

Form 4A
(Rule 6.2)
Public Notice
(general form)

In the Consistory Court of the Diocese of St Albans

In the parish of Welwyn and Woolmer Green

Church of Welwyn, St Mary the Virgin

NOTICE IS GIVEN that we are applying to the Consistory Court of the diocese for permission to carry out the following:
(Describe the works or other proposals in the same way as in the faculty petition)

Install a hand rail to the side of the organ housing to provide support for parishioners using the ramp down on their return journey from the Altar to the main body of the church.

Copies of the relevant plans and documents may be examined at Church Office and on a publicly accessible website at <https://www.welwyn.org.uk/>

(If changes to a church are proposed, a copy of the petition and of any designs, plans, photographs and other documents that were submitted with it must be displayed in the church or at another place where they may be conveniently inspected by the public. If the petition is submitted through an online system, those documents must also be publicly available for inspection online.)

Petitioners:

(Each petitioner to give name and office held in block capitals)

1. MRS DIANE JENKIN - CHURCHWARDEN
2. DR DAVID MUNCHIN - MINISTER
3. MR STUART WESTLEY - CHURCHWARDEN

Date **28/07/2020**

If you wish to object to any of the works or proposals you should send a letter or email stating the grounds of your objection to The Diocesan Registrar at Winckworth Sherwood LLP, Minerva House, 5 Montague Close, London, SE1 9BB or by email to stalbansregistry@wslaw.co.uk

so that your letter reaches the registrar not later than Thursday 27 August 2020 A letter of objection must include your name and address and state whether you live in the parish and/or your name is entered on the church electoral roll of the parish or any other basis on which you have an interest in the matter.

Directions to petitioners

You must display this public notice (or a copy of it) for a continuous period of not less than 30 days, not counting the day on which it is put up or the day on which it is taken down, (or for such other period as the Court may direct) in each of the following places:

1. on a notice board or in some other prominent position inside the church; and
2. on a notice board outside the church or in some other prominent position (whether on the outside of the church door or elsewhere) so that it can be read by the public.

ST MARY'S CHURCH. WELWYN, AL6 9LX

Requirement for Additional Handrail Adjacent to the Organ

A new handrail is required to the south side of organ in order to provide safe access for all across the existing sloping floor. The area is outlined in blue on the attached floor plan.

This existing floor in this area is relatively narrow has an incline of approximately 1:9.5, both of which are steeper and narrower than the recommended parameters for a ramp.

The ramp is on the primary route for the congregation returning to the main body of the Church from communion at the high altar.

It is also one route for the choir from their vestry to the choir stalls.

With an ageing congregation, this section of floor is proving an ever greater challenge for the elderly, infirm members of the congregation and those that need walking aids. The number of requests for the provision of a handrail has increased significantly in recent months.

Attached is a detailed proposal for a new handrail that will blend in with the design of the organ construction as far as possible with matching materials.

One of our primary requirements is for all members of the congregation to have free and safe access to all areas of the Church for worship and associated activities.

PROPOSED HARDWOOD HANDRAIL TO SIDE OF ORGAN

New “Pigs Ear” Profile handrail in Oak with 60mm projection, approximately 60mm high with 25mm finger grip fixed to oak mullions with concealed lift off brackets to facilitate access to removable oak panels for maintenance purposes.

Handrail stained and French polished to match organ.

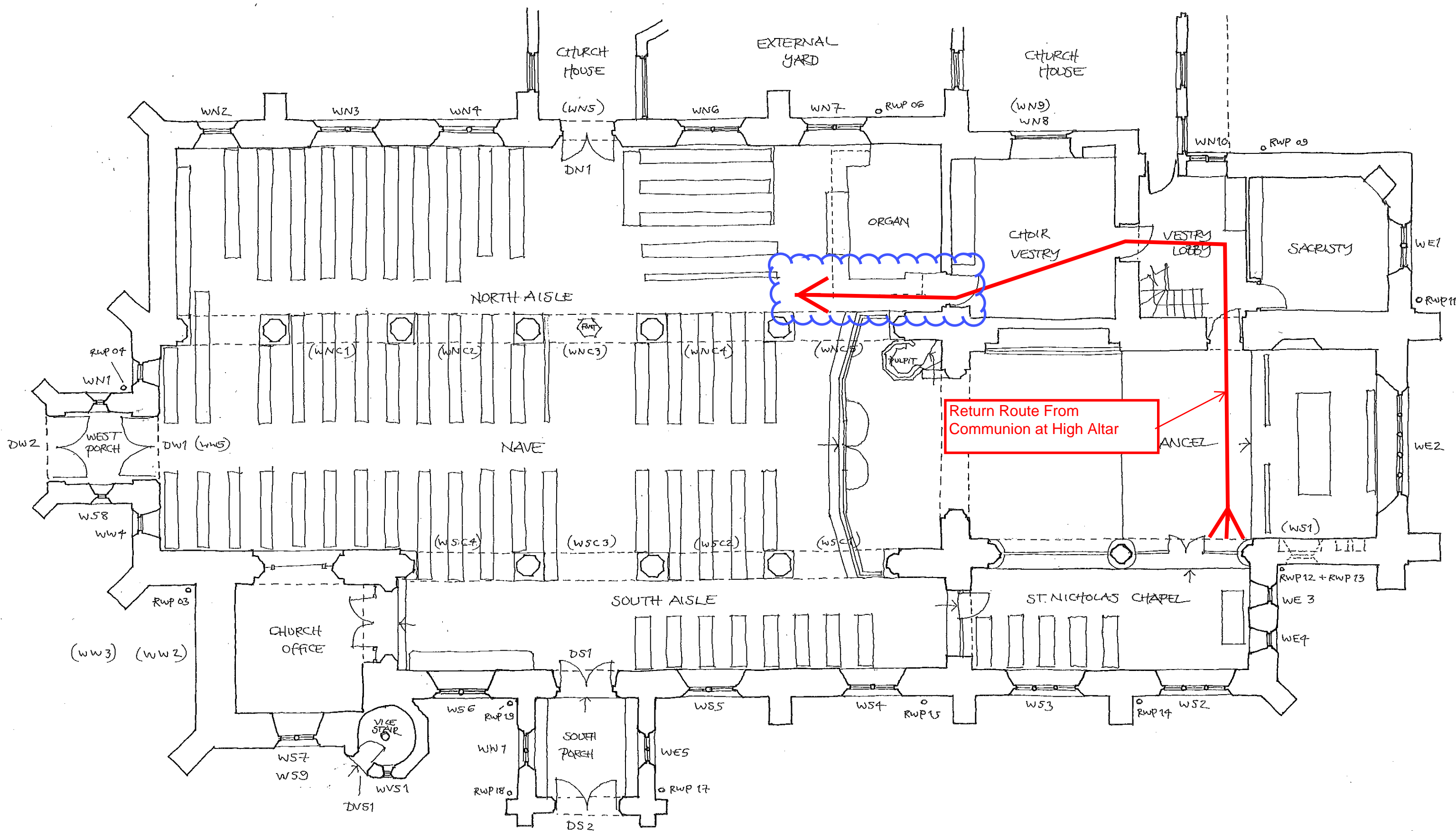
Top of handrail 865mm high above stone flag paving.



Proposed handrail line highlighted in blue, 865mm above existing floor level



Proposed Handrail Profile in Oak



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Statement of Significance

Guidance on completing this form can be found on the ChurchCare website at <http://www.churchcare.co.uk/churches/guidance-advice/statements-of-significance-need>

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

Section 1: Brief history and description of the church building(s), contents, churchyard and setting

The present Church of St. Mary the Virgin is of 13th Century origin (though an earlier Saxon church is believed to have been built on the site), was added to in the 15th and 19th Centuries. It was also added to and heavily restored in Edwardian times. A linked modern church hall has been added to the north.

Section 2: The significance of the church (including its contents and churchyard) in terms of:

i) Its special architectural and historical interest

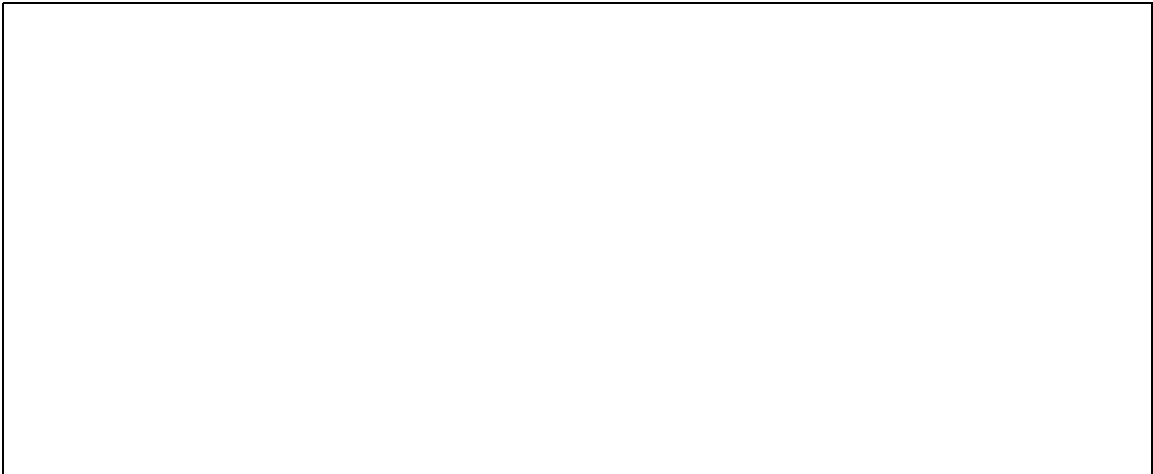
ii) Any significant features of artistic or archaeological interest

St. Marys Church - Building Listing

“C13, nave rebuilt C15, N aisle added and tower rebuilt 1662; organ chamber, vestry and SE choir aisle added 1867-70. Further renovations and alterations 1910-11 by C J Blomfield, roofs renewed 1952. Flint with stone dressings, machine tile roof. Crenellated tower with octagonal stair turret. Gargoyles and clock. Window tracery is mostly perpendicular style; geometric style on N aisle. Twin gable SE aisle. 6-bay nave has octagonal piers and plain chamfered arches. Choir with C14 double piscina with pointed trefoil heads under ogee arches. C15 wooden traceried screen between chancel and N chapel. Monument to Edward Young, Rector of Welwyn 1730-1765. (Pevsner (1977)).”

CHURCHYARD BOUNDARIES

“Church wall and railings. Mid to late C19. Red brick low wall. Stone coping. Cast iron railings and gates. Follows curve of Church Street and Codicote Road. Rails are alternately 3-spiked and spear-headed. Square traceried cast iron gate posts with finials and crenellation. Gates have quatrefoil bands. Included for group value. Listing NGR: TL2308616245” **[Source: The National Heritage List For England, website (English Heritage, 2011)]**



Section 3: Assessment of the impact of the proposals on the significance defined in Section 2

None at all. All work carefully carried out to match the existing adjacent works.

1st July 2020

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Section 1. General information

St Mary The Virgin Church in the Parish of Welwyn and Woolmer Green.

St Mary's Church used for regular worship and the adjoining Church House for associated church activities and community use.

Section 2. What do you need?

In order to comply with current Health & Safety within the Church by providing additional handrails to provide safe access

Section 3. The proposals

To carry out joinery work to provide additional handrails as detailed in the attached document

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

To provide safe access to the ever ageing congregation

Section 5. Justification

These proposals will not change or harm the significance outlined in the Statement of Significance.