

Form 2  
(Rule 4.9)

## Diocesan Advisory Committee Notification of Advice

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.

In the diocese of St Albans

Parish of Kings Langley

Church of King's Langley, 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 12/03/2026

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.

Proposed reordering / enhancement of the church, including external access paths and disabled parking bay; replacement of north porch doors; relocation of font and modifications to tower steps, creation of first floor ringing chamber and gallery, with tower screen providing an enclosed creche area; replacement of nave and aisle pews with new chairs on new level stone floor; repositioning of screen to create south chapel; making chancel choir stalls movable; provision of second kitchen accessed via new opening in south aisle wall; conservation and repositioning of historic floor tiles.

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

The Committee notes that the PCC and scheme architect have had in-depth engagement with Historic England to arrive at an appropriate scheme, particularly taking into account HE's original reservations about the second kitchen opening into the south aisle by creating a new opening in the historic fabric of the south wall; and the design of the tower enclosure and gallery. The Committee and the CBC support the amended and developed design and justification, about which the Victorian Society has no further comment. SPAB continues to express reservations about the new opening through historic fabric.

SUBJECT TO the following provisos

1. Tender-level documentation should be provided to the DAC for consideration before the contract is let.
2. Electrical cables should conform with CBC recommendations, ie be in MICV, FP200Gold, or PVC/PVC in metal conduit or ducting and an IEE or NAPIT certificate of compliance relating to all electrical alterations should be obtained on completion of the work.
3. The large glazed areas in the tower will need manifestation.
4. The PCC should plan for cleaning and maintenance of the kitchen rooflight.
5. As well as having opening doors onto the gallery, ventilation and sound-proofing material should be provided to the ringing chamber.
6. Archaeological impacts inside and outside the church building and potential disturbance of disarticulated and articulated buried human remains are to be assessed for consideration by the County Archaeologist and/or one of the DAC's archaeological advisers before tenders are sought.

Net Zero Guidance:

The works or proposals involve matters to which net zero guidance applies (that is, guidance issued by the Church Buildings Council under section 55 of the Dioceses, Pastoral and Mission Measure 2007 on reducing carbon emissions). In the opinion of the Committee, your explanation of how, in formulating the works or proposals, you have had due regard to net zero guidance IS ADEQUATE.

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 likely to affect

the character of the church as a building of special architectural or historic interest  
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) applies to the works or proposals

The following have been consulted on the works or other proposals

Church Buildings Council  
Historic England  
Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings  
The DAC's Archaeological Adviser  
The Local Conservation Officer  
The Victorian Society

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

Signed: Mrs Emma Critchley                      Date: 20/04/2026  
Secretary to the Diocesan Advisory Committee