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Planning Application 2012/2080 Extensions to the Church of St Mary and St Thomas, Wymondham

We would like to comment on two aspects of this application for works at Wymondham Abbey: parking provision and the treatment of the ruined Monks Tower.

Parking: there is **no** Mid-Norfolk Railway Car Park. The small unmarked car park is still owned, so far as we are aware, by the local farmer and exists only in conjunction with the adjacent permissive footpath, the long-term future of which is not assured. Apart from the Abbey Hall car park and the limited space available near the Abbey north door for blue badge holders and vehicles associated with services, there is no off-street car parking for Abbey users.

The ruined tower

We are not convinced that the treatment of the exterior of the tower is as successful as it might be. At present, the tower is an imposing empty space which has been used to dramatic effect with floodlights and in many art works. The proposal for a fence part-way across it relates to nothing else in terms of height or scale and, while having some practical functions, detracts from the visual unity of the tower. Secondly, the extension to the south is planned to have a large window which will be seen alongside the tower opening and will fight with it visually, further eroding the unique atmosphere around this ancient ruin

We hope that consideration can be given to these points.

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