

## **DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER**

### **DIOCESAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (FOR THE CARE OF CHURCHES)**

#### **Advisory note on Churchyard Noticeboards**

Churchyard noticeboards are covered by faculty jurisdiction and in some cases by secular legislation. The following notes are for general guidance.

1. **Replacement.** If a noticeboard is to be replaced with one of a similar style and size, then all that is required is a faculty and not planning permission.
2. **New boards.** The erection of a new board or the replacement of an existing board with one of a larger design and different style may, in addition to a faculty, require planning consent, especially if the area of the noticeboard exceeds 1.2 sq. metres. (say 3'6" x 3'6").

Where a churchyard is in a conservation area, local authority consent may also be required.

#### **Extract from the Town and Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) Regulations 1992 (666) Class 2.**

##### **SCHEDULE 3. Paragraph 2C**

###### **Description.**

*An advertisement relating to any institution of a religious, educational, cultural, recreational or medical or similar character, or to any hotel, inn or public house, block of flats, club, boarding house or hostel, at the premises where it is displayed.*

###### **Conditions and limitations.**

- (1) *Not more than one such advertisement is permitted in respect of each premises or, in the case of premises with entrances on different road frontages, one such advertisement at each of two such entrances.*
- (2) *No such advertisement may exceed 1.2 sq. metres in area.*
- (3) *No character or symbol on the advertisement may be more than 0.75 metre in height, or 0.3 metre in an area of special control.*
- (4) *No part of the advertisement may be more than 4.6 metres above ground level, or 3.6 metres in an area of special control.*
- (5) *Illumination is not permitted unless the advertisement states that medical or similar services or supplies are available at the premises and the illumination is in a manner reasonably required to fulfil the purpose of the advertisement.*

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