

1037 HAVERFORDWEST St Mary's Church Boundary Walls



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I. INTRODUCTION

- I.1 This document has been prepared in relation to proposed repairs and alterations to the Grade II listed boundary walls and railings of the Grade I listed St Mary's church, Haverfordwest. The works aim to secure the future of the historic elements and enhance the setting of the church. As part of the works some improvements will be made to vehicular access and it is this which this document focuses on.
- I.2 The works described here form part of the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) supported Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI) project for Haverfordwest. The THI aims to revitalise the area by renovating and conserving its properties so that they can become more attractive and commercially viable. The Haverfordwest THI is a partnership project jointly funded by Pembrokeshire County Council, The HLF and Cadw.¹
- I.3 This statement should be read in conjunction with the drawings and all other documents submitted as part of the application.

¹ <https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/haverfordwest-thi>

2 EXISTING ACCESS

- 2.1 Pedestrian access to St Mary's church is via porches on the north and south elevations. Access into the churchyard from the street is via a set of double gates at the centre of the south-east boundary or through a stone arch to the east of the south-east boundary, both of which are level, or through a stone arch to the north-west corner which involves a steep flight of stairs. There are no proposals to alter any of these other than repairs to historic gates and replacement of modern gates.
- 2.2 There is currently no off-road space available for vehicles to stop at the church, as is typically required for services such as weddings and funerals. As a result, vehicles generally stop with hazard lights on and block either the road, pavement or both.

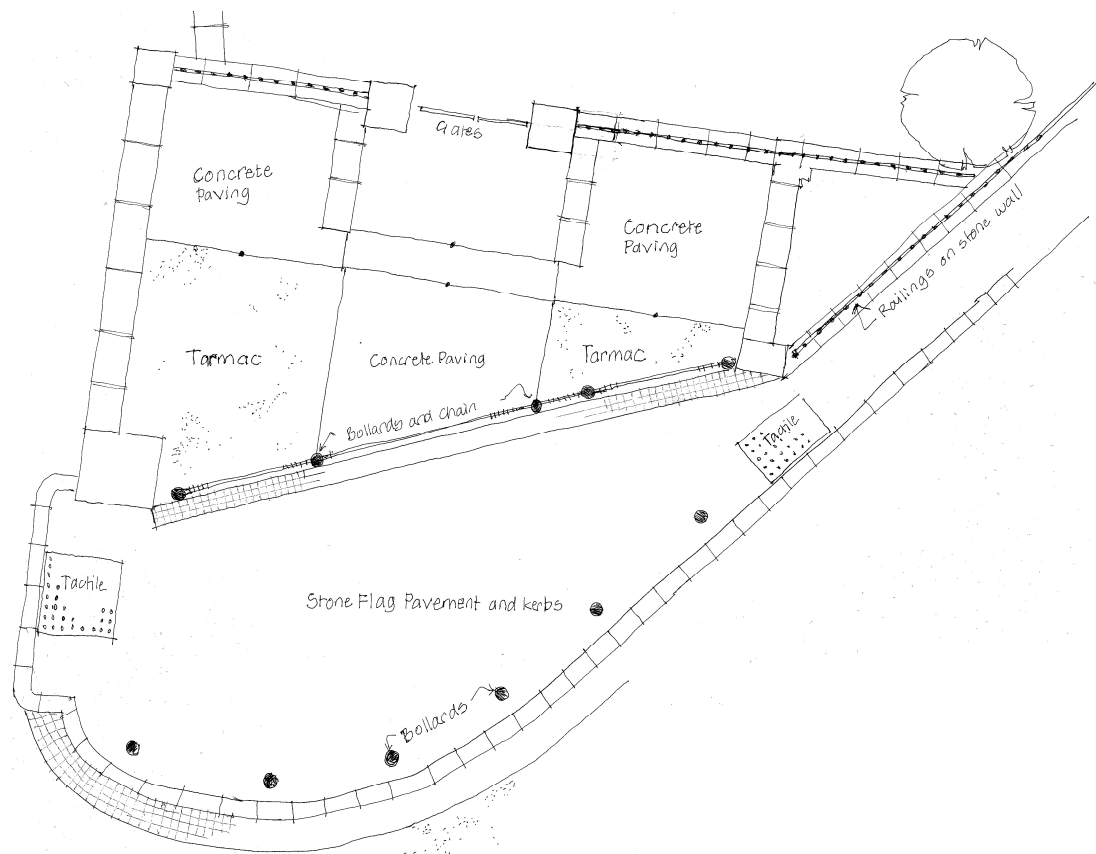


Fig. 1. Plan of the south corner as existing (drawing 1037/P/06)



Fig. 2. View looking north-east along High Street where vehicles currently pull in.



Fig. 3. View looking south-west along High Street where vehicles currently pull in.

3 PROPOSED ACCESS

- 3.1 The primary aims of this project are to repair the historic walls, railings and gates in order to secure their future and enhance their visual appearance. As part of the project the area of modern walls and landscaping at the south corner of the churchyard are proposed to be overhauled to improve visual appearance. As part of this element, it is proposed to provide space for vehicles to temporarily pull into for dropping off or picking up, including wheelchair users, without blocking either the road or pavement.
- 3.2 The proposals include provision of a dedicated drop-off and pick-up space at the south corner of the site, on the former location of the fish market. The existing modern walls, railings and gates are all to be removed, as well as modern surface finishes in front including concrete paving and tarmac.
- 3.3 The existing area of drop paving at a pedestrian crossing will be extended and one bollard removed in order to allow vehicles to access the former fish market area. This area will be re-surfaced, with a central area of stone flags and setts flanked on either side by bound gravel. Oak bollards will be provided to the edge to ensure vehicles only use the allocated space.
- 3.4 New boundary walls with central gates will be provided, with a new path within the churchyard ensuring level access from the new drop off area to the church doors.



Fig. 4. The south corner where it is proposed to provide vehicle access, viewed from the south

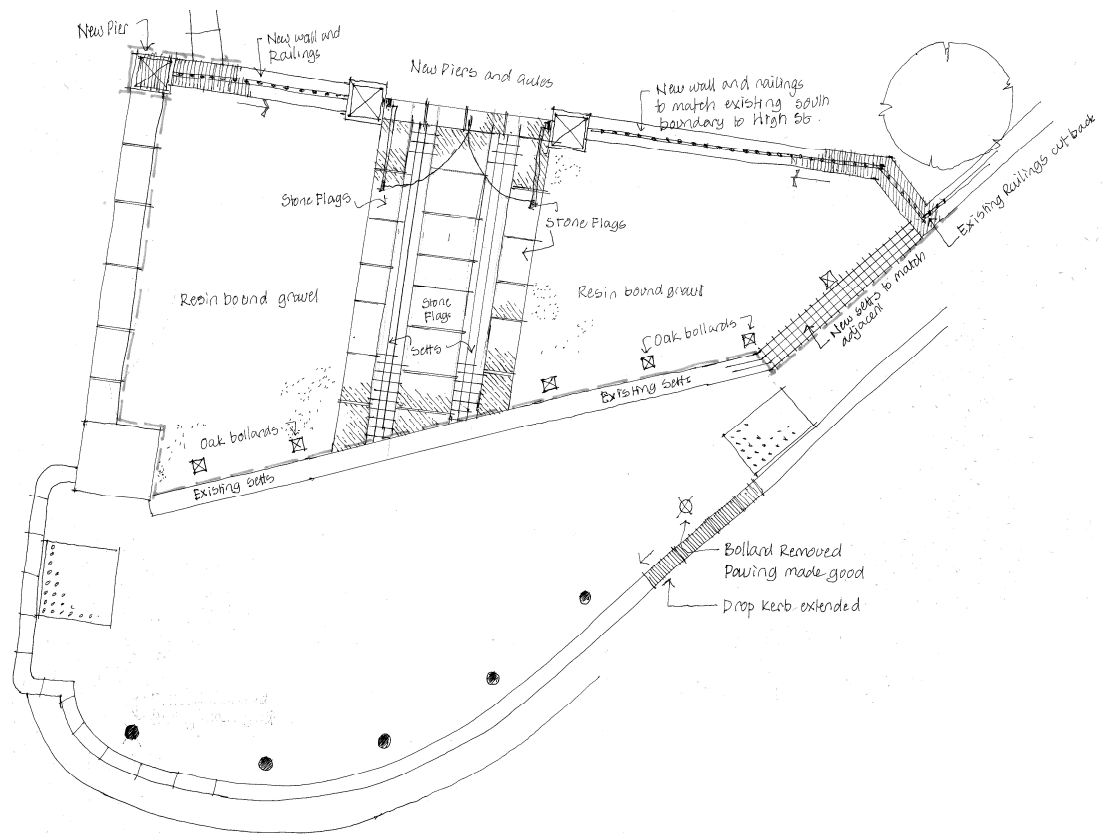


Fig. 5. Plan of the south corner as proposed (drawing I037/P/07)

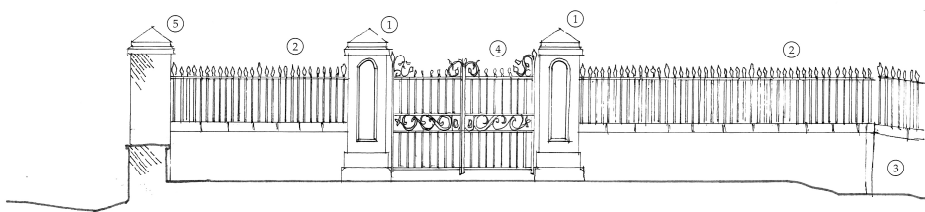


Fig. 6. Elevation of new wall, railings and gate as proposed (drawing I037/P/10)