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Dear Ms Duggan

Pre-application Advice

GREYFRIARS CHURCH, FRIAR STREET, READING

Thank you for sending through the latest iteration of the designs for the church centre. I think that the massing and arrangement of windows now looks much more comfortable. If details and materials were of a high quality I think this could be a more attractive building than the current church centre and, while it is higher, I do not think that it challenges the dominance of the listed church building in key views. Neither, in my opinion, would seeing the two together look incongruous in a way that would adversely affect an appreciation of the architecture of the church building. Therefore, if an application for planning permission was submitted along these lines our advice would be that the proposed building did not harm the significance of the church through harm to its setting and consequently we would not raise any objection to the granting of planning permission.

Next Steps

This proposal has reached the point where Historic England would not object to the proposals if an application was submitted according to the plans supplied. They Council, which has to take into account much more than heritage considerations, may require further design development. If the plans evolve further we would like to have the opportunity to comment again before a formal submission is made.

Yours sincerely

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Information Provided

JBSK drawings

GRE-4_173 00 May 2019

GRE-4_174 02 May 2019

GRE-4_175 00 May 2010

GRE-4_182 00 07/06/2019



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