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RECONSTRUCTION OF RETAINING WALL
AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, MINERA, WREXHAM
WORKS WITHIN CONSECRATED GROUND

Dear Sirs,

We have recently received comments from the Planning Officer with regard to the proposed works adjoining the graveyard. It has been brought to our attention that there may be a requirement to obtain permission from the Diocese or Department of Justice before the works can commence.

We have also consulted with Alan McMahon (Wrexham Crematorium and Cemetery Registrar) and visited the site today to ascertain if consent is required. He has stated that given the proximity and orientation of the graves nearest the wall, it is unlikely that any human remains will be present within the proposed work area. He noted that several of the grave stones are leaning and we should highlight the need for support to the contractor. He also stated that we should inform the contractor that the works will be suspended if human remains are found until the appropriate licences have been obtained from the Department of Justice.

Therefore, we would request if you could confirm whether a faculty will be required for the proposed works to the boundary wall.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further please contact Andy Hannett on 01978 297129.

Yours faithfully,

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