



FAO: Planning Department,  
Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council

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## HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION ADVICE

Dear Sir / Madam,

### **RE: St Thomas A Becket Northaw Road West Northaw Potters Bar EN6 4NW**

The application is for: Demolition of existing external redundant boiler room

St Thomas A Becket Church is a Grade II\* listed late 19<sup>th</sup> century church, designed by C Kirk and Son of Sleaford. Constructed of rock cut stone and with a slate roof, the church replaced an earlier 1809 church. It is also within Northaw Conservation Area.

There is no objection to the demolition of the boiler room. The boiler room is shown on historic OS maps. However, it is apparent that the boiler room has had considerable modern alteration and that the alteration has led to an untidy appearance that does not complement the building. Its removal would also prevent any further damage being caused to the south chapel.

In conclusion, it is considered that the proposals would not significantly impact upon the special interest of the listed building and that the character and appearance of the conservation area would be preserved. The current proposal is considered to be in line with Sections 16(2), and 72(1) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 and Chapter 16 the NPPF.

Were permission to be granted, I request that a condition be added: A method statement detailing the works to repair the wall once the boiler room is demolished, including the details of new materials, and details of the mortar mix, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority prior to the commencement of works.

Yours sincerely,

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Built Heritage Consultant  
Place Services

*Note: This letter is advisory and should only be considered as the opinion formed by specialist staff in relation to this particular matter*

