Design and Access Statement

Application Number: PL/2023/09949.

St Deny's The Minster Church, Warminster, currently has an oil boiler that supplies the heating for the church. The Oil Boiler is now broken and obviously a replacement is required. However, despite contacting many companies, a replacement oil boiler could not be supplied. This is because of the location of the boiler in the church. It is down a narrow staircase and into a small tight room. The old boiler apparently was dismantled and built in the current location over 30 years ago. To replace it with another new oil boiler, again the boiler would need to be supplied intact, dismantled, and rebuilt in the boiler room. However, no company was prepared to supply a guarantee for the boiler if this was to happen.

Therefore, alternative methods of heating the church were then looked at by the Parochial Church Council. After researching various heating methods, by cost and practicability, a gas boiler was **the only** choice.

The church then contacted three companies for quotes to supply and fit the gas boiler. Octagon Heating Services Ltd (OHS), 91 High Street, Staple Hill, Bristol BS16 5HE were subsequently selected for the job. A copy of their quote is attached. It should be noted that whilst the quote is dated 2022, only the prices have subsequently changed. As St Deny's The Minster Church currently does not have gas installed, OHS then contacted Wales and West Utilities to supply a quote to install the gas pipe and meter. A copy of their quote is attached.

The gas pipe will not be overground. A trench will be dug, as directed by Wales and West Utilities, the trench will be approximately 18 to 20 inches deep. An archaeological watching brief will be required for when the trench is dug as per the advice received from the DAC (a copy of their advice is attached). This has already been arranged and Michael Heaton MCIfA IHBC MITG of Warminster will be doing this. He will supply the necessary forms or reports that are legally required.

A copy of the Statement of Need, that was submitted to the DAS, explain the need for the gas pipe is attached.

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7 December 2023

Documents attached:

Quote from Octagon Heating Services Ltd (OHS)

Quote from Wales and West Utilities

A Statement of Need – As supplied to the DAC.

DAC Archaeological advice.

Photo's Attached:

Steps to Boiler Room

Where Gas Pipe Trench will be dug (through the graveyard)

Boiler House Railings (Gas Meter will be place to the left behind the Railings)