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Diocese of Ely

All Saints' Church, Walsoken
Renovation Project

Renovation Project Supporting Documentation

At Risk Notification

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Dear Mr Wadlow,

Church of All Saints, Walsoken, Norfolk, G I

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I visited the church on Thursday 10th October following advice received from Holly Isted, the Diocese of Ely Historic Church Buildings Support Officer. We have also reviewed the latest Quinquennial Inspection Report (QIR) 2018.

The church of All Saints, Walsoken has been described as *the grandest Norman parish church of Norfolk* (Pevsner). I was pleased to see that the church and churchyard are well cared although there are a number of significant defects, which are the reasons why we now consider that the church qualifies as 'at risk' from further deterioration and loss.

Overall, the nave lead roof covering is leaking in several locations; there are extensive areas of water staining and the magnificent C15 roof is in danger. This is made of hammerbeams on arched braces which drop on wall post to corbels. The wall posts have canopied niches containing painted figures of Kings and Prophets. Painted angels terminate the hammerbeams. Over the tower arch a carved timber representation of throned King Solomon, and to right and left wall paintings depict 2 women and a child (Judgment of Solomon, probably C17).



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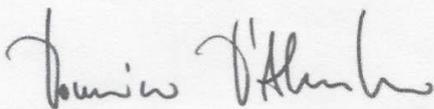


Other significant defects and repair requirements are highlighted on the QIR 2018.

The church of All Saints will be placed on to the Historic England Heritage Asset Management database and will appear in the 2020 published edition of the register. This is in no way a slight on the Parish: rather, it recognises the current condition and vulnerability of the church fabric; the challenges you face and it allows us to prioritise strategic assistance towards your church. The church will be removed from the register once permanent repair works have been completed.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,



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