



CONSULTATION AND THE NATIONAL AMENITY SOCIETIES

A parish may need to consult national amenity societies if works to a church building involves any form of demolition or work which would affect the character or significance of the church building. This includes:

- Extensions and reorderings
- Removing historic fixtures and fittings

Parishes should consult the amenity societies when they have:

- A written Statement of Significance And Needs
- Taken some initial advice from the Diocesan Advisory Committee
- Put together some early plans

[The Church Buildings Council \(CBC\)](#) work with and advise churches and dioceses on care, conservation and development of church buildings. They also work with government to advise on policies that affect church buildings. The CBC should be consulted when major works are proposed to churches, and this [document](#) outlines when that should take place.

Contact details: ccbconsultchurchbuildingscouncil@churchofengland.org

[Historic England](#) are the public body that helps people care for, enjoy and celebrate England's spectacular historic environment, and are a statutory consultee when significant works to churches are proposed.

Eastern Region (East Anglia): e-east@historicengland.org.uk

London Region: londonseast@historicengland.org.uk

CONSULTING THE AMENITY SOCIETIES

The amenity societies will want to see how many changes the parish are planning to the building and how strong their need is to make those changes. It will be easier to work with amenity societies if the parish think of their early plans as drafts and not as complete.

Statutory amenity societies now share a common e-mail contact address which is: - casework@jcnas.org.uk.

When a parish is ready to consult, they should email this address with their proposals (or a link to their application on the Online Faculty System).

[Historic Buildings and Places \(HBP\)](#) (formerly known as Ancient Monument Society): they look at historic monuments and buildings of all periods.

The [Council for British Archaeology](#) focus on archaeological features in historic buildings of all periods.



The [Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings](#). As each of the National Amenity Societies concerned with the conservation of old buildings has particular interests and specialist knowledge in terms of architectural history. For this reason the SPAB concentrates on applications concerning buildings with fabric dating from 1720 or earlier.

[The Georgian Group](#) is the national authority on Georgian architecture built between 1700 and 1837 in England and Wales.

The [Victorian Society](#) the national authority on Victorian and Edwardian architecture between 1837 and 1915.

The [Twentieth Century Society](#) exists to safeguard the heritage of architecture and design in Britain from 1914 onwards. They undertake casework related to works to churches built after 1914.

The DAC Secretary, Suzannah Meade (contactable on 01245 294423 and dac@chelmsford.anglican.org) will be able to guide you on what is required.