

IN THE CONSISTORY COURT OF THE DIOCESE OF NEWCASTLE

ADDITIONAL MATTERS ORDER

INTERNET CONNECTIVITY

- 1 This Order is made pursuant to section 78 of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 and Rule 3.4 of the Faculty Jurisdiction Rules 2015 and shall apply throughout the Diocese of Newcastle with immediate effect.
- 2 The introduction of equipment to enable the provision or enhancement of internet connectivity for the use within a church building including the introduction of telephone lines and internet cables may be undertaken without a faculty provided that:
 - 2.1. The Archdeacon has been consulted on the proposal and has given notice in writing that such works as may be specified in such notice may be undertaken without a faculty subject to any additional conditions imposed by the Archdeacon;
 - 2.2. The Archdeacon is satisfied that neither the installation nor the works to install the same are likely to affect the character of a listed church as a building of special architectural or historic interest;
 - 2.3. Such consultation as the Archdeacon regards as appropriate with the Diocesan Advisory Committee has been undertaken;
 - 2.4. The Archdeacon is satisfied that neither the installation nor the works to install the same are likely to disturb human remains;
 - 2.5. All wiring is installed in as unobtrusive manner as is reasonably practicable with wiring being of a colour to blend in to the background or so painted or sheathed;
 - 2.6. So far as is reasonably practicable all fixings are made into joints not stonework, using stainless steel or non-ferrous screws; and
 - 2.7. Any work to an electrical installation or electrical equipment is undertaken by a person whose work is subject to an accredited certification scheme, being a scheme applicable to work of this kind and accredited by the United Kingdom Accreditation Service.

3. The Archdeacon shall retain a copy of every notice in writing given under para 2.1 above and shall send a copy to the Diocesan Registrar and the Secretary of the Diocesan Advisory Committee.
4. If the Archdeacon declines to allow the introduction of equipment for the provision or enhancement of internet connectivity as aforesaid, the Archdeacon shall inform the applicants that they may, if they wish, petition the court for a faculty to authorise such proposal.

Simon Wood

HIS HONOUR JUDGE SIMON WOOD

Chancellor of the Diocese of Newcastle

19 March 2021