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**To:** nigeljones11@aol.com

**Cc:** The Revd D Delap, Andrew Cinnamond, Paul and Tessa Cobb

Fri, 28 Apr at 18:40

Dear Nigel,

Following the meeting of the DAC last week, I am writing to let you know that members have resolved to defer their discussion and decision regarding your proposals until their meeting in June. The Committee has concluded that no meaningful discussion could be had in the absence of responses from all statutory consultees. By the day of the meeting, we have only received a response from Historic Buildings and Places. We now also have Historic England's response. Both are attached to this email for your information. The Victorian Society has written to the DAC last week to inform members that the revised proposals were being taken to the Society's Southern Buildings Committee, and that its updated advice should be with us within the next fortnight. The Church Buildings Council and SPAB have not responded yet, but the DAC expects that they will be taking your proposals to their respective committees.

The PCC should be aware that the DAC continues to receive letters from residents of Lechlade who do not support the reordering proposals. Some contain allegations that the public consultation was not carried out appropriately. The Committee is concerned by those allegations. While the DAC is not in a position to direct that the parish must advertise the contents of the faculty application before a formal Notification of Advice and public notices are issued, members asked me to advise the PCC that it would be in the PCC's interest to publish all the application documents on the church website as soon as possible, in the spirit of transparency.

Moreover, the DAC requested that before the June meeting of the Committee, the PCC submits a concise statement explaining how different parts of the church would be used following the reordering, and how many different groups have committed to using them or are expected to use them. It was also noted that there has been no update regarding conversations the PCC has been having with the bell ringers, since The Revd Cinnamond's letter which was to be sent to them in March 2022. What is their current view of the proposed shared use of the ringing room? The protocol for sharing the space, a draft of which the DAC has seen last year, should be included in the faculty submission.

I will contact you again once I have received further responses from statutory consultees.

All best wishes,

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