

Ref: 2020-047181

Church: Barston: St Swithin

Diocese: Birmingham

Archdeaconry: Aston

Form 4A

(Rule 6.2)

Public Notice
(general form)

In the Consistory Court of the Diocese of Birmingham

Church of Barston: St Swithin

In the parish of Barston

NOTICE IS GIVEN that we are applying to the Consistory Court of the diocese for permission to carry out the following:

Improve Disabled Access

The nave of the church is currently filled with Victorian box pews, and there is no provision for wheelchair users or pushchairs. Worshipers using wheelchairs currently have to sit in the central aisle. The PCC wishes to create an open space that would allow wheelchair users to sit within the body of the congregation. The PCC had developed initial ideas to remove or shorten pews immediately west of the north entrance. Following DAC advice the PCC's now propose to remove the two pews immediately West of the North Porch entrance.

The pews sit on a raised timber platform, and the PCC had proposed to install a small ramp to allow wheelchair users to access the platform. Ms Baldwin suggested that it would be preferable if the pew platform could be lowered to ground level for this open area. Creating a level floor would offer more flexibility, greater accessibility, and by removing the need for a ramp it reduces the risk of a potential trip hazard. The PCC have accepted Ms Baldwin's advice and all so that of Tim Bridges, Victorian Soc. and Dr Mike Hodder, Archaeologist.

Plans by Mike Potter dated 24th January 2020 Ref 283/04 & 283/01a dated 8th Sept. 2003.

Where possible existing floor boards and joists will be reused and pew removed stored pending advice from DAC on disposal .

Copies of the relevant plans and documents may be examined at

Church Notice Board - Car Park

Church Notice Board - Main Church

Door

Church website

Local Barston 'Whats App' group

(If changes to a church are proposed, a copy of the petition and of any designs, plans, photographs and other documents that were submitted with it must be displayed in the church or at another place where they may be conveniently inspected by the public.)

Petitioners:

1. GORDON O'CONNOR, CHURCH WARDEN
2. REV. STUART DIMES, PRIEST IN CHARGE
- 3.

Date 08/06/2020

If you wish to object to any of the works or proposals you should send a letter stating the grounds of your objection to The Diocesan Registrar at

Shakespeare Martineau
No1 Colmore Square
Birmingham
B4 6AA

so that your letter reaches the registrar not later than 08/07/2020. A letter of objection must include your name and address and state whether you live in the parish and/or your name is entered on the church electoral roll of the parish or any other basis on which you have an interest in the matter.