

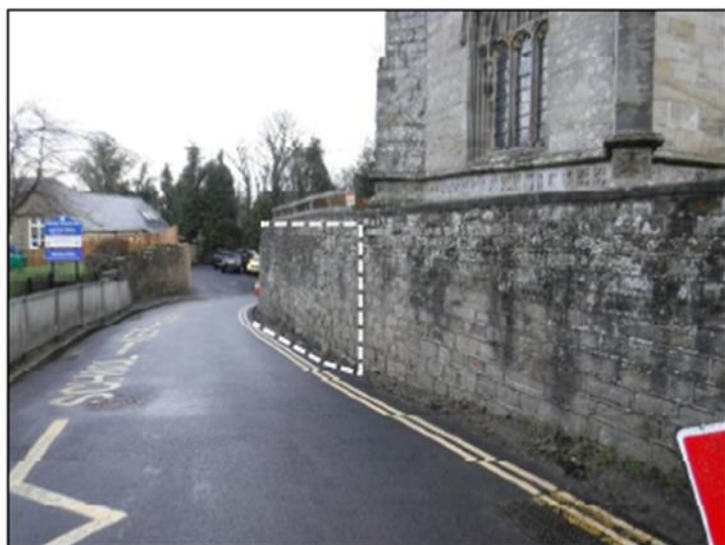
KIRKBY MALZEARD, LAVERTON AND DALLOWGILL PARISH COUNCIL

20/02720/RG3 - St Andrews Church, Church Street, Kirkby Malzeard. Repair and rebuild of a retaining wall. Harrogate Borough Council.

20/02721/LB - St Andrews Church, Church Street, Kirkby Malzeard. Repair and rebuild of a retaining wall. Harrogate Borough Council.

DECISION C The Parish Council does not object to or support the application but wishes to make comments or seek safeguards as set out below:

1. We consider that there are two issues under consideration: (i) the rebuilding of the wall that has collapsed and (ii) provision to make safe the remaining part of the wall that is vulnerable. This vulnerable part is from the collapsed part to beyond the church tower, as outlined in Mason Clark's original Heritage Statement, July 2020 (image, below):



Approximate start point
(NTS)

2. We dispute the premise that the wall collapsed as a result of a vehicle collision. We believe the wall collapsed after a weekend of heavy rain and we would like reassurance that provision for drainage of water from the graveyard is considered.
3. We support the current plans for the rebuilding of the wall that has collapsed. (Described in Section 5 of Mason Clark's Heritage Statement, 26th Feb 2021)
4. We understand that HBC Planning has to make a difficult decision between visual impact and safety when considering how to plan for the remaining 30 m of wall that is of concern.

5. We note the concerns raised by Historic England about the visual impact of patress plates.
6. We also note concerns by Mason Clark (Heritage Statement, Feb 2021) that the 30m section remains, ‘..vulnerable to collapse’ (Section 2) and is of ‘..structural concern’ (Section 4).
7. We also understand that Mason Clark recommends the vulnerable part of the wall should be stabilised before working commences on rebuilding the collapsed part, and we support this view.
8. We strongly request that the highest priority is given to ensuring further parts of the wall do not collapse in the near future. This is essential because of the proximity of the road, the Primary School entrance and also to make sure we do not have the inconvenience of the road having to be closed again for an extended period.
9. We understand that the part of the wall that collapsed had been previously repointed and was being monitored when it collapsed. We also understand that monitoring of the vulnerable part of the wall closer to the Church has only started within the last month. We do not consider monitoring at this late stage, after part of the wall has already collapsed during monitoring, to be useful for preventing sudden collapse. For this reason, we support structural intervention on the vulnerable part of the wall, even if this has a visual impact.
10. We note that the road surface that will be reinstated after completion of works and we ask for this to be repaired to a good standard.