

Planning Officer: Ms Myer

Planning Application Ref: FG/40/20/PL

Location: St Andrew's Church, Church Lane, Ferring, BN12 5HN

Description of works: Replacement of existing leaded glazing in north aisle east window with stained glass. This application affects the setting of a listed building & affect the character & appearance of the Ferring Conservation Area

Comments on Application:

- I have considered this application by means of a desktop review, using the information and plans submitted as well as online resources.
- It has been stated (application form, sect.10) that there are no trees or hedges on the proposed development site. This statement may understandably arise from the assumption that no trees or hedges will be directly impacted by the proposal. Nonetheless, there are clearly established trees on the site, some of which may well be of significant amenity value and/or contribute to the character of the area.
- There is no supporting arboricultural information submitted with the application - a requirement of BS5837:2012. As such, were this application to now proceed, we will not have sufficient information to guarantee such trees would be adequately respected and protected.

Conclusions:

- We must consider how materials will be delivered to the site and be stored. If there is to be a compound or defined working zone – those must be detailed within an appropriate Method Statement or Construction Management Plan.
- The principle of development as described is certainly achievable without undue detriment to retained trees/hedgerow and verdant character of the local area; - although we are yet to have sight of the necessary plan(s) to demonstrate this. Given the established routes which exist across the site and the usual sensitive requirements for working on sacred ground, it should be possible to waive the normal requirement for the applicant to appoint an Arboricultural Consultant for this project, subject to provision of a satisfactory mini-Method Statement or Construction Management Plan.

Recommendations:

1. The applicant should provide us with a **Method Statement** or **Construction Management Plan** that confirms the intended delivery route of materials to and from the site (preferably utilising existing hard surfaces), siting of any compound area, area for delivery and storage of materials and details of any other potentially harmful practice associated with the proposal; so that we can be confident all on/off-site trees will not be negatively impacted throughout development. This will need to be included in a condition forming part of any APPROVAL.

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