure arise we are in a position to seriously consider them. Given the age of the building repairs and maintenance are usually costly items. Almost £12000 was spent in 2017 on repairs and improvements. We have been able to pay the parish share from our general income (and without drawing on reserves) since 2013. However, a casualty has been that we can only afford a part-time priest which does impact on what can be achieved.

What is needed?

We need to provide safe and comfortable access to The War Memorial .

We need to provide hardstanding around The Memorial

We need to clearly provide a roll of Honour for the Fallen of our community which is accessible all year round.

The proposal

We propose to provide hard standing in front of The Memorial.

We propose to site a sandstone tablet in close proximity to The existing memorial, the tablet will display the roll of honour on a bronze plaque.

We propose to make accessible and renovate the steps which lead up to the memorial from the footpath , this include repair to some of the flanking sandstone wall

We propose to renovate the cast iron gate which allows access to the steps and re hinge and re hang the gate to its original state.

Why?

THE need is as stated previously, so that members of the community and any relatives of the fallen have safe acces to the War Memorial "Garden" wth the roll of honour visible fifty two weeks of the year.

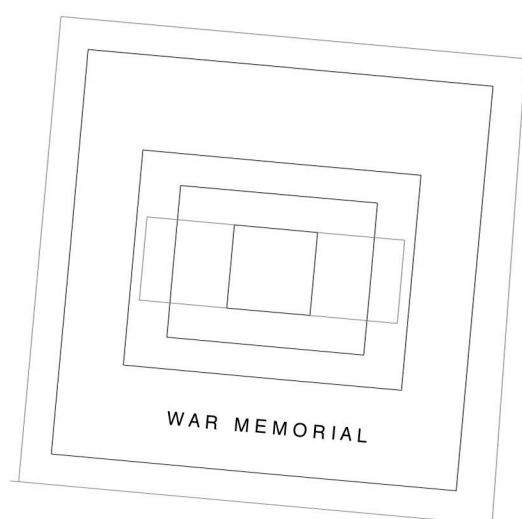
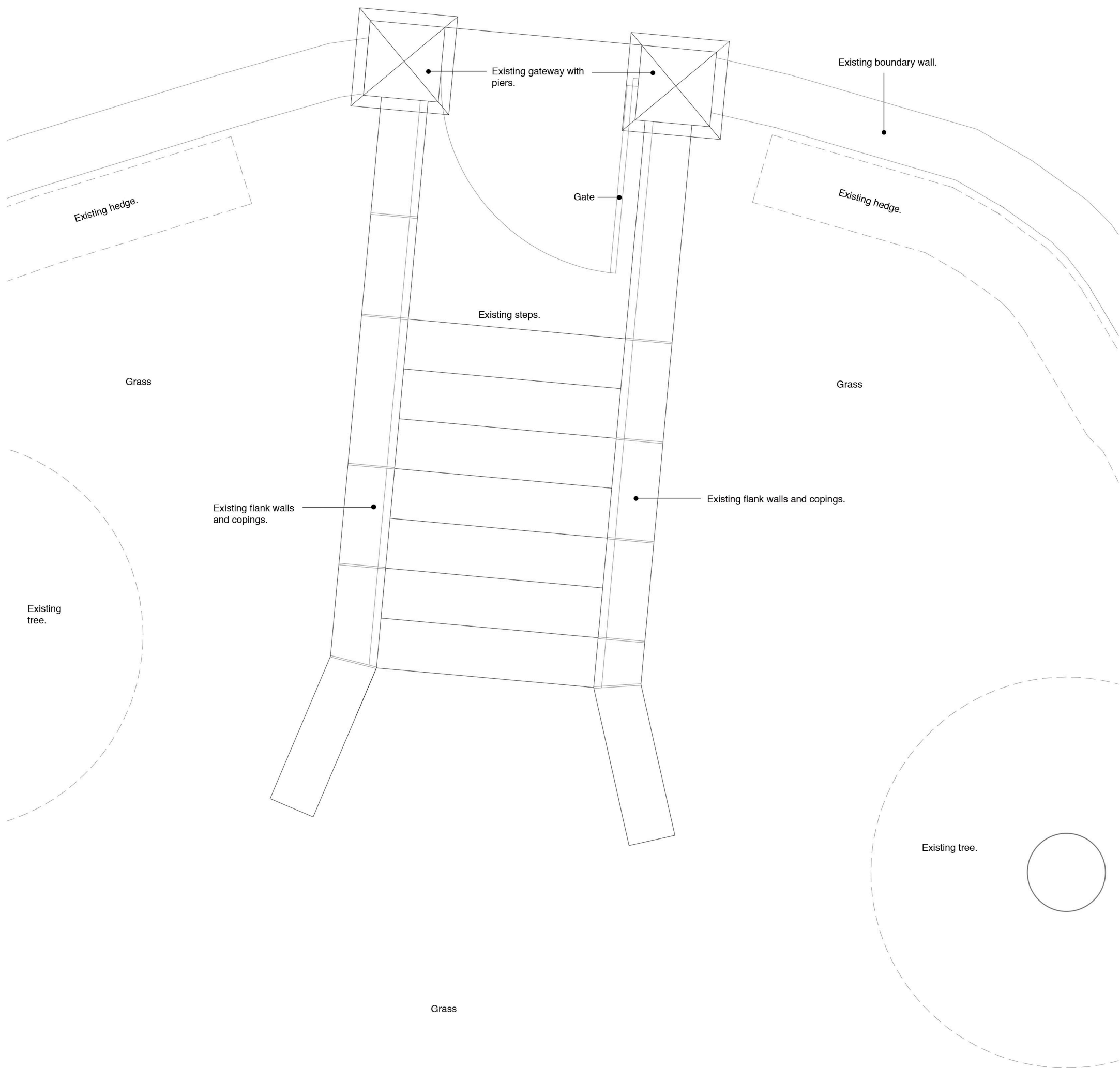
We need it now exactly why we needed it over seventy years ago to show and honour those members of our community who gave their lives during two world wars. Pretty poor that this project has taken so long!!

Justification

The proposals are not likely to harm the signifcance outlined in the statement of significance.







Purpose of issue - Faculty and Planning Application.
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All dimensions to be confirmed on site prior to construction.

Project
St Thomas of Canterbury, War Memorial, Chester.

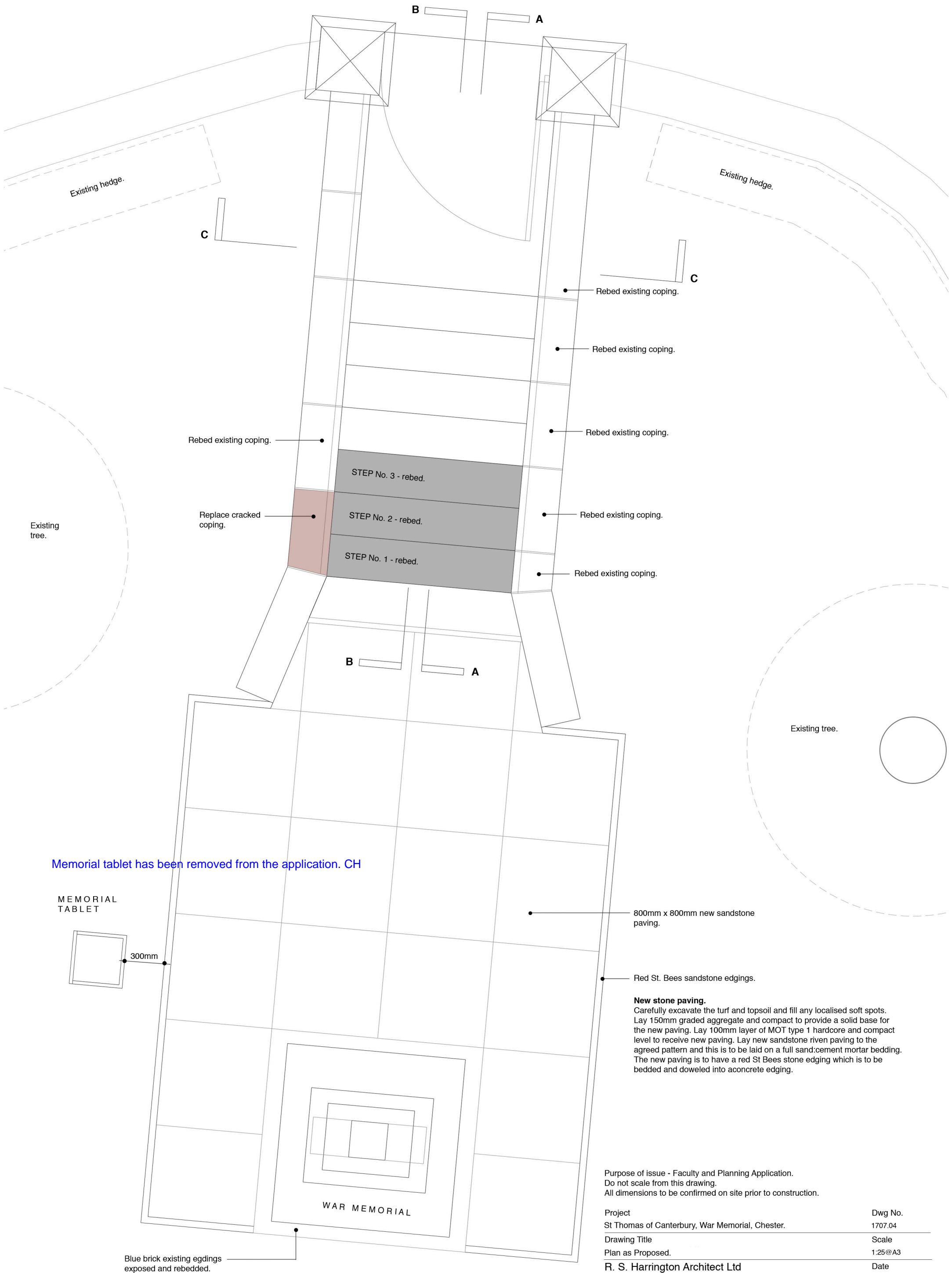
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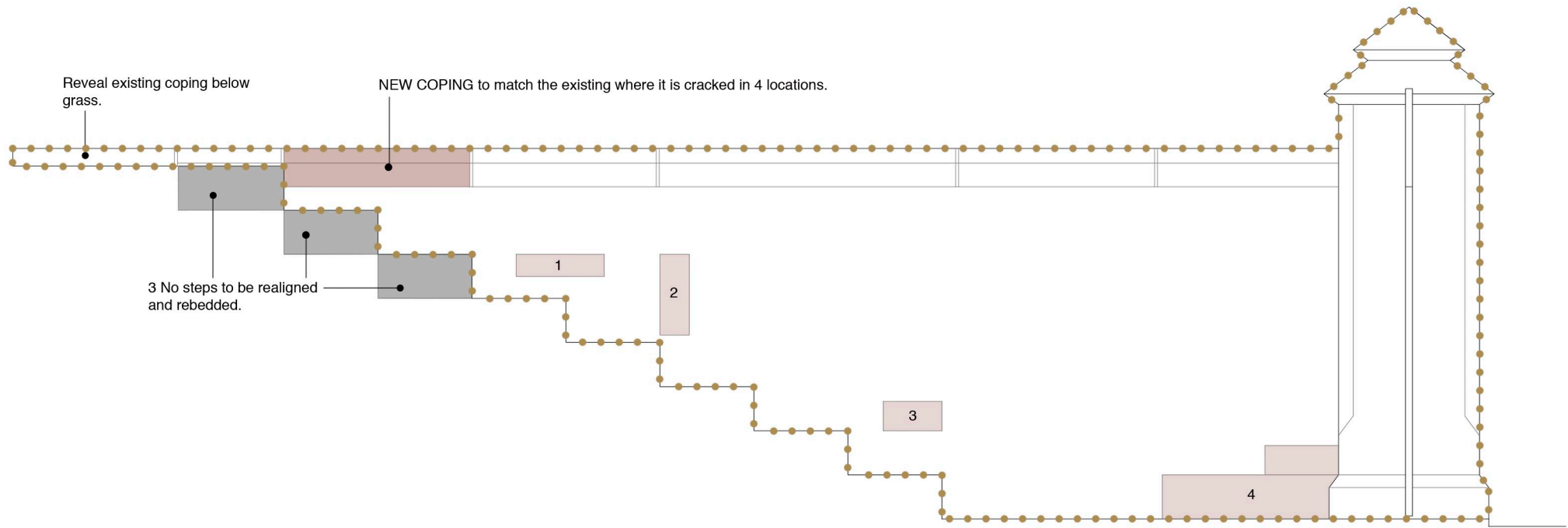
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1707.03

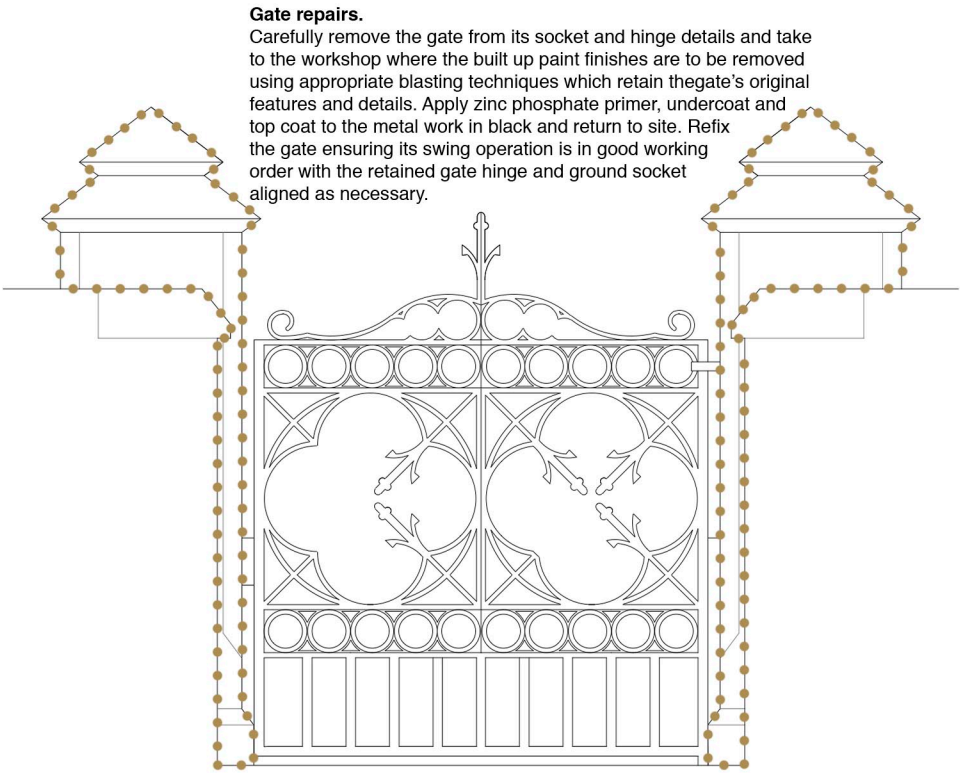
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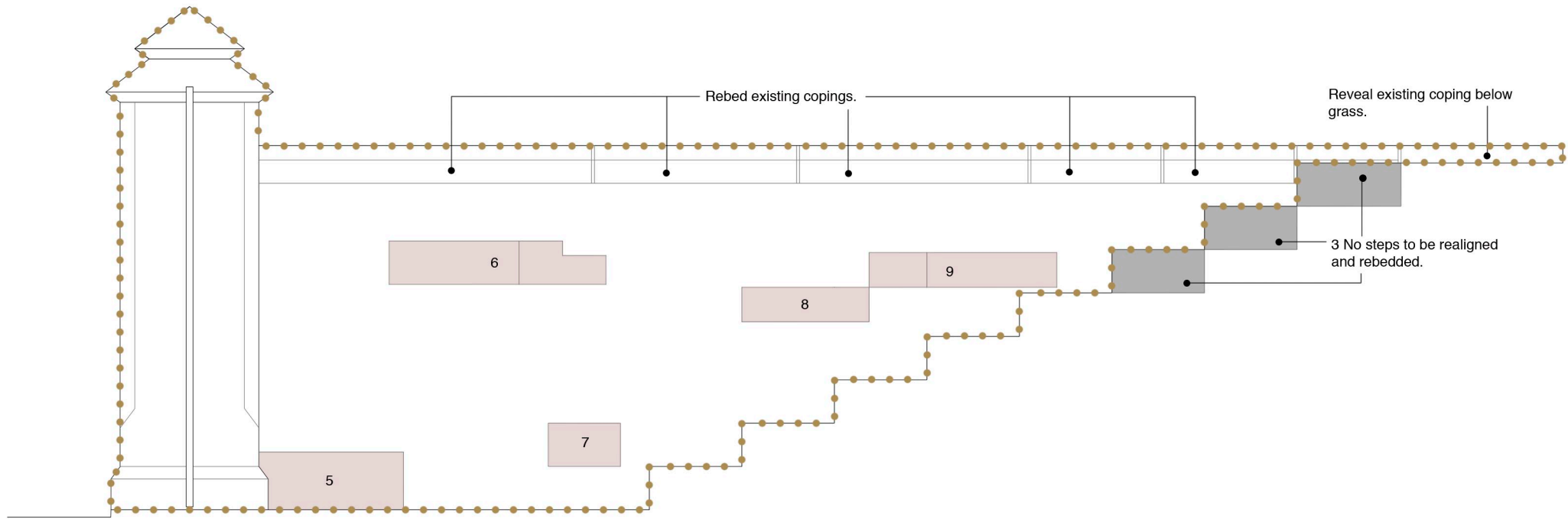




Elevation/Section B-B Flanking wall and steps.



Elevation/Section C-C



Elevation/Section A-A Flanking wall and steps.

KEY:



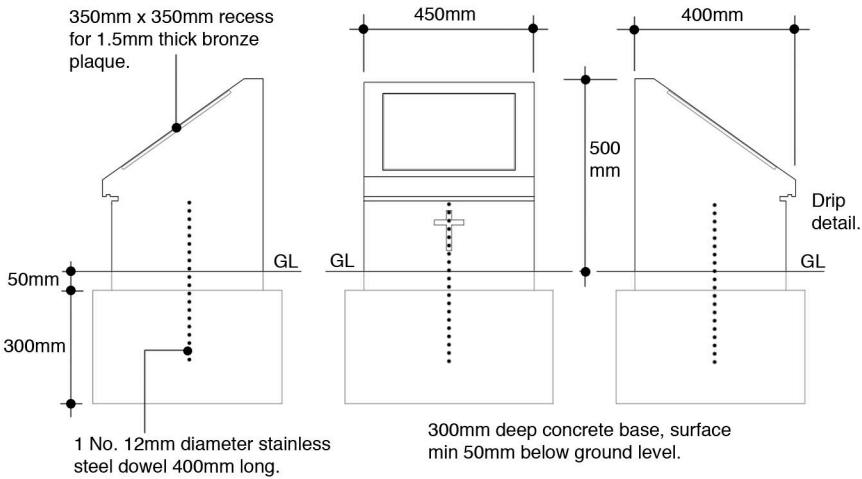
Area enclosed to be repointed.



Indicates stonework to be replaced with new.

Stone steps and flank wall repairs.

Carefully lift the stone steps where they have become misaligned and re-bed these stones onto a horizontal screed base and then repoint all stone joints with NHL 3.5 Lime:Sand mortar. The red sandstone flanking walls to the steps have damaged and delaminating stone sections in places so these are to be replaced utilising red St Bees sandstone with matching facework to the existing. The stone joints to the flank walls and gate piers on both sides are to be repointed with an NHL 3.5 Lime Sand mortar with a slightly recessed joint. The angled coping stones to the flank walls are misaligned and one stone is badly cracked. Carefully lift and re-bed these copings onto a new mortar bedding. Replace the one cracked stone with a new matching sandstone coping in a matching size and profile. Point all the joints between the copings in an NHL 3.5 Lime:Sand mortar.



Memorial Tablet.

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Project	Dwg No.
St Thomas of Canterbury, War Memorial, Chester.	1707.05
Drawing Title	Scale
Sections, Elevations & Details.	1:20@A3
R. S. Harrington Architect Ltd m. 07375 399826 e. rob@rsharrington.co.uk	Date August 20

Notice of Planning Permission

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3 Werneth Road
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SK6 1HW

Application Number:
20/03403/FUL

12 November 2020

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Proposal: New stone paving around the existing war memorial together with a new stone Memorial Tablet, associated repairs to existing walls, steps and gates adjacent to the War Memorial. The figure of Christ requires essential repairs to the figure's head

Location: St Thomas of Canterbury Church, Parkgate Road, Chester, Cheshire,



In pursuance of their powers under the above Acts, the Council hereby grants **PERMISSION** for the above development to be carried out, subject to compliance with the following conditions:

1. The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission.

Reason - To comply with Section 91 of the Town and country Planning Act 1990.

2. The development hereby approved shall be carried out in accordance with the plans submitted with the application.

Reason - For the avoidance of doubt and in the interests of proper planning.

Notes

1. The local planning authority has sought to work with the applicant in a positive and proactive way to secure a development that will improve the economic, social and environmental conditions of the area, in line with the NPPF.

Signed:

Date: 12 November 2020



Rob Charnley

Head of Planning

Cheshire West and Chester Borough Council 4 Civic Way Ellesmere Port CH65 0BE

Please read the notes on the following page, they will explain your rights and other important matters about this decision.

Please see the bottom of this notice for important information about the Community Infrastructure Levy.



NOTICE TO APPLICANT WHERE PERMISSION IS REFUSED OR GRANTED SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS

If you are aggrieved by the decision of your local planning authority to refuse permission for the proposed development or to grant it subject to conditions, then you can appeal to the Secretary of State for the Environment under Section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

If you want to appeal, then you must do so within six months of the date of this notice. However, if this application relates to a Householder development and you want to appeal, then you must do so within 12 weeks of the date of this notice

Forms can be obtained from:

The Planning Inspectorate, 3/13 Eagle Wing, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6PN - (Tel: 0303 444 5000)

The Secretary of State can allow a longer period for giving notice of an appeal, but he will not normally be prepared to use this power unless there are special circumstances which excuse the delay in giving notice of appeal.

The Secretary of State need not consider an appeal if it seems to him that the local planning authority could not have granted planning permission for the proposed development or could not have granted it without the conditions it imposed, having regard to the statutory requirements, to the provisions of the development order and to any directions given under the order. In practice, the Secretary of State does not refuse to consider appeals solely because the local planning authority based its decision on a direction given by him.

If either the local planning authority or the Secretary of State for the Environment refuses permission to develop land or grants it subject to conditions, the owner may claim that he can neither put the land to a reasonably beneficial use in its existing state nor can he render the land capable of a reasonably beneficial use by the carrying out of any development which has been or would be permitted. In these circumstances, the owner may serve a purchase notice on the District Council in whose area the land is situated. This notice will require the Council to purchase his interest in the land in accordance with the provisions of Part VI of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

Please note before starting work that your project may also require **building regulations approval**, which is different from planning approval. You can find out if you need approval, how to submit an application and get further helpful information by visiting the Council's website, www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/buildingcontrol.

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

The development approved by this permission may be liable to a Community Infrastructure Levy, which is payable after development begins. If your scheme is liable, and you have not already done so, you must submit an Assumption of Liability Notice to the Council before development commences. If your scheme is issued with a CIL charge, it is essential you submit a Commencement Notice to the Council before the development commences. The onus is on the applicant to provide any relevant relief or exemption to the Council before commencement of development. Any exemption or relief that is applied for after development is deemed to have commenced will be refused.

The Council may impose penalties where the correct forms are not submitted, or are late, or where the information provided is inaccurate.

All forms are available at <http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/cil> and once completed, should be emailed to cil@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

For further information you can contact the Council's CIL and S106 Officer on cil@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk or tel: 0300 123 7027.

OTHER IMPORTANT POINTS TO NOTE

Under the provisions of Circular 04/2008 entitled Planning-Related Fees standard national fees of £34 for householder developments and £116 for all other development will be charged for requests for the discharge of planning conditions.

Your attention is drawn to the relevant provisions of the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act, 1970 and the Code of Practice for Access for the Disabled to Buildings. These provisions apply to (a) buildings or premises to which the public are admitted, whether on

payment or otherwise or (b) premises in which persons are employed to work. Similar provisions also apply for the benefit of disabled in educational buildings.

Development for which listed building consent and/or permission is granted is subject to compliance with the general statutory provisions in force in the District, except as may be modified in this permission and the Building Regulations. Your attention is drawn to Section 50 of the Cheshire County Council Act, 1980 which provides that where plans are deposited under the Building Regulations for the erection/extension of a building with the district council, then that council will reject the plans unless, after consultation with the Fire Authority, they are satisfied that the plans show there is an adequate means of access for the Fire Brigade to the building or extension and that the building or extension will not render inadequate any existing means of access, for the Fire Brigade, to the neighbouring buildings. This note is included to give effect to Section 50 of the 1980 Act by virtue of sub-section (2) of the said Section.

Developers should check with all statutory undertakers at an early stage to ensure where their equipment (pipes, cables, poles etc) is located in relation to the development site and agree measures to ensure that no damage is caused to that equipment during construction, or negotiate the repositioning of some or all of the equipment.

Any Environmental Statement submitted with the application, together with any related information, has been taken into account by the Council in arriving at this decision.

Street Naming and Numbering – It is a legal function of the Council to allocate property numbers and street names to new developments and conversions. This service is chargeable, please visit the Street Naming and Numbering page on our website and use the online form to submit an application. The charging scheme, guidance and contact details are also available on our Street Naming and Numbering web page.



Notice of Listed Building Consent

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20/03404/LBC

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1. The works hereby granted listed building consent shall be begun before the expiration of three years from the date of this consent.

Reason - To comply with Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

2. The works hereby approved shall be carried out in accordance with the plans submitted with the application.

Reason - For the avoidance of doubt and in the interests of proper planning.

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NOTICE TO APPLICANT WHERE LISTED BUILDING or CONSERVATION AREA CONSENT IS REFUSED OR GRANTED SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS.

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If listed building consent is refused, or granted subject to conditions, whether by the local planning authority or by the Secretary of State for the Environment, and the owner of the land claims that the land has become incapable of reasonable beneficial use in its existing state, and cannot be rendered capable of reasonable beneficial use by the carrying out of any works which have been or would be permitted, he may serve on the District Council in which the land is situated a listed building purchase notice requiring that Council to purchase his interest in that land in accordance with the provisions of Section 32 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act, 1990.

In certain circumstances, a claim may be made against the local planning authority for compensation, where permission is refused or granted subject to conditions by the Secretary of State on appeal or on a reference of the application to him. The circumstances in which such compensation is payable is set out in section 27 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act, 1990.

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Chester St Oswald and St Thomas of Canterbury – War memorial landscaping, wall and steps - Correspondence with parish and others

Strikethrough text refers to a separate faculty application

Attachments are listed according to the numbering on the supporting documents list

- Attachments in blue are included within the proposals section

Date	Message
13/01/2020 To: Mike Gilbertson From: Noel Baker	<p>I am now back in business so to speak and Kay Richardson and myself are continuing to make plans for the refurbishment of the single gate entrance which leads up the steps from the corner of Cheyney Rd / Parkgate Rd. to the War Memorial. The sandstone wall either side of the steps needs some refurbishment and three of the steps need re seating.</p> <p>The steps lead up to a small grassed area in front of the War Memorial and our intentions are to pave the area with natural stone slabs which will enhance a visit to the area</p> <p>We have also given consideration to the roll of honour for the fallen from The Parish in two world wars, this is kept in the Church safe and is only read out on Remembrance Day. It is the wish of the PCC and considered appropriate to have these names put on a bronze plaque and mounted on a sandstone tablet . This can be fashioned from red sandstone from the same source as used on the War Memorial renovation.</p> <p>To proceed with this project and complete the War Memorial area can you please outline whether you can sanction this or will it need to to be processed through the existing faculty requirements</p>
16/01/2020 To: Katy Purvis From: Noel Baker With attachments	<p>4) Photographs</p>
17/01/2020 To: Noel Baker From: Katy Purvis	<p>Thanks for the update, the message text was in the subject so can I confirm that this is what it said</p> <p>1st email – Hi Katy, many thanks for your quick response and your call yesterday. Appreciated. The 2nd phase of the War Memorial area is to pave the grassed area leading up from the steps. Natural dark stone, edged in countersunk red sandstone. (There might be something missing here)</p> <p>2nd email -</p>

	<p>A 700 mm sandstone tablet with a bronze plaque containing the names of the fallen in 2 word wars to be placed in close proximity to the Memorial. (Note; removed from faculty application, CH)</p> <p>Total cost including labour and materials is £4500 Which Church Hospitality have raised. Photos to follow Kind regards Noel</p> <p>3rd email – 5 photos</p> <p><i>Roll of honour</i></p>
<p>17/01/2020</p> <p>To: Katy Purvis From: Noel Baker</p>	<p>All there Katy Later email with the sculptor's quote</p>
<p>20/01/2020</p> <p>To: Katy Purvis From: Noel Baker</p> <p>With attachment</p>	<p>Herewith sketch of phase 2 plan to complete the War Memorial area in the curtilage of St Thomas of Canterbury Church</p> <p><i>Superseded sketch plan</i></p>
<p>20/01/2020</p> <p>To: Noel Baker From: Katy Purvis</p>	<p>Thanks Noel, that's very helpful. Where will the roll of honour be mounted? I can't see that on the plan at the moment, sorry if I've just missed it</p>
<p>20/01/2020</p> <p>To: Katy Purvis From: Noel Baker</p>	<p>The sculptor, Kay and I decided that we would wait until the paving was down and see where it was best sited.</p> <p>More than likely to the right /side and in line with the memorial. I know this appears a bit vague but need to apply our artistic bent as to the "Jaunty" angle!!</p>
<p>28/01/2020</p> <p>To: Noel Baker From: Katy Purvis</p>	<p>DAC Advice</p> <p>I am writing to let you know that at its meeting of 24 January 2020, the DAC Committee considered proposals for the paving and steps, and future roll of honour, and wishes to offer the following informal advice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Committee wished to encourage the parish in its development of the proposals b. It noted that the proposals would require both faculty permission and Planning Permission c. The parish would need to engage their architect for the scheme
<p>28/01/2020</p> <p>To: Katy Purvis From: Noel Baker</p>	<p>Can you please let me know the steps I have to take !</p>
<p>30/01/2020</p> <p>To: Noel Baker</p>	<p>I think the next step is to speak to Rob Harrington, and ask him to do a really simple specification/schedule of works for the new paving and repair of the steps, and also ask for his advice about planning</p>

From: Katy Purvis	<p>permission (as these are external works, it is likely the council will want some involvement).</p> <p>If Rob can provide the technical details, we can send them for review and take that back to the next meeting. If you could let us know when the artist has a design for the roll of honour, that would be great too.</p>
30/01/2020 To: Katy Purvis From: Noel Baker	<p>When you say "External works" Do you mean beyond the curtilage of the Church?</p> <p>I can't see why the Council Planning need to be involved with internal works regarding a small paved area .</p> <p>I can speak to Robert Harrington but his involvement would possibly cost us another £500.!</p>
03/02/2020 To: Noel Baker From: Katy Purvis	<p>By external works, I just mean outside the building. Although the area of paving is inside the curtilage, as it is a visible external change, it will probably need planning permission as well as faculty permission. This is not always the case, as councils do differ in their interpretation of faculty jurisdiction/planning permission crossover, so the council may say it doesn't, but it would be sensible to check.</p> <p>I realise that if you involve Rob it will cost more money, but you need him to specify the flagging and step repair, and probably to provide some drawings to show the areas of work. We also might need to talk to the War Memorials Trust, and possibly Historic England, because the War Memorial is listed, they may have an opinion on works in the vicinity of it, despite the small scale. We will help with all of that, but it would be as well to have your church architect involved at this point.</p> <p>Hope that makes sense, let me know when you're back if you'd like some help</p>
11/06/2020 To: Katy Purvis From: Noel Baker	<p>Regardless of the current situation life has to or tries to push on as best as possible . To this end I am chasing our faculty application for maintenance on sandstone walls and the small project of paving in front of the recently restored war memorial which our stonemason has been ready to start since March.</p> <p>I constantly check the application which is static and although no doubt Church House is on lock down I do feel that items like ours could easily be managed from a home based office.</p> <p>Can you please give me some information as to the work status of our Diocese</p>
12/06/2020 To: Noel Baker From: Katy Purvis	<p>How are you doing? I hope you're OK, it's all very strange, we are working from home, but I haven't got a works phone, I've been wanting to speak to you about the application for a while, I'm sorry I've not had chance and you've had to chase me.</p> <p>The last DAC advice was that Rob Harrington needed to produce some drawings and a specification, but we haven't received those, and the application hasn't any technical detail. I know we have the documents that you had produced previously on file, but those have already been before the committee and resulted in this advice</p>

	<p>I am writing to let you know that at its meeting of 24 January 2020, the DAC Committee considered proposals for the paving and steps, and future roll of honour, and wishes to offer the following informal advice:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Committee wished to encourage the parish in its development of the proposals It noted that the proposals would require both faculty permission and Planning Permission The parish would need to engage their architect for the scheme <p>The last correspondence we had between us was about engaging Rob and finding out about planning permission etc, as attached, so I'm not sure if you've done that yet? We can't take the proposals back to the DAC until we have some further response to the advice above, does that make sense?</p>
<p>16/06/2020</p> <p>To: Katy Purvis From: Noel Baker</p>	<p>Many thanks for your reply . I despair !!</p> <p>I am desperately trying to improve and maintain St Thomas' Church and carry it forward into 21st Century</p> <p>The renovation of The dilapidated War Memorial took two years to almost complete until we found the face of Christ impossible to renovate and needed a new head ,</p> <p>The sculptor had St Bees stone as used for the arms legs and feet and was happy to do this work pending an illustration of the finished head . To produce a copy of the original head was impossible as we had no historic photographs or illustrations to relate to. It had to be down to artistic creativity and acceptance as to how it would have looked I was told we had to go through another faculty process and application to the War Memorial Trust -!!!!-</p> <p>More money , The PCC decided to leave it in its sorry state !!! We should never be discouraged by red tape !</p> <p>We have now addressed the badly corroded walls either side of the steps leading from the access gate to The War Memorial , this access is not safe and calls for repair ASAP! The iron entrance gate would be refurbished in black enamel and re hung</p> <p>To facilitate safe standing and movement around the War Memorial, it is proposed to lay good quality natural stone in keeping with the memorial and flanked by in laid red sandstone in the same material stone used for the renovation of the memorial</p> <p>It is also proposed that a small sandstone (same material as the memorial) tablet is located adjacent to the memorial and this will support a bronze plaque containing the names of local casualties from two world wars, thus replacing the paper record hidden away in the Church safe.</p> <p>As you can see, I have written to Cheshire West after to speaking to Gail Nixon in planning'</p> <p>Gail was questioning as to why it was considered necessary for planning consent from CWAC when the project was to repair unsafe walls contained within the curtilage of the Church and a relatively small paved area around the memorial .</p>

	<p>She thought it sufficient to going through the Diocesan faculty process</p> <p>I did however write to planning as you can see , had acknowledgement of my email and.....no reply!!!! (February)</p> <p>This is a small project , supported by photographs , illustrations, measurements and stonemasons methodology and compliance. . I was assured by the Diocese last year that Faculty applications would be streamlined this year making progress so much easier. Definitely no change as I see.</p> <p>We have a sculptor/ stonemason ready to do the job and the money to pay for it !!!!!!!</p> <p>We have every consideration to preserve the beauty of St Thomas' Church for a secure future</p> <p>I have Spoken to Robert Harrington Architect and I will again send the original letter to planning</p>
<p>27/08/2021</p> <p>To: Katy Purvis From: Rob Harrington</p> <p>With attachments</p>	<p>Many thanks for the update which is positive news, so we will await your response from the War Memorials Trust.</p> <p>Noel has asked me to issue to you the planning permission and listed building consent which we have received from the Council in relation to the new paving, tablet and repair works to the boundary gate and associated walls which lead towards the Memorial.</p> <p>5) Drawings of R A Harrington Architect Ltd numbered 1707.03 Plan as Existing, 1707.04 Plan as Proposed and 1707.05 Sections, Elevations and Details, all dated August 2020</p> <p>6) Notice of Planning Permission for application number 20/03403/FUL of Cheshire West and Chester Council dated 12 November 2020,</p>
<p>27/08/2021</p> <p>To: Rob Harrington, Noel Baker From: Katy Purvis</p>	<p>I'm glad to see these, I didn't know whether this had ever been progressed and I was wondering about it. You didn't need LBC, because it is under faculty, but it won't do any harm, we just could have saved you the fee.</p> <p>The issue now is whether to progress this as a separate application, which Noel started a year or so ago, or to combine it with the head application. That may be more awkward because we will need to reconsult and do back to the DAC again as the proposals have increased in scope.</p> <p>Noel, what would you prefer?</p>
<p>27/08/2021</p> <p>To: Katy Purvis From: Noel Baker</p>	<p>Only just picked this up !</p> <p>I am sure that you would advise us as to the best course of progressing the existing project with the added head of Christ. What can you suggest? Is there such a deal as "Buy one get one free"!!!!</p> <p>Probably not I suspect .</p> <p>We look forward to your suggestion.</p>

<p>27/08/2021</p> <p>To: Katy Purvis From: Rob Harrington</p>	<p>Just to advise the Council split the application and determined it as separate elements but there was no fee for listed building consent just for planning permission.</p>
<p>31/08/2021</p> <p>To: Noel Baker From: Katy Purvis</p>	<p>You have three options really.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Add this work to the existing project. This would mean we would have to redo the consultation, so starting a new 42 day cycle and put it back on the agenda for a future DAC meeting for the DAC to consider whether to recommend after the consultees have re-responded 2) Apply for this work under the application you started in March last year, which was before the new faculty rules came in, when the consultation/public notice process was manual rather than via the online faculty system 3) Delete the March 2020 application and start a new one which confirms to the new rules, which might be easier to manage <p>Does that help? You can phone me to talk it through if you'd like to</p>
<p>27/09/2021</p> <p>To: Noel Baker From: Katy Purvis</p>	<p>DAC Advice</p> <p>I am writing to let you know the that at its meeting of 17 September 2021 the DAC considered the proposal for the war memorial landscaping, steps, wall, gate and roll of honour and it resolved, subject to formal application and satisfactory feedback of Historic England and the War Memorials Trust, to recommend the scheme, subject to the following provisos</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The works to be under the direction and subject to the inspection of the Scheme Architect <p>The Committee also wished to offer the following informal advice</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The exact paving stone type did not appear to be specified, and a good quality sandstone should be used 2. The parish will need to manage the maintenance of the sandstone paving as if it is not well maintained it may become slippery, causing a particular hazard on the steps. 3. The use of St Bees stone for the edgings will complement the church well. 4. The paving may be within, or close, to the root protection area of the adjacent trees. It should be checked that this has been considered in the design, taking account of the type of tree and its likely root spread. If the tree roots impact on the ground beneath, it may make keeping such large slabs of stone level difficult. 5. The scale and position of the memorial tablet is suitably discreet in terms of its wider setting whilst being easily found when visiting the memorial. The only danger may be if it is a trip hazard - it may be worth considering, for instance, planting slightly larger shrubs adjacent. The materials do not seem to be stated on the drawings.

	<p>6. It questioned why a simple handrail is not being introduced or any other improvements to accessibility. Such accessibility features could be considered for a future application. If the parish proposed to install a handrail later, they could apply for List B permission</p> <p>7. The repairs should be welcomed and seem broadly appropriate for a building of this nature, provided that the work is undertaken by an experienced stonemason.</p> <p>As soon as you finish the statement of needs/significance and petition, respond to the comments and submit the application, I can refer the proposals to Historic England and the War Memorials Trust</p> <p>Once we have a response from HE and WMT, Caroline will be able to raise the Notification of Advice so the application can be progressed for the public notices to be raised and displayed.</p>
<p>04/10/2021</p> <p>To: Katy Purvis From: Noel Baker</p>	<p>Further to your email of 27th Sept 2021 re; War Memorial Landscaping and roll of honour.</p> <p>1 I can confirm that the paving stones will be sandstone with a textured finish .</p> <p>2 The PCC understands that The Church is responsible for their maintenance.</p> <p>3 St Bees stone consistent with the tablet and recent renovation will be used for the edging detail.</p> <p>4 It is considered that tree roots undermining the paving would not pose a problem.</p> <p>5 The positioning of the sandstone tablet with bronze plaque inset would be positioned to the r/h side of the paved area and being a vertical sandstone with the bronze plaque angled at 45 degrees to the viewer would in no way be a trip hazard!</p> <p>The addition of shrubs would offer no benefit and would be added maintenance.</p> <p>6 A simple iron handrail without detail can be added to the existing sandstone wall. this would be mechanically fixed and finished in a durable black metal paint.</p> <p>7 The additional works are to be undertaken by Adrian Wright who was engaged to do the original restoration on the Calvary War Memorial and is totally credible to further the necessary work</p>
<p>04/10/2021</p> <p>To: Noel Baker From: Katy Purvis</p>	<p>Thanks for your response to the DAC advice.</p> <p>If you finish the Statement of needs etc, I will send this for consultation. If you want to introduce a handrail, we should process that separately under List B</p>
<p>01/11/2021</p> <p>To: Katy Purvis From: Noel Baker</p>	<p>Please find attached my letter to the WMT (Emma)</p> <p>I spoke to Emma this morning as The WMT would not support our proposals to further restore the Calvary Memorial and sandstone plinth and plaque , neither were they happy about the paved area in front of the memorial or the proposed gate refurbishment .</p> <p>I have spoken to Robert Harrington who will address their decisions</p>

	<i>Email of 01/11/2021 to WMT (see Consultation index)</i>
06/12/2022 To: Katy Purvis From: Rob Harrington	<p>Further to our conversation please see below an email exchange between the War Memorial's Trust Conservation Officer Ffion Jones and I.</p> <p>The emails below are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. RH to WMT dated 08.11.22 confirming the Parish's decision not to proceed with the Memorial Plaque/ tablet. 2. WMT to RH dated 17.11.22 noting this decision and confirming WMT have no objections to the re-carving of the head, wall repair, gate decoration and external paving. WMT did raise some detailed points as you can see on the scale of the head, consultation on the head and the gate. 3. RH to WMT email dated 30.11.22 responding to the detailed points in email above. 4. WMT to RH email dated 02.12.22 noting the replies and not requesting any further action. <p>I trust the above is satisfactory to address the WMT's consultation on the faculty applications.</p> <p>Please do not hesitate to contact me for any further information.</p>
20/01/2023 To: Katy Purvis From: Rob Harrington	<p>I am just writing to let you know that as recommended in WMT's email dated 17.11.22 the Parish have displayed the remodelled Christ's head in Church as part of a wider consultation.</p> <p>The good news is that the remodelling has received positive feedback from everyone.</p> <p>Please do not hesitate to contact me for any discussion.</p>
23/01/2023 To: Rob Harrington From: Katy Purvis	<p>That's very good news, thanks for letting us know.</p> <p>I tidied up most of the loose ends on the application for Christ's head and the gates/steps/wall application a couple of days ago. Caroline should be able to raise the notification of advice for Christ's head soon, but I am putting the gates application back on the agenda for February DAC.</p> <p>The reason for that is that we were supposed to consult HE, we had been waiting for Noel to finish tidying up the Statement of Need before we did so. That was put on hold while WMT were being consulted and were not supportive. Now that the roll of honour has</p>

	<p>been removed from the application, I don't think there is any need to consult HE, but I need DAC opinion on that, as it was a clause for the DAC office to carry out as "a subject to" in the recommendation. If they agree then we should be able to raise the notification of advice for that application too.</p>
<p>01/03/2023</p> <p>To: Noel Baker From: Caroline Hilton</p>	<p>I am writing to let you know that at its meeting of 17 February 2023 the DAC considered the proposal that had previously been recommended subject to consultation with War Memorials Trust and Historic England, now that the roll of honour has been removed from the scheme. It noted that the works are now limited to landscaping and repairs to wall, steps and gate and therefore would not need to be referred to Historic England. The Committee resolved to re-recommend the scheme with the following proviso:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The works to be under the direction and subject to the inspection of the Scheme Architect <p>This means I can raise the Notification of Advice so that you can go on to display the public notices. I will let you know when I have carried this out.</p>

Chester St Oswald & St Thomas - Correspondence with consultees

Date	Message
13/09/2021 To: Noel Baker From: War Memorials Trust	<p>I am writing to you from War Memorials Trust, the national charity dedicated to the conservation and protection of our war memorial heritage.</p> <p>As you may be aware the Trust provided funding towards a project to the St Thomas of Canterbury Parish war memorial in 2018. The Trust has recently received notification of a Faculty Application for works to the memorial. As part of the grant contract War Memorials Trust needs to be informed of any proposed works to the memorial within the 6 year enforcement period. Failure to do so can result in some or part of the grant being reclaimed.</p> <p>In this instance I would welcome further clarification of the works being proposed so that we can assess them for their appropriateness. In particular please could you supply details of the monitoring undertaken and photographs showing the rate of deterioration. Please note that we have been asked to comment on the Faculty by 20/09/2021, as such we would be grateful for a response at your earliest convenience.</p> <p>If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.</p>
04/10/2021 To: War Memorials Trust From: Noel Baker With attachments	<p>Thank you for your email regarding the further development of the Calvary War Memorial.</p> <p>I apologise most sincerely for my protracted reply to your request for information regarding our planned project to enhance the area in close proximity to the Memorial.</p> <p>I have attached relevant documents for our plans and hope that you find the development acceptable</p> <p>It would never be in our intentions to desecrate the memorial, the intentions are to make the memorial more accessible from the public footpath through an easily opened and well maintained iron gate and then climbing re aligned and safely seated steps onto hard standing to view the memorial and at the same time being able to see and clearly read the names of fallen soldiers from The Garden Quarter who gave their lives in two world wars .</p> <p>The roll of honour has been kept in The Church safe for approx seventy five years and we THE PCC consider they should be honoured and made visible for all to see.</p> <p><i>Drawing, quote, description, photos</i></p>
01/11/2021 To: War Memorials Trust	<p>Many thanks for your time this morning and I appreciate your comments related to your panels' opinion.</p> <p>I have spoken to our Conservation Architect Robert Harrington and requested that he puts together an escalated report of the</p>

From: Noel Baker	<p>technicalities which are appropriate for our project which I hope you will find acceptable.</p> <p>The points outlined relate to ; New stone paving and foundation requirements Gate restoration Stone steps and flank sandstone walls to steps Sandstone Memorial base with Bronze Plaque/ with alternative siting if deemed necessary Further restoration i.e. The re modelling of the head of Christ with images from Sculptor Adrian Wright.</p> <p>You will receive correspondence with images from Robert Harrington in due course</p>
08/11/2022 To: War Memorials Trust From: Rob Harrington	<p>Apologies for delayed response.</p> <p>The Parish have been carefully considering the memorial plaque and the information you provided.</p> <p>After careful thought they have advised me that they will not be proceeding with either the external plaque indicated on the drawings or an internal plaque located elsewhere in Church.</p> <p>As a result please could you confirm the position in relation to the other items of work which I think from our conversations do not present WMT with any further issues. These items of work the recarving of Christ head, the stone wall repair, gate decorations and the new external paving. Please do not hesitate to contact me for a further discussion.</p>
17/11/2022 To: Rob Harrington From: War Memorials Trust	<p>Thank you for your email and for the update regarding the additional memorial plaque.</p> <p>Having discussed the Faculty with the team I have the following comments on the works:</p> <p>1. Re-carving head</p> <p>No objections. We note the erosion of details on the face and therefore do not object to the like for like replacement of this element, which is consistent with the decision to reinstate other weathered elements. The proposed head submitted with the Faculty appears appropriate, however it is not possible to tell if it is in proportion with the body which we ask is considered. If it is too large or too small it will look out of place and will detract from the overall appearance.</p> <p>-</p> <p>The Trust has seen previous cases of poorly executed or communicated works around replacement features so whilst we appreciate no one will be intending to do anything inappropriately, we do mention. An example is</p> <p>Mytholmroyd, www.warmemorials.org/search-grants/?gID=861. As</p>

	<p>you'll see in our summary the head was replaced in 2000 with a 'stylised' version which was not particularly well received within the community and it was redone to match the historic original. We would encourage those leading any project to make sure the proposed changes are communicated to the wider community and perhaps the replica is available to view before being installed so people can comment and compare.</p> <p>2. Stone wall repair No objections.</p> <p>3. Gate decorations No objections as from the information provided the gate is not an element of the war memorial. If the gate is in fact part of the war memorial then we may have additional comments to make so please advise if so. You may find it helpful to refer to Historic England's guidance on The Conservation, Repair and Management of War Memorials, particularly page 58 with regards to the removal of coatings from iron.</p> <p>4. New external paving No objections as from the information provided the wider setting is not directly a part of the war memorial. While this is a change of design, following internal discussion, the Trust agrees it will likely increase access to the war memorial for those who wish to pay their respects, provided it is kept in good order.</p> <p>Please let me know if I need to add these comments to the Online Faculty portal for you to proceed with the application and I will do so.</p> <p>If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.</p>
<p>30/11/2022</p> <p>To: War Memorials Trust From: Rob Harrington</p>	<p>Many thanks for your email and just to reply to the points that you raised.</p> <p>1. The head is a 1 to 1 actual scale in relation to the figure of Christ and after discussion with the Parish they will be displaying the head in Church for any feedback from people in advance of the work.</p> <p>2. In terms of the gate can we just confirm that the date on the listing on Historic England's database is late nineteenth century for the Church's boundary walls, gates and piers and therefore predates the Memorial.</p> <p>The boundary walls and gate to the Church form an overall and consistent boundary treatment to the site and gates of a similar design are located elsewhere on the boundary.</p> <p>As a result of the above points we have considered the Memorial and gate as separate elements. We trust you consider this to be a satisfactory approach.</p>

	Please do not hesitate to contact me for any further discussion.
02/12/2022 To: Rob Harrington From: War Memorials Trust	Many thanks for your response which is noted. Apologies for not being able to return your voicemails, it has been very busy this November and coupled with IT issues it has taken me some time to get to them! If you need anything else from the Trust, please let me know.