

SECOND SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT
TO THE PLANNING COMMITTEE
21st MAY

Agenda item 8

Case Ref. 19/00231/DEEM3

St James Church, Church Lane, Audley

The views of **The Diocese of Lichfield** have now been received. They comment that:-

There is no heritage structural engineering report to support the complete demolition of wall section A-A and the details submitted do not offer any consideration as to whether the works could take place with a lesser element of rebuild and the remainder conserved and structurally tied back.

There is very little detail on the proposed materials to replace those to be lost from the repair and rebuilding works, if new materials are required. They note that a good matching brick is essential and full details are required.

The use of vertical weep holes is questioned; highlighting that consideration should be given instead to the use of rectangular weep holes to perp joint.

They also note that with the amount of excavation required their chances of disturbing graves is very high.

Officer Response

Your officer considers that issues with regards to the use of new materials such as bricks and coping stones have been addressed within the main agenda report. Appropriately worded conditions as recommended would require the submission of any new materials to the LPA for approval prior to the commencement of works. Whilst rectangular weep holes have been suggested as opposed to the vertical ones shown on the submitted drawing, it is not considered that these would be any less visually intrusive than the proposed solution.

Similarly, issues raised with regards to archaeology were addressed in the first supplementary report to the committee, with the County Archaeologist raising no objections, subject to conditions.

The comments from the Diocese with regards to the justification for the removal of wall section A-A are noted, however it is not considered that these works would be harmful to the historical significance of this Grade II* listed structure, subject to appropriately worded conditions securing materials.

The recommendation remains as set out in the main agenda report.