

## **PLANNING AND HERITAGE STATEMENT**

This planning and heritage statement is to accompany an application for Planning Consent for the installation of tile guards to the roof eaves on the south elevation of St Laurence's Church, Reading.

St Laurence's is a Grade I listed church located on The Forbury in central Reading. The church is of flint construction with stone dressings and has steeply pitched plain clay tiled roofs.

During the course of recent roof repairs at the church, it was recommended that mesh tile guards be installed to the eaves on the south side of the church to help avoid the risk of falling roof tiles as the pavement runs immediately adjacent to the south wall of the church. See figure 1 and Samac's Snow guard product information sheet.

Similar tile guards have been fitted to buildings in the immediate vicinity of the church see figures 2, 3 & 4.

The addition of tile guards will have no adverse impact on the appearance of the church and will provide protection to the public using the footpath and roadway below.

Ecclesiastical exemption from Listed Building Consent applies. The Oxford DAC were consulted and Faculty has been received for the installation of the tile guards for the south nave and chancel eaves; Faculty reference 2021-062918 granted on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

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Fig 1: South side of St Laurence's Church illustrating proximity of the church to the footpath and road



Fig 2: West end of St Laurence's Church and adjacent property to the north where tile guards have also been fitted



Fig 3: Close up of eaves of adjacent property to the north of the church showing tile guards



Fig 4: Tile guards fitted to the eaves of Reading Town Hall and Museum