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Heritage Statement

Heritage Statement to accompany a Planning Application at Wrexham Cathedral, Regent Street, Wrexham, UK, LL11 1RB (planning ref P/2019/0603 & P/2019/0604)

Ref: Heritage Statement 2014 on behalf of ParkingEye Wrexham Cathedral, Regent Street, Wrexham, UK, LL11 1RB

Tuesday, 24 September 2019

PROPOSAL: INSTALLATION OF CAR PARK MANAGEMENT SYSTEM WHICH INCLUDES THE INSTALLATION OF AUTOMATIC NUMBER PLATE RECOGNITION CAMERAS AND ASSOCIATED SITE SIGNAGE.

LOCATION: Wrexham Cathedral, Regent Street, Wrexham, UK, LL11 1RB.

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1. Introduction

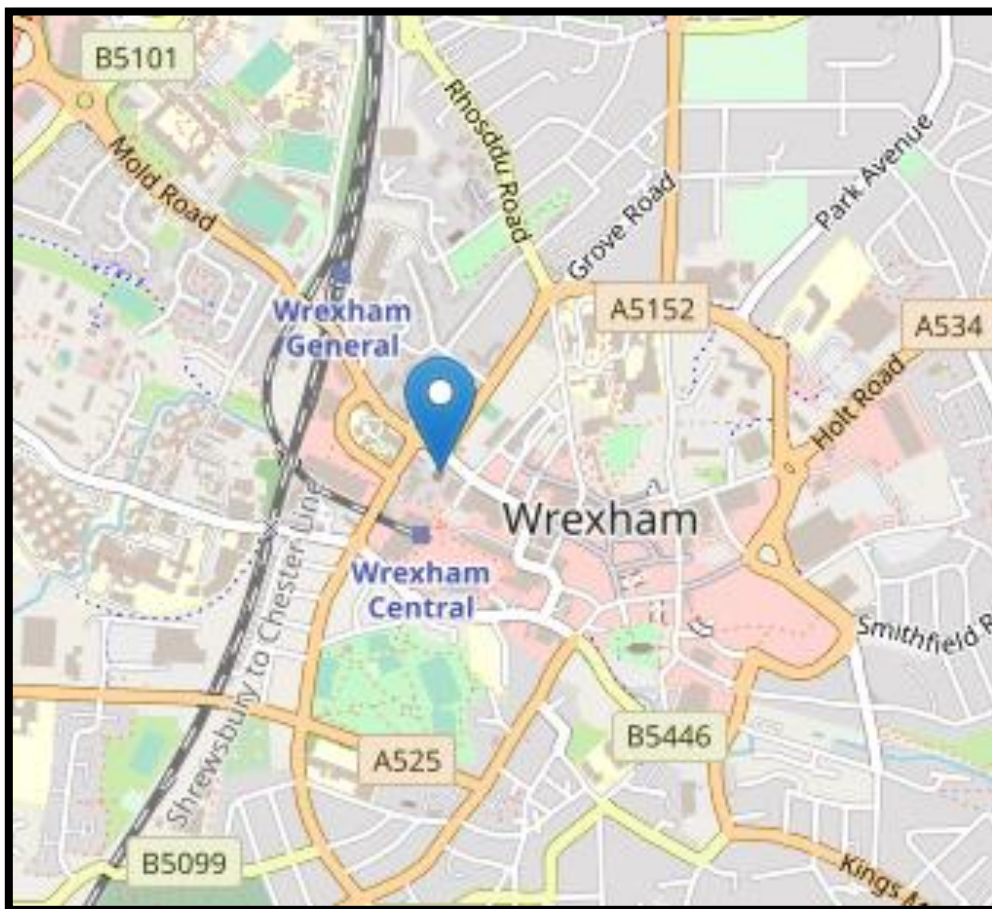
This supporting heritage statement has been produced to support a planning application for the installation of a car park management system and associated signage within the car park of the grade II listed Roman Catholic Cathedral of St Mary, Regent Street, Wrexham, UK, LL11 1RB.

The Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 places a duty upon the local planning authority in determining applications for development affecting listed building to pay special regard to the desirability of preserving the building or its setting. The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) provides the Government's national planning policy on the conservation of the historic environment. In respect of information requirements for applications, it sets out that:

'In determining applications, local planning authorities should require an applicant to describe the significance of any heritage assets affected, including any contribution made by their setting. The level of detail should be proportionate to the assets' importance and no more than is sufficient to understand the potential impact of the proposal on their significance

To comply with these requirements, this document provides a brief assessment of the significance of the grade II listed Roman Catholic Cathedral of St Mary, proportionate to both the importance of the asset and the likely impacts. This assessment is undertaken on the basis of published information, Archival research and on-site visual survey. It culminates in an assessment of the impact of the Proposed Development on the significance of the listed building, in light of the statutory duties and national and local policy.

Screen shot of British Listed Buildings



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2. Assessment of Significance

History

Built in 1857 at the expense of Richard Thompson, iron master and colliery owner, to designs of E. W. Pugin. Designated the Pro-Cathedral of the diocese of Menevia in 1907.

Exterior

Coursed and squared stone with slate roofs. Tower and spire to (liturgical) SW, nave with 2 lean-to aisles, clerestory and lower chancel. Additional aisle and side chapel to north. Late C13 style. West doorway in steep archway with shafts and hood mould, flanked by steep pinnacled niches. 5-light window above. 2-light windows in west walls of aisles, which are divided into 4 bays by buttresses, with 2-light geometrical traceried windows beneath angled hood moulds. Rose windows as clerestory lights. SW tower and spire, with steep trefoiled window in base of tower, lancet in upper stage, and paired bell-chamber lights. Brooch spire with lucarnes and projecting bands. Massive trefoiled east window in chancel, comprising rose window with a band of quatrefoil lights below.

Interior

Early English arcade of 4 bays, clustered shafts with fillets, and hood moulds which form trefoils between each arch. Gallery in western bay, carried on chamfered timber piers. Splayed clerestory lights, and stilted arches to aisle windows. Wagon roof with wall posts on corbels to principal trusses. Clustered shafts to deep moulded chancel arch. Painted figures of angles on gilded ground set in shallow panels over chancel arch. Paired narrow arches to lady chapel to north. Full-height eastern arch, containing window. Stained glass in aisle windows form a series of memorial windows, none are signed or dated, but their style is reminiscent of that of Kempe and Tower, and they are probably late C19-early C20. NW window possibly earlier, a neo-medieval style incorporating a mosaic of fragments. Memorial to Ellan Thompson, (d. 1854), in side chapel of outer north aisle: recumbant effigy on an arched panelled tomb-chest with low-reliefs..

Source: <https://britishlistedbuildings.co.uk/300001801-roman-catholic-cathedral-of-st-mary-offa#.XYn00-RYaUk>

Image of building



Grade: II

Date Listed: 31 January 1994

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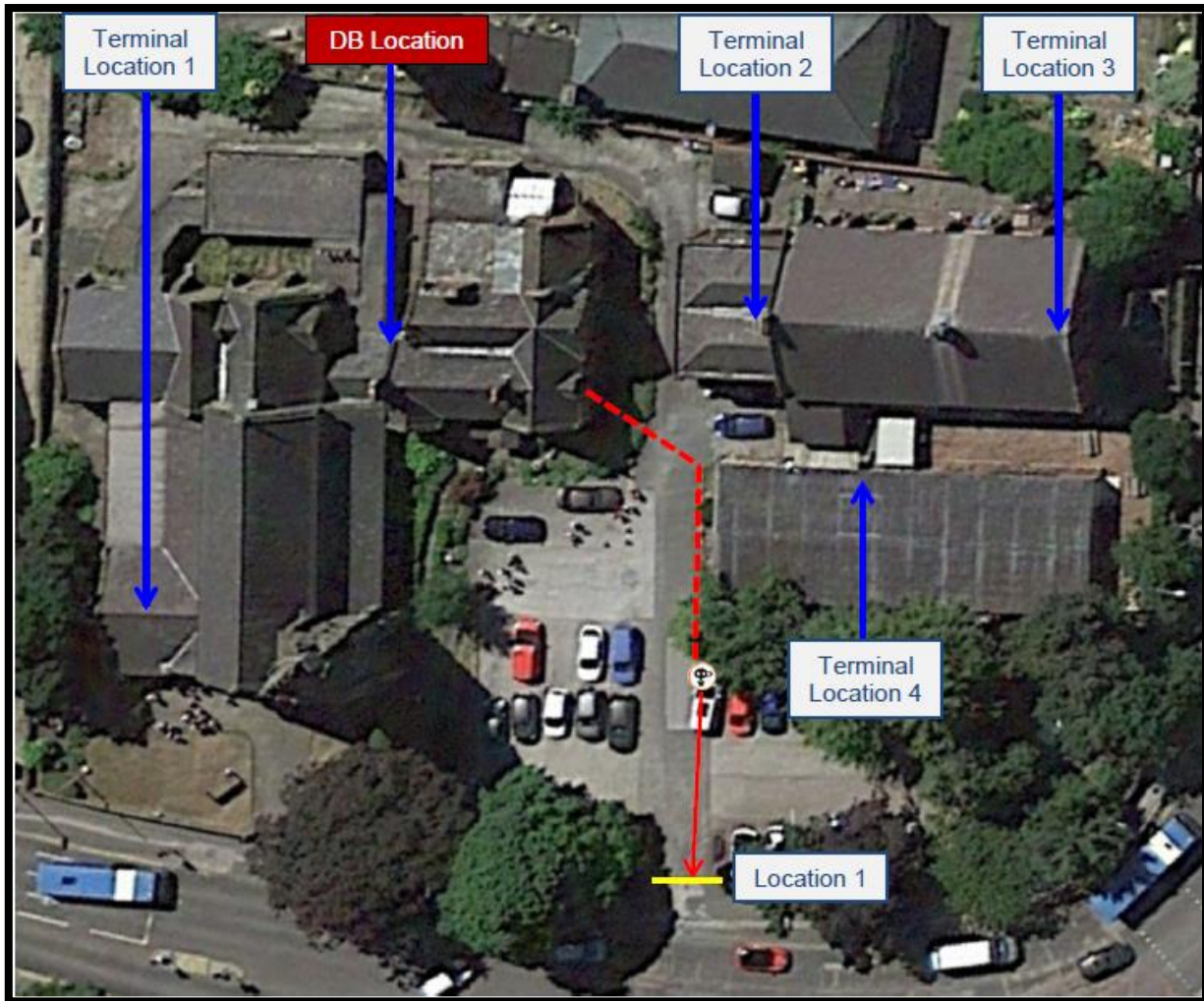
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3. Overview of Proposals and Planning Context

The proposed development involves the installation of an ANPR car park management system along with associated signage to prevent misuse of the car park. ANPR cameras are to be installed on new columns which will monitor the entrance and exit points of the car park and the associated signage is to be mounted on new & existing poles / lighting columns detailing the terms and conditions of using the car park.



KEY

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|---|-----------------------------|
| ANPR Camera | Wireless Subscriber |
| External Cabinet location | Main Wireless Base Station |
| Single sign on existing double poles | Payment Machine |
| Single sign on existing pole | Suggested new pole for sign |
| Double sign on existing pole | Wall mounted sign |
| Existing lighting column suitable for signage | ADSL Location |

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Car Park Signage Layout Plan



Key for Installation Locations

Icon	Definition
	Sign to be installed on existing pole
	Sign to be installed on new pole
	Sign to be installed on a wall
	Sign to be installed on existing double poles
	Sign to be installed on new double poles

Entrance & Exit



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4. Assessment of Impact

There is currently no system on site managing the car park. This lack of system is open to misuse due to the motorists abusing the car park. This means that spaces are not always available for people using the cathedral and therefore the amenities that this building provides.

Location 1



It is proposed to sensitively install the associated equipment on the site in a way that would limit the impact on the character and appearance of the building. Signage is to be installed on the perimeter of the site on existing fencing where possible to reduce the need to install new infrastructure which may impact on the character of the area.

As the majority of the equipment and infrastructure is to be installed on new columns, the impact on the buildings character will be limited as the main aesthetics are associated with the building frontage.

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Location 1



Showing Column Protector



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5. Conclusion

The proposals adopt a sensitive approach to the listed building and are based on an appreciation of the significance of this designated heritage asset. The development aims to increase the amount of visitors to the asset by discouraging people from parking in the car park who are not visiting the building itself.

The required infrastructure is minor in nature and as such, will not alter the special interest or significance of the building.

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