



Building Transformation Project Consultations & Publicity Report

Amenity Societies

Timeline:

June 2017: Details of project (July 2017 including plans and drawings) sent to Historic England, SPAB, CBC, The Victorian Society and East Cambs DC together with invitation to site meeting.

July 2017: 14 /07/2017 Site meeting with CBC, Archangel Architects, Geoffrey Hunter of DAC.
20/07/2017. Letter from CBC giving comments to proposals sent to Geoffrey Hunter.

September 2017: Second invitation sent to Historic England, SPAB, The Victorian Society and East Cambs DC for site meeting.

October 2017: 19/10/2017 Site meeting - Historic England, The Victorian Society and East Cambs DC, with Archangel Architects, Geoffrey Hunter and church reps.

19/10/2017: Email to attendees from Nigel Walter Archangel Ltd (copy attached) with agreed actions.

No correspondence received from any of the attendees following meeting or email on 19/10/2017.

January 2019: Revised documents (plans, drawings, Statement of Needs and Statement of Significance), together with St Mary's PCC response to comments from CBC & DAC, sent to Historic England, SPAB, CBC and The Victorian Society. .

31/01/2019 Site meeting with Sheila Stones Historic England, Geoffrey Hunter DAC and Nigel Walter Archangel Architects.

February 2019: 11/02/2019 Email letter from SPAB (copy attached) sent to Architects and DAC.

18/02/19 Email letter from Historic England via Architects (copy attached). Copy also sent to DAC.

May 2019: 15/05/2019 PCC response to DAC and Historic England (copy attached).

Church Members

Timeline:

July 2017: Sermon to re-launch project by Rev Chris Hill. Sermon summary given out to members at both services (200 adults approx.)

August 2017: Building Transformation Project section added to website www.stmarysely.org

September 2017: First 3D film of how church might look shown to church members on several Sundays after services in church hall. Initial plans displayed and comments invited.

October 2017: Appeal letters and information sent to everyone on electoral roll (270 approx)

November 2017: Results of appeal published. Thank-you letters sent to all pledge givers and donors.

May 2018: Update information leaflet published

August 2018: Revised update flyer issued

Survey of members on BTP proposals issued – see attached

September 2018: 30/09/2018 – Survey closed, 212 replies received. Questions 5-9 sought views on the main proposals. The replies were as follows:

Question 5: Within the main body of the church we propose to remove the pews and replace them with chairs, level the floor and install underfloor heating. Do you agree that this should happen?

Yes = 185 No = 13 % in favour = 93.46%

Question 6: We propose to create a vestry and storage at the far end of the chancel (altar end), bring the altar table forward, level the floor area and provide a ramp from the main body of the church to the chancel area. The east window will still be totally visible. Do you agree that this should happen?

Yes = 178 No = 21 % in favour = 89.45%

Question 7: We propose to install a WC within the church building (located in the crèche area). Do you agree that this should happen?

Yes = 180 No = 16 % in favour = 91.84%

Question 8: We propose to extend the ground floor tower room used for the crèche and create a meeting room for children and adult groups from the existing vestry. Do you agree that this should happen?

Yes = 189 No = 8 % in favour = 95.94%

Question 9: We propose to create an additional meeting room in the first floor tower room. Extra seating will be available in a new balcony above the ground floor tower room. Do you agree that this should happen?

Yes = 181 No = 16 % in favour = 91.88%

October 2018: BTP survey results published – see attached

February 2019: 27/02/2019 information evening for church members. Revised and updated plans and photos on permanent display. New 3D film shown and also put on website. Next steps leaflet published – see attached.

September 2019: Next steps update flyer published

October 2019: Second appeal for donations and pledges launched. Letters and response forms sent to all on electoral roll

January 2020: New 3D model film, updated to incorporate all changes agreed with DAC, shown after Sunday services and available on church website.

Ely Community

Timeline:

August 2018: Letter of support from Mayor of Ely and City of Ely Council

May 2019: Letter of support from Visit Ely (see attached)

January 2020: Press release on the project was the main headline in the Ely Standard on 2 January 2020. See photo attached. The Ely Standard is the only weekly paper serving Ely and the surrounding area and is distributed free to most of the homes in Ely.

Separate article published in Elyi magazine which is distributed to over 10,000 homes in Ely.

February 2020: Public consultation 13/03/2020 10.00am-3.00pm, 14/03/2020 6.00pm-8.00pm, 15/03/2020 10.00am-3.00pm. Event advertised in Ely Standard, 3 local Facebook Accounts, 'Spotted in Ely' website, Church website, posters and flyers.

Plans, video and display in Church for people to drop in and look at. Feedback forms given out to everyone who came. Over the 3 sessions 45 people visited and 27 Feedback forms were completed. Summary of feedback and comments is attached.

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