

Draft Pastoral (Church Buildings Disposal) Scheme

This Scheme is made by the Church Commissioners (“the Commissioners”) this day of 20.... under the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011.

Background

1. By a Scheme of the Commissioners made under the said Measure on the 30th day of April 2021 (“the 2021 Scheme”), the Commissioners were empowered to sell the closed church building of Litherland (Bootle) St Andrew and annexed land (together referred to as the property) for residential use and ancillary purposes.
2. The said use has not been implemented and it is now desired to make new provision for the future of the property.

NOW, it is provided as follows:-

Future of the church building and annexed land

1. The provisions of the 2021 Scheme are hereby revoked.
2. The property shown edged red on the annexed plan shall be appropriated to use as a gymnasium and for purposes ancillary thereto.

Disposal

3. The Commissioners are hereby empowered to sell the property for the said use.

Contents

4. The contents of the building shall be disposed of as the Bishop shall direct subject, so far as it is required, to listed building consent being granted.

Coming into operation of this Scheme

- 5 This Scheme shall not come into operation until such date or dates as the Commissioners shall determine following the making of this Scheme and the Commissioners shall not be obliged to bring the Scheme or any part thereof into operation until such time as they are satisfied that the conditions specified in Schedule 1 have been complied with but may do so if they so determine.

In witness of which this Scheme has been duly executed as a deed by the Church Commissioners.

Executed as a Deed by the Church Commissioners for England
acting by two authorised signatories:

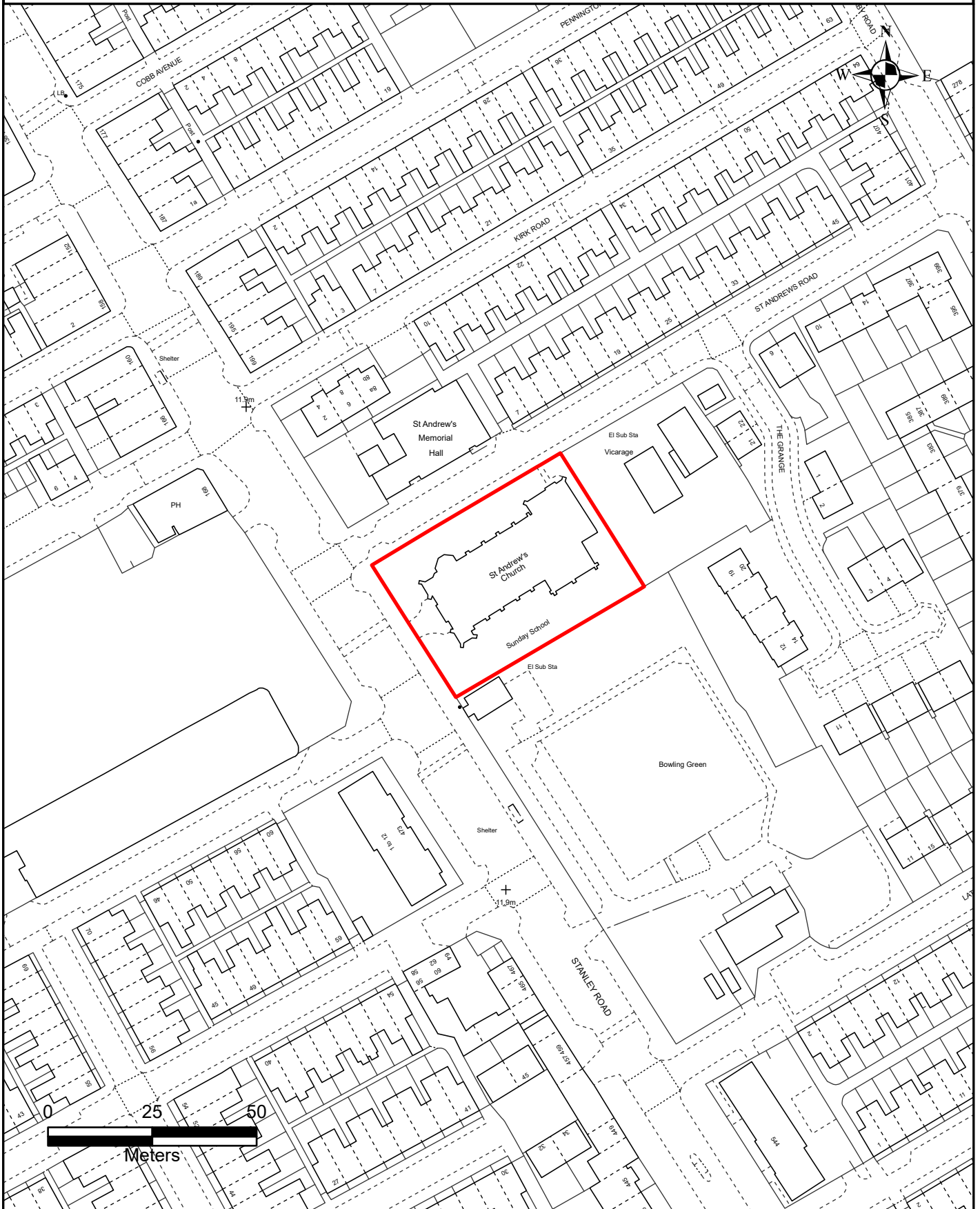
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Schedule 1: Conditions

- (i) That Planning Permission has been obtained for the proposed use.
- (ii) That Listed Building Consent has been obtained for such alterations as are necessary to enable the implementation of the proposed use.

LITHERLAND (BOOTLE) ST ANDREW



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

MISSION AND PASTORAL MEASURE 2011 DRAFT PASTORAL (CHURCH BUILDINGS DISPOSAL) SCHEME LITHERLAND (BOOTLE) ST ANDREW DIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL

This note accompanies a draft scheme under the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 which makes provision for the future of a closed church building, The Church Commissioners provide this information so that individuals and interested parties can understand the background to the proposals, make a reasoned judgement on the merits of the draft scheme and, if they see fit, a reasoned expression of support or objection to it.

The Current Proposals

The Commissioners have agreed to publish a draft Pastoral (Church Buildings Disposal) Scheme providing for the closed church of Litherland (Bootle) St Andrew to be appropriated to a gymnasium use and ancillary purposes. The Scheme also provides for a previous scheme for residential use, made on 30th April 2021, to be revoked.

The draft scheme, which this note accompanies, contains provisions for the Church Commissioners to sell the property and for the contents to be disposed of as the Bishop shall direct.

Background

The property closed for regular public worship on 1st December 2017. Following a period of marketing, proposals were brought forward for a proposed residential conversion of the building. A Draft Pastoral (Church Buildings Disposal) Scheme was published for residential use in 2018 and was subsequently made in April 2021. This use did not progress and the Commissioners have now conditionally accepted a proposal to convert the building into a gymnasium use, together with ancillary purposes, to be occupied by a gymnastics club.

The Building

Dating from 1903, St Andrew's is built of red brick with terracotta detailing beneath a tiled roof which features a central fleche. The 6 bay nave is flanked by narrow north and south aisles. The church was listed as Grade II on 27th February 2018.

The Views of the Statutory Advisory Committee

The Commissioners statutory advisors, The Statutory Advisory Committee of the Church Buildings Council (SAC) have indicated that is a handsome and well-detailed building both inside and out, with Arts and Crafts touches, which makes a positive contribution to the

townscape. The church is of moderate significance overall, has potential for change and would be suited to a range of other uses.

Planning and Access

The proposed use and alterations to the property will require planning permission and listed building consent from the Local Planning Authority. The site itself is unallocated in the Adopted Sefton Local Plan 2017 but falls within a primarily residential area. Policy HC3 allows non-residential development in these areas where they will not have an adverse impact on the living conditions of neighbouring properties or harm the character of the area. The reasoned justification to the policy specifically cites small-scale leisure facilities as an example of the type of facilities that can be located in such areas.

Access is achieved direct from Stanley Road and St Andrew's Road and there is on-street parking available in the immediate vicinity of the property.

Burials and the Churchyard

There are no burials in either the church building or the churchyard.

Making the Draft Scheme

Before they allow the Scheme to proceed the Commissioners will need to be satisfied that planning permission has been obtained for the proposed use and that listed building consent has been obtained for any alterations to the building to facilitate the proposed use.

Correspondence

Further information about the proposals may be obtained from the Case Officer, Stephen Hughes by e-mail at stephen.hughes@churchofengland.org or by telephone at 07825 854951.

Representations against or in support of the draft Scheme

Anyone may make a representation for or against any provision of the draft Scheme.

Representations should be sent to:

**Joanna Chandler-Clarke
Pastoral Division Church Commissioners
Church House
Great Smith Street
London SW1P 3AZ**

Or by e-mail to: joanna.chandler-clarke@churchofengland.org

Any communication received after **28th May 2024** cannot be treated as a representation.

If we receive representations against the draft Scheme, we will send all representations, both for and against, to the Bishop, whose view will be sought. Individual representors will then receive copies of our correspondence with the Bishop (including copies of all the representations) and they may comment further in writing to us in light of the diocesan response if they so wish.

If no representations against the Scheme are received the Commissioners shall make the Scheme and bring it into effect as provided for in the scheme and explained above.

Information on the Mission and pastoral Measure 2011 and its procedures can be found on the Church Commissioners' website at www.ccpastoral.org . There are also links to download copies of these notes and the draft scheme on the website at www.churchofengland.org/consultation

Stephen Hughes



NOTICE

Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 Closed church building of Litherland (Bootle) St Andrew Diocese of Liverpool

The Church Commissioners have prepared a draft pastoral (church buildings disposal) scheme providing for the sale of the closed church building of Litherland (Bootle) St Andrew and the churchyard for use as a gymnasium and for purposes ancillary thereto.

The draft Scheme is also on our website www.churchofengland.org/consultation or you may inspect it at the Linacre Community Centre, The Linacre, 46 Linacre Lane, Bootle, L20 5AL.

Large print and/or audio copies are available on request.

Anyone may make representations for or against all or any part of the draft Scheme (please include the reasons for your views) preferably by e-mail to Joanna.chandler-clarke@churchofengland.org or by writing to Joanna Chandler-Clarke, Pastoral Division, Church Commissioners, Church House, Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3AZ.

Please note that any communication received after **28th May 2024** cannot be treated as a representation.

If we do receive representations against the draft Scheme we will share these, and those in favour, with the Bishop, whose views will be sought. We will also share representations with the other representors and the Mission, Pastoral and Church Property Committee. We will send representors a copy of our correspondence with the Bishop who will be able to comment further to us if they wish. Copies of all of the representations received and associated correspondence will be published on the Commissioners' website if the matter needs to be considered by the Commissioners.

The Commissioners usually determine representations on the basis of papers alone and in making a representation you should indicate whether you also request the opportunity to speak to the Committee about your representation. If the Commissioners' decide to hold a public hearing into the case, representors may attend the Committee's meeting and you may have an opportunity to speak to their representations. Where a public hearing is not held, the case will be considered in private and you will be informed accordingly.

Please see www.churchofengland.org/consultation for further information about the procedure. If you require further clarification about the draft scheme or process you can contact the case officer Stephen Hughes at the details at the bottom of this notice

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How representations concerning a draft scheme are considered by the Church Commissioners

Anyone may make comments, known as representations, either in support or against a draft scheme to the Commissioners in writing or by email. A petition will be given proper consideration, but for administrative purposes it will be classed as a single representation and we will only correspond with the sender of the petition, if known, or otherwise the first signatory.

If we do not receive any representations against the draft scheme the Commissioners will make the scheme, subject to any necessary consents being granted.

If we do receive any representations against the draft scheme we will seek the views of the Bishop about these, and those in favour. If you make a representation we will also share this with other representors and the Commissioners' Mission, Pastoral and Church Property Committee. We will send you a copy of our correspondence with the Bishop and you will be able to comment further if you wish on any points relating to your original representation.

Once all the relevant information has been collated the Mission, Pastoral and Church Property Committee will meet to consider all representations in relation to the draft scheme. In making a representation you should indicate whether you also request the opportunity to speak to the Committee about your representation. Otherwise, if a hearing is not held, the case will be considered in private, and you will be informed accordingly. If the Commissioners' decide to hold a public hearing into the case, you may attend the Committee meeting and you may have an opportunity to speak to your representation. When we acknowledge your representation we will let you know the dates of the Committee's next couple of meetings. We will confirm the actual date, and if a hearing is to be held, nearer the time.

The Mission, Pastoral and Church Property Committee will decide whether the draft scheme should proceed. A full statement of reasons for the Commissioners' decision will be issued to all representors about 10 days after the meeting of the Committee. If they decide that the scheme should proceed, the Commissioners will make the Scheme, subject to the necessary consents being granted, if appropriate.

The scheme would be brought into effect at the appropriate time as it provides.

Please note that the procedures for considering representations only apply where there is at least one objection to the draft scheme. The Committee will not have to consider the case where there are only representations in support of the draft scheme and no outstanding objections. If you write in support of the scheme, we will let you know as soon as possible whether we have also received representations against its provisions that will require consideration by the Committee.