



Malmesbury Town Council  
Town Hall,  
Malmesbury,  
SN16 9BZ

21 August 2025

Dear Mayor Cllr Stephen James

**Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979 (as amended); Section 2  
control of works  
Application for Scheduled Monument Consent**

**ST PAUL'S CHURCH TOWER AND SITE OF CHURCH  
Scheduled Monument No: SM WI 882, HA 1004682  
Our ref: S00247656**

An application for Scheduled Monument Consent has been received by Historic England from Mr Chiz Harward of Urban Archaeology for works at the above scheduled monument.

Archaeological test pit evaluation to inform design of new statue of Athelstan and landscaping of Birdcage Walk .

The evaluation will comprise the excavation of five test pits within Birdcage Walk.  
Exact test pit

locations will be finalised on site taking into account layout of pavers, drainage, access, tree root

protection zones and any other constraints. Test pits will be excavated to the first significant

archaeological context (including articulated burials) or to a formation level, whichever is higher.

- Test pit 1 will measure approximately 1x1m and will evaluate archaeological survival by the

Belltower door. The test pit will be excavated to a maximum depth of 0.7m.

- Test pit 2 will measure approximately 1x1m, and will evaluate archaeological survival, the

reported GPR anomaly and the survival of the arcade piers. The test pit will be excavated to

a maximum depth of 0.7m.

- TP3 to be approximately 2x1m and will evaluate archaeological survival, the reported GPR

anomaly and the survival of the arcade piers. It may need to be moved south to avoid drainage channel. The test pit will be excavated to a maximum depth of 0.7m.



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- TP4 to be approximately 1x1m and will evaluate archaeological survival at the proposed statue location and the reported GPR anomaly. The test pit will be excavated to a maximum depth of 0.7m.
  - TP5 will measure approximately 1x1m and will evaluate archaeological survival by the south wall in an area of potential planting beds. The test pit will be excavated to a maximum depth of 0.7m.
- The test pits will be backfilled and hard surfaces reinstated

Your details have been given as an owner, co-owner or occupier of part, or all, of the above scheduled monument and as such the applicants are required by law to give you formal notice of their intention. They tell me that they have done so.

If you wish to make any representations concerning the application, please would you send them to me within 14 days of the date of this letter. If we do not hear from you within that time, we will assume that you have no objections.

Yours sincerely

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Business Officer

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