

In the Consistory Court of the Diocese of Bath and Wells

In the matter of section 78 of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018

And in the matter of rule 3.4 of The Faculty Jurisdiction Rules 2015 (as amended)

And in the matter of a broadband installation

ADDITIONAL MATTERS ORDER

The Worshipful Timothy John Briden Master, Master of Arts Bachelor of Law Chancellor of the Diocese and Official Principal of the Right Reverend Peter Hancock, Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells, having sought the advice of the Diocesan Advisory Committee, hereby makes an additional matters order, applicable to the whole Diocese in respect of the installation of a broadband connection to a church where –

(I) an existing telephone line is used

and

(II) cables have to be laid in the churchyard or fixed overhead.

In respect of the installation of a broadband connection to a church where (I) an existing telephone line is used the installation is to be treated as a “List A” matter with the following condition:

- (i) The fixing of any equipment to the fabric of the church is overseen by the church architect or surveyor.

In respect of the installation of a broadband connection to a church where (II) cables have to be laid in the churchyard or fixed overhead, the matter will require the Archdeacon’s permission as if under List B and will include the following conditions:

- (i) The installation shall be overseen by the church architect or surveyor who shall agree the cable route and access point into the church so as to minimise the impact upon historic fabric.
- (ii) Trench routes shall follow footpaths where possible and the depth of the excavations shall be kept to a minimum.
- (iii) If any human remains are disturbed in the course of the works the Registrar's directions shall be sought forthwith.
- (iv) Pavements of floors disturbed in the course of the work shall be reinstated in the same manner and with the same materials as found.
- (v) A record (photographic or otherwise) of the route and the finished installation shall be kept with the parish log.

Should archaeological issues or concerns about visually intrusive equipment arise in particular parishes, they may be addressed by an additional condition imposed by the Archdeacon on the advice of a DAC assessor, or by the requirement that a faculty is obtained.

This Additional Matters Order is duly authenticated
by the seal of this Court.

7 December 2020



Signature of Deputy Registrar

