

Heritage Impact and Justification Statement

Fence to Boundary The Most Holy Name Of Jesus West St Oundle PE8 4BH

The proposed new Steel perimeter fence is an extension of the existing fence around the inside perimeter of the boundary wall . The design of the fence will match the existing steel fence ie the same hight, colour, size of material as existing

The sole reason for the fence is Health and Safety to prevent anyone falling down the high wall surrounding the Church , looking at the existing stone coping stones where you can see the old lead filled holes a fence was probably in existence previously (possibly removed during the second world war)

The Church is a grade 2 listed building abutting a conservation area.

The Church was designed by renowned Architect Sir Arthur Bloomfield built by Jessie/ David Watts Russel in 1878 /79 as an Anglican Church

The Design is a Cruciform Building in Lancet design an aspect of its Neo Byzantian form consisting of Chancel ,Nave Transepts and a central Lantern 4 columns of Holington Stone carrying the circles from which spring the central lantern growing from a square into an octagon finished with a conical ceiling 50 foot high lighted by 16 clerestory windows

The walls are stone with dressings of Casterton Stone, the roof and upper tower is Collywestern Stone which makes a unique contribution to the distinctive local character of the area .

The Historic site was known as Chapel end after the pre reformation Chapel of St Thomas of Canterbury which stood here in medieval times

It is a predominant site at the apex of 3 roads into Oundle

Many people were not allowed to enter the Parish Church of St Peter Oundle because of the practice at the time of buying allocated pews to the wealthy. In 1971 the Church was sold to Northampton Diocese for £1 it was the first Church to be sold to the Catholic church