

War Memorial Plaque – Emails from Rev Cousins and SDC Planning

Dear John

I've just heard back from Adam Klups who is secretary to the Diocesan Advisory Committee and I'm afraid that the application process is not quite so straight forward.

Adam writes:

having studied the application I am in a position to advise that a private faculty should be applied for by the Town Council, as well as, most probably, planning permission – the latter to be checked with the planning officer. No LBC is required.

My view is that at the moment the application does not provide sufficient information and there are various issues with the proposal:

1. The plaque is to be quite large yet no designs were submitted demonstrating what it would look like. The DAC will require drawings to scale that would appropriately show the size, font, spacing between names of those commemorated and any decoration.
2. The use of polyurethane is wholly unsuitable. The gate is a separately grade II listed building in the curtilage of grade I listed St James' church. Both are located in a conservation area.
3. There are no details of fixings.
4. There are no details of the names of individuals, who are to be commemorated. No information was provided on the research that was carried out to prepare the list of names and who was responsible for it.
5. I would advise that the War Memorial Trust and Historic England should be consulted on this proposal.

Adam has also said that he will contact the case officer and make a comment on the planning portal.

Please do let me know if you need to discuss this further, either with me or with Adam.

Best wishes
Michael

The Revd Canon Michael Cozens

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Good morning

I refer to your application number S.20/2431/LBC, for the above.

Please note that as the gateway is within the curtilage of the listed church, and in ecclesiastical use, then the works are subject to Faculty Jurisdiction. Listed Building consent is not required. Your application will therefore be returned to you.

Best regards

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