CASE OFFICER'S REPORT

Application Reference:	PL/2023/09219
Date of Inspection:	**15/12/23**
Date of consultation expiry:	**22/02/24**
SITE ADDRESS:	Salisbury Methodist Church, St Edmunds Church Street, Salisbury, SP1 1EF
PROPOSAL:	Proposed replacement noticeboards

POLICIES

The display of advertisements is subject to a separate consent process within the planning system. This is principally set out in the Town and Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) (England) Regulations 2007. Advertisements are controlled with reference to their effect on amenity and public safety only. Those parts of the development plan relevant to the determination of this application are as follow:

Wiltshire Core Strategy
Core Policy 57: Ensuring High Quality Design and Place Shaping
Core Policy 58: Ensuring the conservation of the historic environment

Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) Act 1990
Section 72

Emerging Salisbury Neighbourhood Plan

National Planning Policy Framework
Planning Practice Guidance

CONSULTATION RESPONSES

Conservation – No objection

Historic England – No comment

City Council – None received.

REPRESENTATIONS

None received.

ASSESSMENT

The proposal is to replace the two noticeboards located within the front courtyard to the Church There are two issues that can be considered in relation to an application for advertisement consent; amenity and public safety.

Visual amenity

The site – Salisbury Methodist Church is a grade II listed building which fronts St Edmunds Church Street and falls within the Salisbury Conservation Area. The site currently boasts two noticeboards from the front courtyard area which are well established and need replacing due to their age and overall condition. Following guidance from the Councils Conservation Officer revised plans were

submitted for the proposed replacements resulting in both noticeboards being hinged front glazed, which are now considered to be of an appropriate scale and design. The revisions also included altering the colour finish from a very bright blue which in powder-coated form would stay that way for some time to RAL Black Blue 5004 which is less visually prominent and more sympathetic to the setting of the Heritage Asset and the Conservation Area.

Considering the existing noticeboards present on site, the proposal being of a similar scale to the existing level of signage and the submitted revisions, the proposed replacement noticeboards are not considered to pose any visual harm to the overall character and appearance of the Conservation area and would uphold the existing level of amenity for the area, whilst positively promoting the church and its services.

Public safety

Due to the proposed noticeboards being replacements, which will remain stepped back within the site with no illumination, the proposal does not cause any concerns upon any public safety.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the proposed signage is appropriate for such a location and would not result in any visual harm upon the overall character or appearance of the Conservation Area or upon the setting of a Heritage Asset.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve, subject to conditions.