

# Supporting Documentation

## Stalybridge Holy Trinity – Sensory garden

### Note to parish

This bundle includes all the supporting documentation to your faculty application as required under Rule 5.5 of the Faculty Jurisdiction (Amendment) Rules 2019.

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Caroline Hilton, DAC Secretary



11 April 2022

**We petition the Court for a faculty to authorise the following-**

*Please describe the works or other proposals for which a faculty is sought in the way recommended by the Diocesan Advisory Committee in its Notification of Advice.*

**SCHEDULE OF WORKS OR PROPOSALS**

Creation of Sensory Garden.

*Copies of the Standard Information Form and any drawings, plans, specifications, photographs or other documents showing the proposals must be provided with this petition.*

# HOLY TRINITY WITH CHRIST CHURCH STALYBRIDGE

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

### 1.00 Setting the Scene

- 1.01 The new parish of Castle Hall was designated in 1847, and the present church was erected between Easter 1851 and June 1852.  
The church was dedicated to The Holy Trinity.
- 1.02 The main West door is situated on Trinity Street, with paved areas on either side. There is a raised memorial on the South side of the tower, beside the entrance. At the rear (East) end of the church there is a fenced garden.

Stalybridge town centre has undergone tremendous regeneration over the last few years and the church has benefited from these developments. We are situated at the very centre of the town with Stalybridge Civic Hall immediately adjacent on the North side. A new Tesco supermarket has been built to the South of the church and their car park extends around our Eastern boundary and Trinity Street is to our West.

Many new residential developments have either recently been built, or are nearing completion within close proximity to the church. The Huddersfield narrow canal was re-opened a few years ago approximately 30m to the South of and roughly parallel to the church. Rose Terrace, an unadopted cul-de-sac bounds the Southern side of the church, with terraced cottages on its far side.

Over recent years, the church has become greatly involved in the town centre community. Several community groups use the church building regularly, for example. "Carers Connect" meets on Fridays, which is a group providing support to carers. A bible study group meets on alternate Fridays, followed by a shared lunch. The church café is open every Wednesday, at the same time as the mid-week communion service. All of these functions are open to and frequently attended by members of the public, who don't regularly attend our church. The church is open and welcoming whenever there are carnivals or other civic functions in the town. We employ a Youth Pastor and a Children's Pastor and through them we have very close links with several schools in the area. We run assemblies and lunchtime Christian Union clubs in the schools, which are very well received along with several youth groups. The schools also visit church for the normal Christian festivals such as Easter and Christmas, but we also present topical displays for members of the public and schools etc. We see this work as an act of outreach to our community.

### 2.00 Description of the Church

- 2.01 The church was designed by E.H. Shellard, Architect of Manchester, in the English 14<sup>th</sup> Century Style. It is built of hard, snecked, Pennine sandstone, with dressed stone to the windows, which are topped with pointed arches, with perpendicular tracery.

A disabled access ramp was constructed at the main West entrance door in 2010, providing level access to the main body of the church. The West porch leads into a lounge, which was originally part of the nave, beneath the gallery. This was screened off in 1977 to provide facilities for meetings, community purposes and a coffee lounge following worship.

About twenty five years ago, a major re-ordering of the church was carried out. This included replacing the pews with loose chairs, renewing the heating and electrical installations and redecorating the building. This was done with the future regeneration of the town in mind, and the need for the church to be "user friendly" and welcoming to newcomers. This policy has paid off, in that new faces seem to be in church every week.

We employ a Building Manager / Caretaker, who undertakes routine maintenance tasks in line with our written maintenance plan. The PCC have been very diligent in trying to keep the church in good condition and have financed numerous repairs and restoration works. Many have been of a very minor nature, some being carried out by “Saturday morning Work Parties” and others by professional contractors. Some of the more significant ones which have been done recently include:

- Restoration of some stained glass windows.
- Rebuilding of slipped stone arch to North Porch.
- Numerous attempts to repair roof leaks.
- New lighting, flooring and redecoration of entrance porch and lounge.
- New lighting, flooring and redecoration of church office and corridor.
- Fabric repairs and upgrades to church office.
- Installation of polycarbonate window protection to North elevation windows.
- Reroofing of Chancel, Nave, Side Aisle and Side Chapel.

We recently benefitted from a grant under the Taylor Review Pilot Scheme and were able to complete the following works:

- Replacement hood mould to East window with some repointing works.
- Restoration and rebuilding of one stained glass window.
- Modifications to rainwater hoppers to improve roof drainage.

The church is in the Stalybridge Town Centre Conservation Area, and is Grade 2 listed.

### 3.00 Items of Special Significance

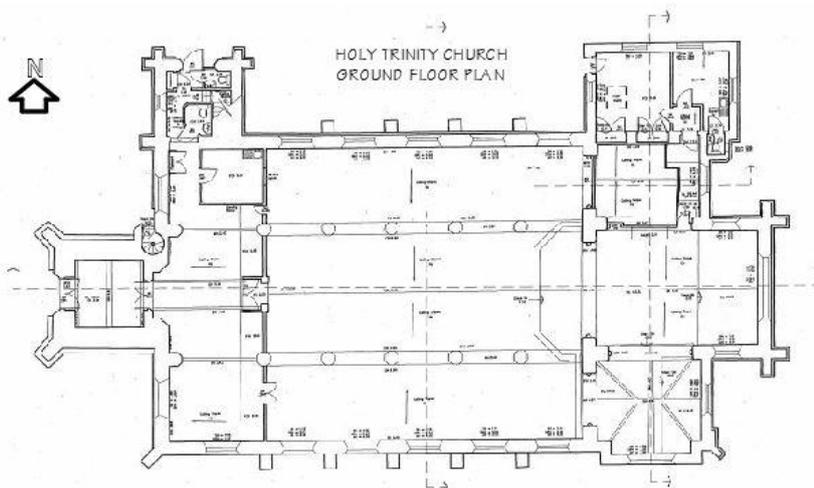
The West window is of plain glass, but the large East window is in five panels of stained glass, depicting Jesus in the centre panel with two apostles on either side. The window was given by Rev. Thomas Floyd in 1852, and is therefore of a sympathetic design and age with the church. We believe the window was designed by William Wales.

On either side of the east window, on stone tablets are painted the ten commandments. A side chamber in the South side was added in 1897, and houses a fine stained glass window in three panels depicting a Knight in armour, St George and the Dragon. The three stained glass windows on the south side are entitled “Three Parables” (1881), “Faith, Hope and Charity (1896)”, and “Easter Morning (1856)”. On the North side there are four, entitled “Consider the Lillies” (1897), “The Good Shepherd” (1937), “Rising from the Tomb” (1897) and “Easter Morning” (1954).

The organ, built in 1852 was originally housed in the west gallery and was moved to its present position when the new vestry and organ chamber were constructed in 1897.

The West tower houses a peal of eight bells, which were recast in 1926.

### Plan of the church





LOVE • GROW • SERVE

## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH STALYBRIDGE

### PROPOSED SENSORY GARDEN AT EAST END OF CHURCH

#### STATEMENT OF NEED.

##### **Need for a sensory garden.**

A sensory garden is a garden environment that is designed with the purpose of stimulating the senses. This stimulation occurs courtesy of plants and the use of materials that engage one's senses of sight, smell, touch, taste, and sound. These types of gardens are popular with and beneficial to both children and adults, especially those who have sensory processing issues, including autism and other disabilities. To get the maximum use from a sensory garden, it is important to take into account for whom the garden is primarily intended. It is also important to understand what plants and features will best achieve the atmosphere that is desired.

Planning a sensory garden will involve the congregation and wider community in design of key features such as planting, raised beds, sensory objects such as wind chimes and seating.

Participants will then be able to work alongside tradespeople to create the garden and there will be ongoing sessions each week where people can be further involved with development, arts activities and horticultural therapy.

##### **Impact on the building and the church**

Currently the rear garden is given over to a lawn and a small row of laurel bushes with a tarmac path roughly parallel to the back of church. There is a large mature sycamore tree, no work will be carried out to the tree because the church is within the Town Centre Conservation Area. The impact on the building will be entirely positive and the proposal will have no detrimental effect on the Grade 2 Listed church.

However, we anticipate that the sensory garden will be of huge benefit to the people of the church. Many of the people engaging with the project are considered to be frail, in addition to those within our own congregation, we also actively encourage use of our facilities by other local groups and will target groups of elderly participants and children with sensory disorders who would obtain great benefits from access.

##### **Evidence of support**

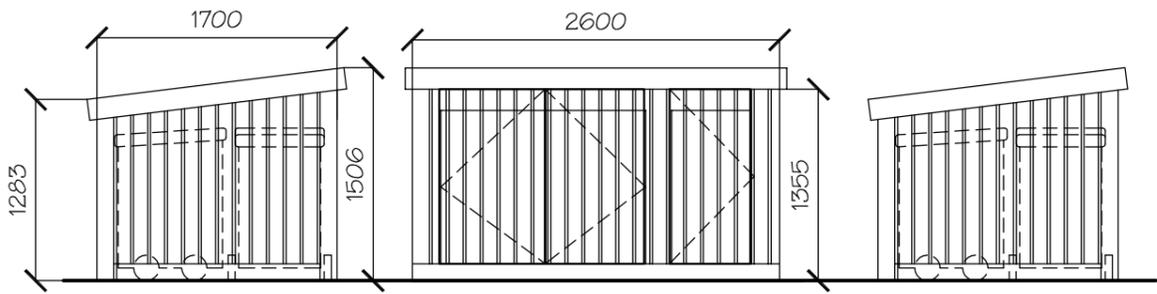
The GP practices within the Stalybridge Neighbourhood (Stalybridge, Mossley and Dukinfield) would like to work with the local community to invest in building the capacity of local groups and their activities. We are particularly interested in listening to any ideas they may have that will make a difference to patients who are either socially isolated or may be considered to be frail.

Our project will focus on the planning, building and continued engagement with a sensory garden behind our church premises. The garden will appeal to the senses with flowers, shrubs, herbs and other landscape features. It will benefit a wide range of individuals, groups and the community as a whole. The congregation and the wider community will be engaged during the planning, build and continued maintenance of the garden and will be encouraged to regularly use the space for meetings, general enjoyment in addition to quiet solitude and reflection.

We applied to Action Together for financial aid as this project is of benefit to all the town centre community. Our application received support to the tune of £3000 from them.

We will create a lasting legacy in a community asset accessed by a wider range of individuals, groups and the wider community for many years to come, providing a haven for people and wildlife in the heart of Stalybridge.





**BIN / TOOL STORE Scale 1:100**  
 75mm THICK PRECAST PAVING SLAB BASE LAID ON WELL COMPACTED COURSE GRIT SAND BED ON COMPACTED HARDCORE. 75X75mm TREATED SOFTWOOD FRAMEWORK WITH POSTS SET IN "METPOST" SHOES BOLTED TO PAVING. 100X20mm TREATED SOFTWOOD VERTICAL CLADDING WITH 20mm VENT GAPS. VISQUEEN LINING BEHIND CLADDING TO TOOL STORE. BOARDS TO STOP 100mm ABOVE GROUND LEVEL.



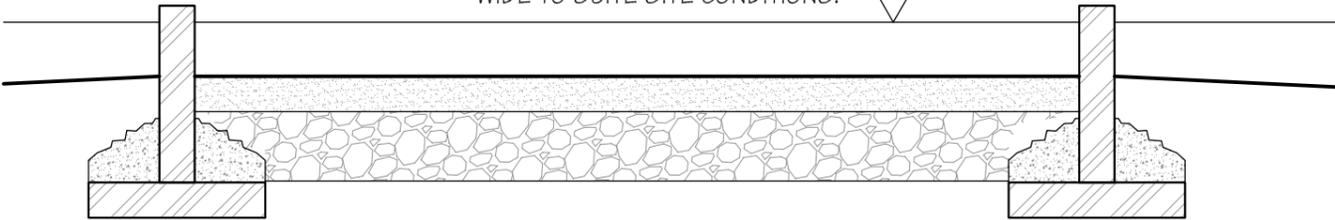
TYPICAL ARBOR



TYPICAL BIRDBATH

YORKSTONE SLAB EDGINGS TO RAMP, BEDDED AND HAUNCHED ON DRY MIX CONCRETE

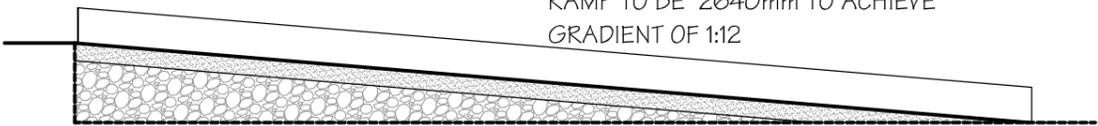
RAMP APPROXIMATELY 1250mm WIDE TO SUITE SITE CONDITIONS. PAVEMENT LEVEL



**CROSS SECTION THRO. RAMP Scale 1:10**

RAMP SURFACE TO BE SELF BINDING SAND AS PATH, ON CRUSHED STONE FILL

CHANGE OF LEVEL APPROX 220mm. RAMP TO BE 2640mm TO ACHIEVE GRADIENT OF 1:12



**LONG SECTION THRO. RAMP Scale 1:20**



TYPICAL BIKE RACK



TYPICAL BUG HOTEL



CYCLE RACK FOR 3no BIKES



TYPICAL GABION SEAT  
 NB: SUPPORT BASKETS TO BE FILLED WITH RECYCLED PLASTIC BOTTLES

**HOLY TRINITY CHURCH STALYBRIDGE  
 PROPOSED ALTERATIONS TO REAR GARDEN**

GARDEN PLAN  
 Scale 1:100

NEW RAMP WITH STONE EDGINGS TO ENSURE SUB-FLOOR VENTS TO MAIN CHURCH WALLS REMAIN UNOBSTRUCTED. GRADIENT TO BE 1:12 AS DETAILED TO ALLOW LEVEL ACCESS FROM PAVEMENT

EXISTING GATEWAY AND FENCE TO REMAIN UNALTERED.

LOW WALL AND FENCE

MIXED HERBACEOUS BORDER

LEVEL COBBLE STONE EDGING

WILDFLOWER PLANTED AREA

ARBOR WITH SEATING

EXIT FROM PARISH OFFICE

CYCLE RACK FOR 3no BIKES

BENCH SEAT

GABION SEAT

BIRDBATH

CROSS SCULPTURE

WHEELCHAIR TURNING CIRCLE 1.5m DIA

GABION SEAT

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

EXISTING ROUGH TARMAC REMOVED AND NEW PATHWAY FORMED OF COMPACTED MOT STONE TOPPED WITH SELF BINDING SAND LAID TO FALLS TO DRAIN INTO BEDS AND EXISTING GULLIES.

1200

GABION SEAT

INSECT HOTEL

LEVEL COBBLE STONE EDGING

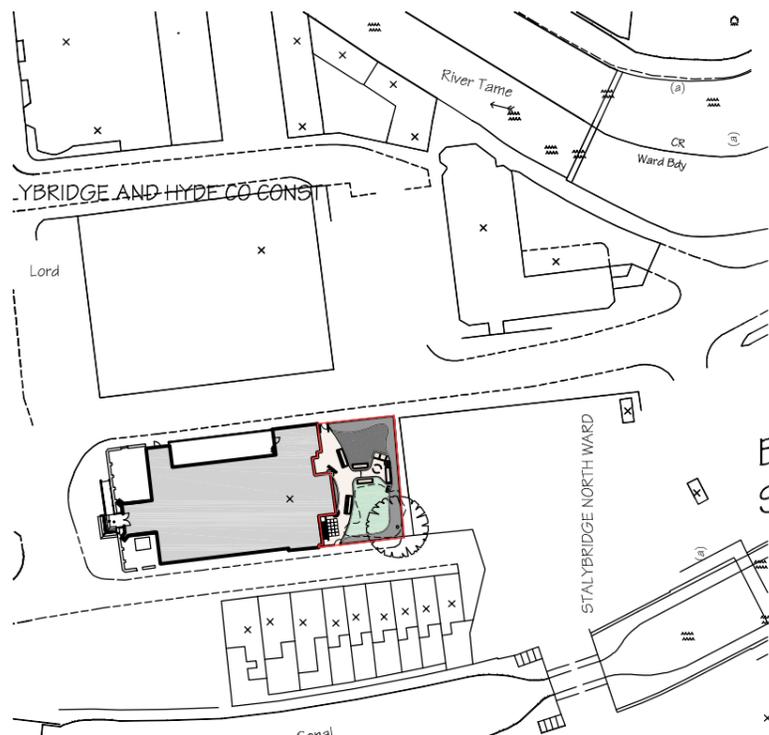
LAWN AREA

TYPICAL BUG HOTEL

LOW WALL AND FENCE

MIXED BORDER

EXISTING LOW LEVEL SELF SEEDING SHRUBBERY SHOWN BROKEN LINE TO BE REMOVED.



BLOCK PLAN Scale 1:1250

2no HL RW GULLIES  
LL RW GULLY

BENCH SEAT

BIN / TOOL STORE AS DETAILED LEFT

LOW WALL AND FENCE

EXISTING SYCAMORE TREE

STEPS TO BOILER HOUSE

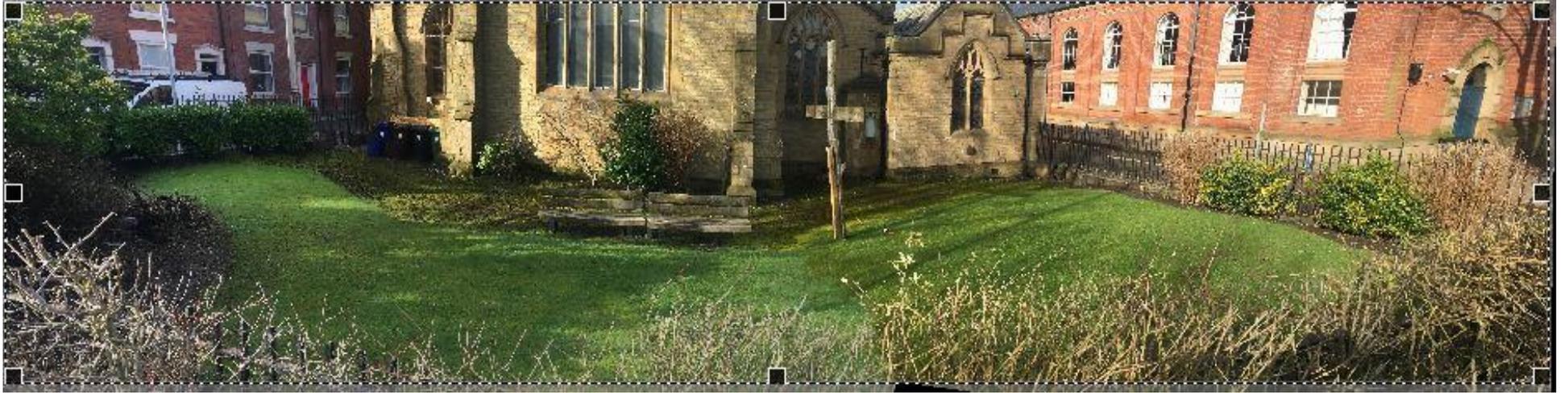
EXISTING GATE

ROSE TERRACE

NB:

1. 2no BENCH SEATS ARE TO BE FITTED WITH FIXED ARMS TO HELP USERS.
2. ALL SEEDS FOR PLANTING IN THE WILDFLOWER MEADOW ARE TO BE UK NATIVE SPECIES.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH STALYBRIDGE  
PROPOSED ALTERATIONS TO REAR GARDEN





Stalybridge Holy Trinity – Garden - Correspondence with parish and others

Attachments are listed according to the numbering on the supporting documents list

- **Attachments in brown are included within the overview section**
- **Attachments in blue are included within the proposals section**
- **Attachments in purple are included within the PCC section**
- *Attachments in black italics are superseded and not included within the application*

Date	Message
<p><b>25/02/2022</b></p> <p>To: Katy Purvis From: Paul Watkins</p> <p><b>With attachments</b></p>	<p>Please could you advise about whether a Faculty will be required for this? We have a lawned garden at the East end of church, which contains a large sycamore tree and some small laurel bushes. It also has a tarmac path and flight of steps down to the boiler chamber in a cellar under the church side chapel.</p> <p>We have a bronze Eco award, which we would like to upgrade to silver. The help us achieve that, we intend to convert it to a wheelchair friendly sensory garden. We also intend to improve our recycling, which means having a range of bins, which will need to be hidden in a small wooden bin store. We'd also like to put in an insect hotel, bird bath, arbour and some bench seats constructed from recycled plastic bottles. We also plan to resurface the path with a self-binding sand which will drain into the adjacent soft planted areas.</p> <p>I've attached a couple of drawings showing it in detail.</p> <p>Please could you let me know whether this comes under List A or needs a List B or full Faculty approval?</p> <p><a href="#">5) Details 'Proposed Alterations to Rear Garden'</a> <i>Superseded plan</i></p>
<p><b>28/02/2022</b></p> <p>To: Paul Watkins From: Katy Purvis</p>	<p>This looks really good. It will need faculty, but that shouldn't be a problem, there are elements of gardening which wouldn't need faculty, but the resurfacing of the path does need faculty (and probably planning permission) so it would be as well to include it all in one application.</p> <p>I can add this to the agenda for the 18<sup>th</sup> March DAC meeting. It would be very helpful to have photos of the area as existing to share with the Committee, these would be needed by next week if you could send some</p>
<p><b>01/03/2022</b></p> <p>To: Katy Purvis From: Paul Watkins</p>	<p>I just sent you a batch of photos on we-transfer. It seems to handle large files more reliably than email does.</p> <p>Thanks for that, yes please add it to the 18<sup>th</sup> March agenda if you can. Meanwhile, do you need us to provide the usual statements etc?</p> <p>Also, would it be possible for the Faculty to be approved conditionally as Planning Permission will take a little longer? Having dealt with</p>

	<p>numerous Planning Applications in the past, I'm pretty sure the Local Authority won't turn it round as quickly as the DAC will the Faculty. They're allowed to take eight weeks, and in my experience, they almost always do.</p> <p><a href="#">4) Photographs attached to WeTransfer</a></p>
<p><b>02/03/2022</b></p> <p>To: Katy Purvis From: Paul Watkins</p>	<p>Statement of need attached, ought I to upload an application for this on the Online Faculty System?</p> <p>I'll get a Planning application submitted soon, I just need to get the PCC to agree to the application fee.</p> <p><a href="#">3) Statement of Need</a></p>
<p><b>07/03/2022</b></p> <p>To: Katy Purvis From: Paul Watkins</p>	<p>Forgot to ask, will there be a Faculty fee to pay? I ought to let the PCC know really.</p>
<p><b>14/03/2022</b></p> <p>To: Paul Watkins From: Katy Purvis</p>	<p>The faculty fee will be paid by the DBF, so the PCC don't need to worry about it. If there are any complications, time extensions or variations, then the PCC would pay the fee, but you shouldn't have any of those issues</p>
<p><b>23/03/2022</b></p> <p>To: Paul Watkins From: Katy Purvis</p>	<p>I'm writing to let you know that at its meeting of 18 <i>February</i> (<a href="#">should say March, CH</a>) 2022 the DAC considered the formal application for the sensory garden, and subject to the parish addressing the points set out below, resolved to recommend the scheme.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The parish should ensure that the seating includes a sufficient number of traditional style benches with arms to cater for those who would find that more comfortable/accessible</li> <li>2. It expected to be beneficial to the proposed wildflower meadow if its position were to be adjusted so it is in the lawn area rather than shaded under a tree</li> <li>3. The seeds for planting the wildflower meadow should be native species</li> </ol> <p>Once the you have responded on the above points, the faculty application can be progressed by the Caroline under delegated powers, she will then raise the notification of advice, which will allow you to produce and post the public notice. Please let me know if you have any queries.</p>
<p><b>25/03/2022</b></p> <p>To: Katy Purvis From: Paul Watkins</p>	<p>Revised plan attached for the sensory garden. As you'll see we have accommodated the DAC's suggestions and revised the plan.</p> <p>Please let me know when we can continue with the public notices etc.</p> <p><a href="#">6) Plan 'Proposed Alterations to Rear Garden' V3 dated 25 March 2022</a></p>

**30/03/2022**

To: Paul Watkins  
From: Caroline  
Hilton

Thank you for sending the revised plan which addresses the DAC's feedback points. This means I'll be able to go ahead and raise the Notification of Advice. I will send you an email letting you know once I have carried this out, which will include details of what you need to do next in order to start the display of public notices.