

Ref: 2024-102957 **Church:** Bletchingley: St Mary
Diocese: Southwark **Archdeaconry:** Reigate
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Status: Await applicant completion of the petition form

Form 2

Rule 4.5

Diocesan Advisory Committee Notification of Advice

This notification constitutes advice only and does not give you permission to carry out the works or other proposals to which it relates. A faculty must be obtained from the Consistory Court before the works or proposals may lawfully be carried out.

The Committee should delete any parts of the form that are not applicable when completing it.

In the diocese of Southwark

Parish of Bletchingley

Church of Bletchingley: St Mary

The church is listed under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.

The listing is grade I

At a meeting of the Diocesan Advisory Committee held on 26/11/2024

The following works or other proposals were considered:

There is a birch tree that has seeded in the churchyard. It is situated in the upper part of the churchyard between the road and the clock tower.

If it grows, it will obscure the view of the church from the roadside. We believe it will cause the grave stones to dislodge in the future.

We have sought the Tandridge District Council's consent to remove the seeded silver birch tree in the churchyard, and they have not objected.

We believe it is covered under List Bt. Trees (3)

Documents include:

- Statement of Needs
- Images (multiple viewpoints)
- Local Authority (Tandridge District Council) permission
- PCC resolution

The works or proposals should be described in the petition for a faculty and in the public notice in the same way as they are described here.

The Committee recommends the works or proposals for approval by the court [subject to the following provisos]:

If there is space to do so: the tree could be straight felled. If not, then a dismantle would be suitable. The parish to engage a qualified and insured tree surgeon for the best approach.

This advice does not constitute authority for carrying out the works or proposals and a faculty is required.

In the opinion of the Committee rule 9.9 of the Faculty Jurisdiction Rules (publication of notice on diocesan website) does not apply.

The works or proposals involve matters to which net zero guidance applies (that is, guidance issued by the Church Buildings Council under section 55 of the Dioceses, Pastoral and Mission Measure 2007 on reducing carbon emissions). In the opinion of the Committee, your explanation of how, in formulating the works or proposals, you have had due regard to net zero guidance is adequate.

In the opinion of the Committee the work or part of the work proposed is likely to affect -

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| the character of the church as a building of special architectural or historic interest | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| the archaeological importance of the church | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| archaeological remains existing within the church or its curtilage | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |

The following have been consulted on the works or other proposals:

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| Historic England | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| the local planning authority | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| the following national amenity societies | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| the Church Buildings Council | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| the following body or person: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |

No objections have been raised by any of them.

This advice is valid for 24 months from the date given below.

Signed: Katie Jenner Date: 19/12/2024

Secretary to the Diocesan Advisory Committee

