

Statement of Needs

All Saints' Church Croxley Green

Proposed installation of permanent Broadband Connection

September 2021

1 Background Information

During the Coronavirus restrictions and closure of churches, services and morning prayers have been broadcast live online for parishioners to view live. A wifi connection from the neighbouring parish office has been used which can be unreliable and cause interruptions to the live broadcast.

2 Our Needs

A suitable and reliable broadband connection is essential to continue with our service and morning prayer live broadcasts online which are used to enhance our regular worship and mission.

3 Proposal and Specification

Infrastructure provider Openreach have carried out a site assessment and confirmed existing telegraph poles can be used for the permanent connection onto the east side of the church. The cable will then run around the east side of the church at a height of approximately 3 to 4 metres following the recess and contours of the building and then enter into the church through the external wall of the choir vestry. Once in the church building the existing cable runs will be used to locate the broadband hub in the main area of the church. **(See Appendix A).**

The proposed broadband connection has been discussed by the PCC with finance put in place in the 2021 budget.

All Saints' Church Croxley Green

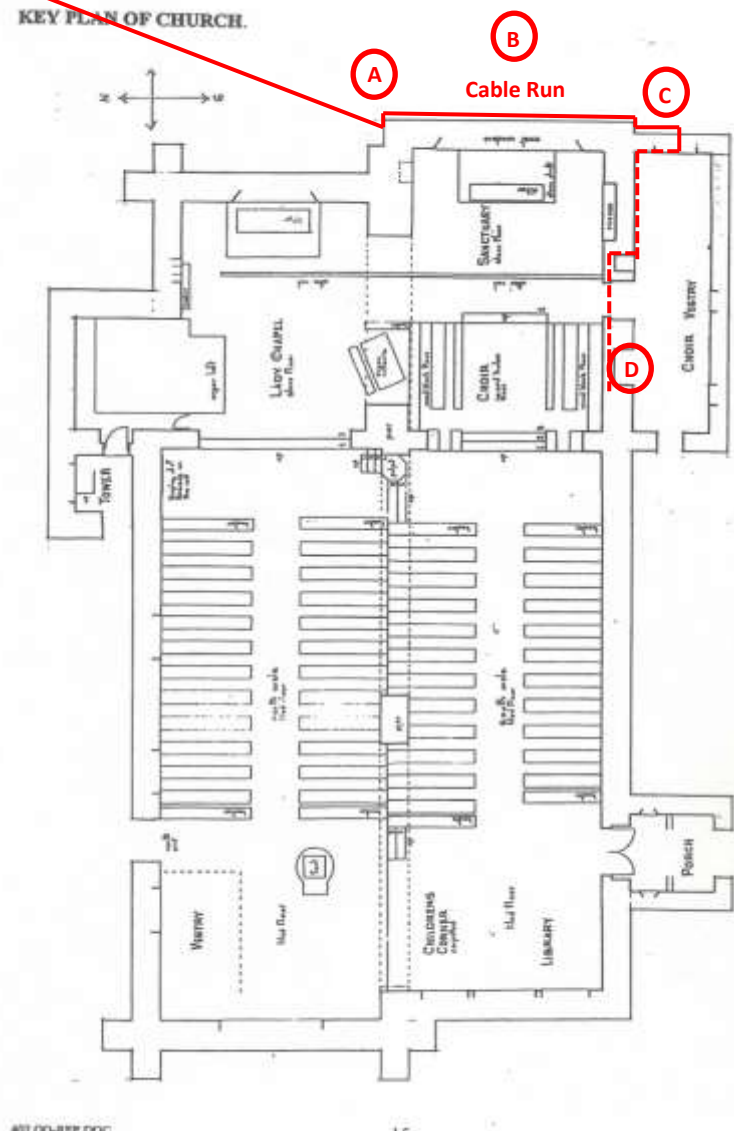
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Photographs and diagrams to show the connection and cable run

Telegraph Pole

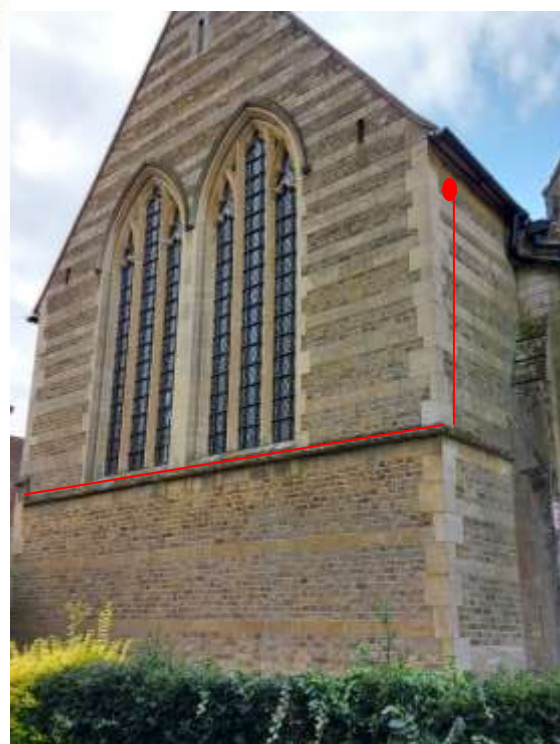
KEY PLAN OF CHURCH.



A Connection to east side of Church



B Cable path on east side of Church



(C) Cable path on east side of Church and entry into choir vestry



(D) Position of Broadband Hub (out of sight in the gallery recess)



From: Claire Westwood
Sent: 28 October 2021 10:39
To:
Subject: Attn Three Rivers Conservation Officer - All Saints Church - Croxley Green

I have had the opportunity to discuss the below with the Conservation Officer.

There are five religious groups or denominations in England which are exempt from certain provisions of the planning acts, including the need to apply for listed building consent, for ecclesiastical buildings. This includes The Church of England of which I believe All Saints forms part.

More information can be found online at:

[Ecclesiastical Exemption | Historic England](#)

Essentially all five groups have their own arrangements for handling changes to historic buildings which provide the same standards of protection as operated by local planning authorities.

As such it is my opinion that consent is not required from the local planning authority for the works proposed.

I trust this is of assistance.

Kind Regards
Claire

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From: Claire Westwood
Sent: 18 October 2021 13:37
To: Subject: RE: Attn Three Rivers Conservation Officer - All Saints Church - Croxley Green

Thanks for your email.

We would generally require someone to apply for pre-application advice in order for us to look at a proposal and provide advice. However in some cases churches have an ecclesiastical exemption which means that they don't actually require permission (whether that be planning permission or Listed Building Consent) and if this is the case, it doesn't seem appropriate for us to be requiring a

pre-application submission. I am therefore seeking some clarification from Place Services who provide our heritage advice and will come back to you as soon as I hear further from them.

Kind Regards
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From: Lyndon Palmer
Sent: 15 October 2021 17:07
To:
Subject: Attn Three Rivers Conservation Officer

Dear Three Rivers Conservation Officer

Re – Proposal to install a new telephone line for a broadband connection to All Saints' Church, Croxley Green with a connection from a telephone pole to the East side of the church.

The St Albans Diocesan Advisory Committee has asked me to consult with and obtain your agreement on our proposal to affix a new telephone line to the east side of the church for our broadband connection which will be used to broadcast live online services and morning prayers for parishioners.

Having had a survey carried out by Openreach I have attached the plan and photographs that were submitted to the Diocesan Advisory Committee regarding this proposal for you to consider and await your response.

Regards

Lyndon Palmer
Churchwarden



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Form 2
(Rule 4.9)
Diocesan Advisory Committee
Notification of Advice

<p>This notification constitutes advice only and does not give you permission to carry out the works or other proposals to which it relates. A faculty must be obtained from the court before the works or proposals may lawfully be carried out.</p>

In the diocese of St Albans

Parish of Croxley Green, All Saints

Church of Croxley Green, All Saints

The church is listed under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.

The listing is grade II

At a meeting of the Diocesan Advisory Committee held on 06/10/2021

The following works or other proposals were considered:

The works or proposals should be described in the petition for a faculty and in the public notice in the same way as they are described here.

Installation of permanent Broadband Connection into the Church for live broadcasts online which are used to enhance our regular worship and mission

The Committee RECOMMENDS the works or proposals for approval by the court:

SUBJECT TO the following provisos

The PCC should consider and document its practice and protocols for issues arising from the live streaming of services, including safeguarding, data protection and copyright licensing, having regard to the St Albans DAC guidance at <https://www.stalbans.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/PCC-policy-and-practice-for-streaming-template.pdf> and the linked diocesan guidance on safeguarding.

This advice does not constitute authority for carrying out the works or proposals and a faculty is required.

In the opinion of the Committee the work or part of the work proposed is not likely to affect

- the character of the church as a building of special architectural or historic interest
- the archaeological importance of the building
- archaeological remains existing within the church or its curtilage

In the opinion of the Committee rule 9.9 of the Faculty Jurisdiction Rules (publication of notice on diocesan or other publicly accessible website) does not apply to the works or proposals

The following have been consulted on the works or other proposals

- The Local Planning Authority

No objections have been raised by any of them.

This advice is valid for 24 months from the date given below

Signed: Mrs Emma Critchley Date: 03/11/2021
Secretary to the Diocesan Advisory Committee