

**Further information regarding the proposed change to the purpose of the  
Heritage Rooms (formerly known as Heighington School and playground)  
6<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

**1. What does the existing 1995 Scheme say?**

Currently the Scheme's use of property clause says:

*the Managing Trustees shall appropriate and use the said lands with the buildings thereon specified in the said schedule for the purpose of furthering the religious, educational and other charitable work of the Church of England in the area of benefit.*

but the Scheme also says:

*The Managing Trustees shall let and otherwise manage the land with the building thereon specified in the schedule hereto and numbered 2 [the former Heighington School and playground] belonging to the Charity and not required to be retained or occupied for the purposes thereof subject to such consents as are required by law.*

The existing Scheme from 1995 (slightly amended 2020) reflected a particular situation, which existed so long as the Heritage Rooms were leased to an external body, North Kesteven District Council, although still delivering equivalent community benefit. The Scheme effectively said that the Heritage Rooms were to be let and were not required to be retained or occupied for the purposes of the Charity. The 25 year peppercorn lease to North Kesteven District Council in 1993 pre-dated the Scheme of 1995.

**2. Why is this a problem?**

The existing Scheme does not reflect the operational activity of the charity upon expiry of the lease in 2018. This creates difficulty in respect of fund raising, particularly applications for grants. The current Scheme implies the use of the Heritage Rooms is to further the work of the Church of England, which is not accurate and does not reflect current usage, nor indeed usage throughout the tenure of the recent 25 year lease. This is particularly an issue now as we need to secure funding for significant repairs to the premises, particularly the roofs.

**3. Where did the funds for the Heighington School originally come from?**

The original funds to build the school rooms behind the chapel in 1865 originated from two non-religious charities. These were the former Thomas Garrett Apprenticing Charity (£198:9:10) and the former Sir Edward Clarke's Charity (£227:10:2), which had the purpose of advancement of education and relief of need, hardship or distress.

**4. How the proposed change will affect the charity's current beneficiaries?**

There will be no operational impact upon the charity's current beneficiaries as the proposed change reflects the current operation and does not interfere with the operation of the chapel. Use of the chapel will remain unchanged.