

Paper Petition Details

Restoration of St Ethelbert's Church, Wellington Street

We, the undersigned wish for you to support and act upon the cause to restore our iconic church St Ethelbert's RC Church, Wellington Street, Slough, SL1 1XU.

For the following reasons:

156 repairs and renovations in addition to, leaded windows and exterior stonework.

This church has been sadly neglected over the years.

This petition was received on 20th October, 2015.

This petition was passed to the Planning Manager on 20th October, 2015.

This petition was responded to on 11th November, 2015 by the Planning Manager.

Final Results

Number of Signatures	15
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Council Response

Many thanks for the submission of the above petition.

It is stated in the petition that it is "not an appeal for monetary funding", but a request to the Council for assistance in the restoration of the building by making an order in terms of the listed building act. It is assumed this request is referring to the issuing of a Repairs Notice under Section 48 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990. It is worth noting that in terms of this section, a Local Planning Authority can serve a notice setting out the repairs needed for the proper preservation of a listed building. If the building is not repaired within two months, the Local Planning Authority may then serve a compulsory purchase order under Section 47 and, if the order is confirmed by the Secretary of State, proceed to acquire the building in accordance with the Acquisition of Land Act 1981.

The petition is clear that it is not requesting financial support, however there might be some uncertainty about the process outlined above. Before the Council can serve this notice, the Local Planning Authority will have to instruct a consultant to undertake a survey in order to determine if there is any merit in serving the notice, prepare a repairs schedule and likely costs to undertake the repairs. It is recommended that direct contact is made with the Planning and Building Control Service to clarify and confirm if this is indeed what is requested for the Council to undertake.