

Parish Church of **St Andrew the Apostle**, Holt, Norfolk
with **All Saints Church**, High Kelling

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Dear Jean,

12th April 2010

St Andrew's Church, Holt, Proposed Extension – site meeting Friday 23rd April 2010

I am writing further to our recent discussions to confirm the arrangements for our site meeting on **23rd April, at 11am, meeting at the main church entrance** and to enclose revised drawings from Ruth Blackman for us to discuss, which take account of comments received to date and which reflect very recent consultation between Ruth and local church representatives. I look forward to hearing from you as to which DAC members will be able to attend on 23rd.

Externally the main change to the design has been the introduction of a metal covered curved roof that not only obscures less of the church from the south but also 'floats' above the walls, provides simpler lines, conflicts less with the architecture of the church and adds interest to the view of the church from the south.

While the traditional appearance of the new walls maintains the continuity of the boundary and garden walls, the simpler roofline reduces the impact of a pitched roof structure while being practical in detail. It also reflects the experience of progression through the building to the largest area that accommodates the meeting room and provides an opportunity to enhance the internal spaces by reflecting the external profile in the ceilings.

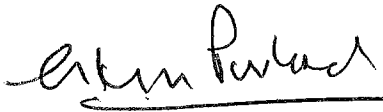
Being an extension to the church we believe it is essential that the new facilities maintain a visual and spiritual link with the church, while providing a less formal atmosphere and as the extension now no longer crosses the ancient boundary line, thereby almost divorcing it from the church we believe that the visual link has to be enhanced. This has been achieved in two ways, firstly by maintaining a traditional very solid appearance to the spaces linking the church and extension and secondly by linking the potential use of internal and external spaces.

In the first instance a glazed entrance door within a solid wall will be better defined and provide direction to those approaching it. On entering the building the experience beyond the door will become more apparent as one begins to see and appreciate the spaces beyond that are intended to be light and spacious in contrast to the approach.

In the second instance the visual and physical connection between the extension and the churchyard can be endorsed by introducing relatively large areas of glazing into the new wall to address the enclosed area of the churchyard and the south elevation of the church that is so rarely seen. With new landscaping this area of the churchyard will be enhanced, enabling it to be used to its full potential in conjunction with the extension and provide good north light to the meeting room and entrance, particularly as Gresham's School has requested that openings onto their land be kept to a minimum.

We are very much looking forward to discussing this new design with you on site on 23rd April.

With Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Glyn Purland', written over a horizontal line.

Glyn Purland,
Churchwarden,
on behalf of the Rector and Churchwardens, St Andrew's, Holt

cc. Ruth Blackman, Church Architect
enc. drawings x 3