

The Faculty Jurisdiction (Amendment) Rules 2023, [GS 2310](#)

Guidance in relation to monuments etc. conflicting with role of church

2.—(1) In rule 4.2 (documents etc. to be submitted to Diocesan Advisory Committee), in paragraph (2), after sub-paragraph (b) insert—

“(ba) where proposals involve the movement, removal or alteration of a statue, plaque, memorial, monument or other article because it is considered to conflict with the role of a church as a local centre of worship and mission, an explanation of how the intending applicants, in formulating the proposals, have had due regard to guidance issued for the purposes of this sub-paragraph by the Church Buildings Council under section 55 of the Dioceses, Pastoral and Mission Measure 2007;”.

(2) In rule 4.9 (notification of advice), after paragraph (7A) insert—

“(7B) In the case of works or proposals involving the movement, removal or alteration of a statue, plaque, memorial, monument or other article because it is considered to conflict with the role of a church as a local centre of worship and mission, the Committee’s advice must include a statement of—

(a) whether, in its opinion, the explanation under rule 4.2(2)(ba) is adequate, and

(b) if its opinion is that the explanation is not adequate, its reasons for that opinion.”.

(3) In rule 5.5 (documents to accompany faculty petition) after paragraph (3) insert—

“(3A) Where a petition seeks a faculty for the movement, removal or alteration of a statue, plaque, memorial, monument or other article because it is considered to conflict with the role of a church as a local centre of worship and mission, an explanation of how the petitioner, in formulating the proposals, has had due regard to guidance issued for the purposes of rule 4.2(2)(ba) by the Church Buildings Council under section 55 of the Dioceses, Pastoral and Mission Measure 2007 must be submitted with the petition.”.

Chancellor’s reasons to state how guidance taken into account

3. In rule 7.3 (reasons for grant of faculty or dismissal of petition), after paragraph (2) insert—

“(3) Reasons under paragraphs (1) or (2) must identify any relevant guidance issued by the Church Buildings Council under section 55 of the Dioceses, Pastoral and Mission Measure 2007 and state how the chancellor has taken it into account in determining the petition.”