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Re: Rebuilding of the St Andrews Churchyard Wall that fronts the Market Place, Kegworth

Dear All

I am John Dodson, the Architect and Lead Consultant for the rebuilding of the churchyard wall. I wish to provide some guidance and information on what will be happening in the area of the Market Place and why it became necessary to take the decisions we have made.

Many attempts have been made over the years to repair and replace the eroded masonry within the wall, but the combination of an extremely wet autumn and winter of 2019, together with root damage from the Lime trees, means repair is no longer an option.

The existing stone and brick wall to the left of the War Memorials is to be taken down and rebuilt. The brick wall on the right-hand side of the War Memorial is severely bulged and leaning forward over the pavement. This again will be taken down and rebuilt.

To facilitate the rebuilding, it will be necessary to fell and remove the 6 Lime trees which sit just behind the existing wall. Unfortunately, when planted they were placed too close to the wall. The trees have grown over the years, their trunk is within a metre of the wall and the root growth is entangled within the wall. It is not intended to remove any other trees and please be assured that new trees will be planted within the churchyard appropriately positioned during the first available planting season, following completion of the works.

The work will include some disturbance to the consecrated ground of the churchyard and any excavated soil will be sieved to remove any burial material, which will be respectfully handled and reburied by the incumbent. The appointed contractor is conversant with the regulations and has previously carried out masonry repairs to the fabric of St Andrews. The new wall will be constructed as a concrete retaining wall and faced with stone and brick to visibly match the existing. The yard will then be relevelled and graded to match the existing, reseeded and replanted.

The works will be carried out once approvals have been received from the Local Authority Planning Department and the Diocese of Leicester. The Traffic Management will meet the requirements of Leicestershire County Highways and appropriate notices will be published and advertised by them.

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Your Parish Council has endeavoured to keep disruption to a minimum, but with the wall being within a metre of the carriageway, traffic restrictions are necessary. It is estimated that the works will take a minimum of 12 weeks to complete and will commence with the felling of the 6 Lime trees and the rebuilding of the wall will start at the south west corner.

I am available to answer any questions relating to the works, but the scope of the approved works cannot be varied.

Yours faithfully



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