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Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham

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DAC Guidance for Eco & Environmental Works to Church Buildings and Churchyards



Diocesan Advisory Committee

In conjunction with the Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham Environment Policy “Growing Greener Churches” , the Diocesan Advisory Committee will consider the environmental impact of any proposals, plans and applications that come our way.

This guidance is intended as a **quick overview only** of what can be undertaken without permission from the diocese, what can be done with consultation from the DAC and your Archdeacon and what can be achieved only with full faculty approval.

Works that can be undertaken as soon as possible

1. Changing the existing light bulbs to more eco friendly ones such as LED bulbs
2. Routine maintenance and repair to heating systems, gas, water and electrical services
3. Repairs to cracked or broken plain glass windows
4. Repairs to broken or damaged guttering and downpipes in like for like materials eg cast iron for cast iron
5. upgrading of old electrical systems as long as these are like for like and undertaken by accredited electricians (ensure you consult your Church Insurers before proceeding)
6. Routine maintenance to the churchyard such as grass cutting and like for like replacement of fences and gates
7. Routine maintenance to trees, cutting back, lopping and topping in conjunction with the latest CBC guidance (see back page, Trees)
8. Felling of a dead, dying or dangerous tree with regard to the latest guidance (see Trees on back page) and with due consultation with the Local Authority and under the guidance of a Tree Surgeon

Works that can be done with consultation with your Archdeacon and DAC Secretary

1. Works of adaptation (but not substantial additions or replacement) to heating systems, gas, water and other services, electrical installations etc: all works must be undertaken by accredited contractors and insurers notified
2. Like for like replacement of an old boiler for a new energy efficient one in the same location and using the same pipework (creation of a new flue will require a faculty as would relocating the boiler in a different location)
3. Upgrade or expansion to existing solar panel arrangement (major improvements or changes may require a faculty)
4. additions to existing edible and/or community gardens in same location (new areas to require faculty approval)
5. minor changes to existing light fittings

Works requiring initial DAC consultation and advice and full faculty approval

1. New heating schemes such as underfloor heating, air sourced heating, ground sourced heating
2. new interior lighting schemes
3. exterior lighting (individual lights for security purposes will require consultation, several new lights will require faculty approval)
4. new solar panel systems
5. new schemes for edible gardens or wild gardens

PLEASE NOTE THAT ANY EXTERNAL WORKS MAY REQUIRE PLANNING PERMISSION AND CONSULTATION WITH YOUR LOCAL AUTHORITY

Further Reading and Reference

SHRINKING THE FOOTPRINT

<http://www.churchcare.co.uk/shrinking-the-footprint>

CARING FOR GOD'S ACRE

<http://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/>

HEATING: Air Source Heat Pumps

http://www.churchcare.co.uk/images/Air_source_heat_pumps.pdf

HEATING: Biomass Heating

http://www.churchcare.co.uk/images/biomass_heating_1.pdf

HEATING: Ground Source Heat Pumps

http://www.churchcare.co.uk/images/ShrinkingtheFootprintGround_source_heat_pumps.pdf

HEATING: Solar Thermal

http://www.churchcare.co.uk/images/solar_thermal.pdf

HEATING: Solar Panels

http://www.churchcare.co.uk/images/solar_pv2.pdf

HEATING: Underfloor Heating

http://www.churchcare.co.uk/images/under_floor_heating.pdf

LIGHTING

http://www.churchcare.co.uk/images/Lighting_2014_Final.pdf

RAINWATER GOODS

http://www.churchcare.co.uk/images/rainwater_goods.pdf

TREES

<http://www.churchcare.co.uk/images/>

[Guidance_to_parochial_church_councils_on_the_planting_Lists_A_and_B.pdf](http://www.churchcare.co.uk/images/Guidance_to_parochial_church_councils_on_the_planting_Lists_A_and_B.pdf)

WILDLIFE

http://www.churchcare.co.uk/images/wildlife_in_churchyards.pdf

