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Dear Ms Davis

T&CP (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015
& Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990

CHURCH COTTAGE, MARKET PLACE, CASTLE COMBE, CHIPPENHAM, SN14 7HT
Application No. PL/2023/09918

Thank you for your letter of 4 December 2023 regarding the above application for planning permission. We refer you to the following published advice which you may find helpful in determining the application.

https://historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/gpa3-setting-of-heritage-assets/

Historic Environment Good Practice Advice in Planning 3: The Setting of Heritage Assets recognises that the extent and importance of setting is often expressed by reference to visual considerations. Although views of or from an asset will play an important part, the way in which we experience an asset in its setting is also influenced by other environmental factors such as noise, dust and vibration from other land uses in the vicinity, and by our understanding of the historic relationship between places.

The outdoor unit of the proposed air source heat pump has the potential to impact on the setting of the Grade I listed Church of St Andrew due to the noise created by it. Your authority, utilising relevant expertise, will need to be satisfied that the proposed heat pump will not adversely affect the experience of the Church of St Andrew.

With regard to the proposed new roof covering, we would expect the nature and quality of any new elements to be of the same standard as those used within the conservation area to preserve and enhance its character and appearance.

We also suggest that you seek the views of your specialist conservation and archaeological advisers, as relevant.

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It is not necessary for us to be consulted on this application again, unless there are material changes to the proposals. If you would like detailed advice from us, please contact us to explain your request.

Yours sincerely

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