# Statement of Significance – Major projects

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*This document must be accompanied by the Standard Information Form 1A*

**Section 1: The church in its urban / rural environment.**

**1.1 Setting of the Church**

How does the setting out of the church contribute to its landscape / townscape value and to its significance?

**1.2 The Living Churchyard**

What is the significance of the natural heritage of the site?

**1.3 Social History**

What is the historic and present use of the church and churchyard by the congregation and wider community? How does this contribute to its significance?

**1.4 The church building in general**

Provide a description of the church.

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| **1.5 The church building in detail**  Assess the significance of either each historical phase of the building or of each area within it. For example, north aisle, south chancel elevation, Norman tower |

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| **1.6 Contents of the Church**  Provide a description of its contents and their significance. It is reasonable to group these if there is a contemporary scheme which is significant as such, for example one could say a complete scheme of 18th-century furnishings, of high significance. |

**1.7 Significance for mission**

What are the strengths of the building as it is for worship and mission? What potential for adapted and new uses does the church and its setting already have with little or no change?

**Section 2 : The significance of the area affected by the proposal.**

**2.1 Identify the parts of the church and/or churchyard which will be directly or indirectly affected by your proposal.**

**2.2 Set out the significance of these particular parts.**

**Section 3: Assessment of the impact of the proposals**

**3.1 Describe and assess the impact of your proposal on these parts, and on the whole.**

**3.2 Explain how you intend, where possible, to mitigate the impact of the proposed works on the significance of the parts affected and the whole.**

**Sources consulted**

List the sources consulted

**Statement of Needs – Major projects**

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**1. General information**

This should provide an overview of the parish and the current use of the building.

**2. What do you need?**

Briefly explain your needs (not your proposals). Append any brief for your architect.

**3. The proposals**

Set out what you are proposing to do in order to meet the needs set out in section 2

**5. What is the evidence for the need?**

Please explain who has been consulted.

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| **7. What other options to meet the need were considered, taking Point 6 and the impact identified in the Statement of Significance into account?** |

**6. How is the proposal contributing to the need for environmental**

**sustainability?**

How is it reducing the carbon footprint, contributing to the Church’s commitment to be ‘net zero carbon’ by 2030?

**4. Why do you need it and why do you need it now?**

Justify your proposals by explaining why you can’t meet your needs without making changes. Also include anything which may have prompted the proposals.