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& St. Philip Howard, Arundel

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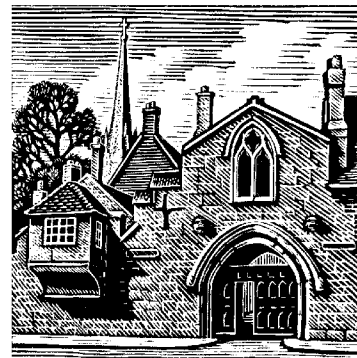
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1.00 Note on current submission:

- 1.01 Proposals to install refurbished lighting columns in the western hand-landscaped section of the churchyard at Arundel Cathedral were approved by Arun District Council on 24.01.19. The project was also granted Faculty approval by the Historic Churches Committee of the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton in parallel, as this approval takes the place of listed building consent under Ecclesiastical Exemption.
- 1.02 Unfortunately the implementation of the works has been delayed as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, and the planning approval granted by Arun DC in January 2019 (ref: AB/95/18/PL¹) has expired.
- 1.03 This design and access statement thus supports an identical submission for planning consent for the necessary works, which are planned for later in 2022.

2.00 Heritage background:

- 2.01 See separate heritage statement for a brief summary of the history of the building and its context.

3.00 The Cathedral boundary treatment

- 3.01 Consent was granted on 15.12.14 to replace the boundary yew hedges around the northern and western sides of the Cathedral grounds, with ironwork railings, designed to follow the pattern of railings removed for the war effort during WWII. The railings have not been installed, but the first stage of the project was carried out in 2015, with the completion of the replica iron gates at the main entry point to the Cathedral grounds (see below). As work has commenced on the work covered by the consent, the permission remains 'live'.

¹ Planning approval ref. AB/95/18/PL is appended to this document

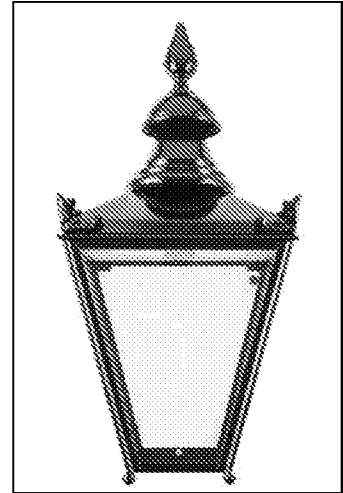


4.00 The current proposal

- 4.01 This proposal emerges as a result of the confluence of a number of issues:
- The amenity lighting within the Cathedral grounds requires updating.
 - The curved stone bench immediate in front of the west doors of the Cathedral required protection from impact.
 - Arundel Castle has de-commissioned some historic lighting columns which can be refurbished and re-used within the Cathedral grounds to fulfil the requirement created by the two above points.
- 4.02 The current lighting within the Cathedral grounds results in some dark spots and it is proposed that installing the four new lighting column as proposed will assist in this respect, making the grounds safer at night and during the darker months, for those accessing the southern side of the Cathedral complex.
- 4.03 The curved stone bench opposite the Cathedral west doors, was constructed in 1999 as part of the hard landscaping. The bench existed without incident for over ten years, but it has been badly damaged by moving vehicles at least three times in the past few years. In the light of these incidents, it is proposed that positioning two of the four new lighting columns to either side of the stone bench will help to illuminate the bench, to highlight its presence, and will also physically protect the bench from damage by cars manoeuvring in that area. The other two proposed locations enable the lighting columns to illuminate the route through to the Cathedral Sacristy.
- 4.04 The Cathedral has been offered the use of four historic cast iron lighting columns by Arundel Castle. These are no longer needed in the Castle grounds and are available for re-use. (See photos on next page showing current condition.)



- 4.05 The columns measure around 2.75m from the ground level to the collar. It is proposed to work with Sugg Lighting from Horsham to install new 'heads' onto the columns, as the existing heads are in poor shape and, in terms of electrical safety and the control of the spread of light, new heads are preferable. These will be the from Sugg 'Windsor' range (see image to the right), appearing as a smaller-scale version of the Sugg columns recently installed as the street lighting around Arundel. The total height of the column luminaires will therefore be around 3.6m (12') from ground level to the base of the 'top-knot', which appears to be an appropriate scale for the context of the Cathedral site.



- 4.06 The small scale of the proposed new lighting columns is illustrated by the 'proposed' elevational drawings. Drawing 766-33-13 shows the elevation of the Cathedral with the lighting columns in situ. This drawing reflects the current arrangement, with the yew hedging in place along the boundary. Drawing 766-33-14 shows the elevation of the Cathedral with the columns in place, in the context of the consented boundary railings, which will be installed at some point in the future, budget permitting.
- 4.07 In relation to control of light emerging from the heads of the columns, the relevant inner glass faces of the heads will be fitted with blanking film to avoid glare entering neighbouring properties.

5.00 Access matters

- 5.01 These proposals will improve the 'after-dark' environment within the Cathedral 'churchyard' and this enhances access for everyone who uses the building.

6.00 Conclusion

- 6.01 In conclusion, it is suggested that this proposal provides a suitable and dignified way to re-used historic lighting fittings which would otherwise be discarded. Using them in the locations suggested provides an answer to two ongoing problems associated with the use of the western end of the cathedral grounds, ie providing safer levels of illumination for those who use this area, and providing an appropriate way to demark the curved stone bench and the end of the flight of steps leading to King Street.
- 6.02 This proposal affects the setting of the listed building and the conservation area. Such proposals for the Cathedral fall within the remit of the Roman Catholic Historic Churches Committee (HCC) under Ecclesiastical Exemption. This formal Faculty approval from the HCC will be sought in parallel with this planning application to Arun District Council. The Faculty in effect takes the place of Listed Building and Conservation Area Consent.

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