

On 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022 amendments to the Faculty Jurisdiction Rules 2015 come into force. There are changes in two main areas, in addition to some minor amendments.

### **The need to have due regard to Net Zero guidance:**

The [Faculty Jurisdiction Amendment Rules 2022](#) require churches to have due regard to the Church Building Council's advice on net-zero carbon on which proposals for net-zero carbon apply, these are set out and linked to below. **This applies for works within both List B and those that require faculty permission.**

- Any changes to heating systems - including new boilers  
Heating [principles](#), [checklist](#) and [options appraisal](#) guidance all applies.
- [Biomass](#)
- [Electric Vehicle charging points](#)
- [Solar panels](#)
- [Lighting](#) and [floodlighting](#)

The '[Practical path to net-zero](#)' must be given due regard for ALL proposals, as it provides the context to show that the proposal is part of a wider understanding by the parish of its route to net-zero carbon.

The changes require you to set out within your application for advice to the DAC (or Archdeacon in the case of List B) how you have had regard for the relevant guidance. The DAC (or Archdeacon in the case of List B) must also now consider whether it thinks the parish's explanation is adequate, and if not, must provide reasons for thinking that.

### **Changes to List A and List B:**

Most of the changes will make it easier for churches to make adaptations such as insulating pipes, draft-proofing doors and windows, fitting new non fossil fuel boilers, electric pew heaters, electric car charging points and soft furnishings to help worshippers feel warm and comfortable.

The installation of like-for-like fossil fuel boilers and new oil tanks will now be subject to a full faculty application and applicants will need to provide sufficient justification for why an alternative to fossil fuels is not being adopted.

The full revised Lists A and B are set out in the [Faculty Jurisdiction Amendment Rules 2022](#).

### **More resources for the journey to Net Zero:**

[The Diocese of Oxford's EcoHub](#)

[ChurchCare's Practical path to Net Zero](#)

[See which other churches have installed renewable technologies](#)

