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Dear Ms Blackman

Holt, St Andrew (Diocese of Norwich)
Proposed extension

Thank you for your letter dated 10 June 2010. The referral has been considered by the Council which met recently, and I am now able to set out its advice.

Over the years, the Council has considered a number of approaches to meeting the parish's needs. Most of the earlier approaches have almost all been attached to the south aisle in some way, so the site proposed in your sketch plans and drawings was welcomed by the Council. However it was felt that the design needed to be worked on carefully and concerns were expressed about the curvilinear form of the roof. The Council also expressed reservations about the design of the link building between the porch and the proposed new building. It was felt that there was virtue in the materials matching those used on the church, while at the same time achieving a clearer distinction between the two buildings. It was also suggested that the proposal might be more sustainable.

With regard to the landscaping, it was recommended that the parish commission an analysis of the planting, as it would not have been unusual for an architect of Butterfield's stature to have had an input into the landscaping while he was restoring the church.

The Council hopes that these comments will be useful to the parish and would be happy to advise further as necessary, as the plans are developed further.

Yours sincerely



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cc. Mrs Jean Gosling, DAC Secretary, Norwich