

# ANDY BURRELL

## ARCHITECTURE

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, BISHOPSTONE:  
PROPOSED DEMOLITION OF BOILER ROOM  
AND ERECTION OF EXTENSION  
ON SITE TO WEST SIDE OF NORTH AISLE OF CHURCH

PLANNING APPLICATION SDNP/24/00345/FUL

### **ECOSYSTEMS SERVICES STATEMENT**

This planning application is to demolish the 20thC part below-ground boiler room to the church, and to extend the north aisle of the church over the site of the boiler room. The land surrounding the boiler room and the church is the existing churchyard, and it will remain as existing, with the ground that is not occupied by interments and their memorials given over to grass with the occasional shrub or other planting, and the occasional tree. In the part of the churchyard around the boiler room the ground is at present merely lawned with the occasional grave. To the north of the site, the north boundary of the churchyard is a privet hedge atop a brick and flint wall.

The proposed extension is substantially to house an accessible wc, to enable the church to provide accessible community facilities to serve visitors and the village alike; the cultural interest of the church itself regularly attracts walkers and groups of visitors, and the acoustic inside the church makes it ideal for concerts and similar events. As part of the scheme, although not part of this planning application because it involves internal changes only, it is proposed to introduce a refreshment point in the base of the tower to offer refreshment to visitors.

The extension being to an historic building listed Grade 1, the materials used for the extension are substantially proscribed by the existing construction of the church – flint walls, stone dressings, and clay plain tiles – and these will be used on the extension.

The surrounding land being a churchyard there is little scope for the proposed extension to have a positive impact on the environment. That having been said, it will not have a negative effect, having no impact on trees, planting or other wildlife habitats. The extension will however be insulated to the highest standard, and the parish as part of an associated development, prompted by the extension proposal, and which will be the subject of a future planning application, is looking at introducing heat pump technology to replace the existing oil-fired boiler heating in the church.

RICHARD ANDREWS  
Andy Burrell Architecture  
26.2.2024

---

*Continuing the legacy of Carden & Godfrey Architects*

---