

## Consultation Summer 2011

### 1. Are All Saints concreting over the graves?

NO. It is not the intention to pour mass concrete over the area of the affected graves. Construction will be by the formation of a suspended floor supported over the graves

This affords NO disturbance of the graves under the Rotunda. A plaque, wall engravings or another appropriate act of remembrance will be commissioned in memory of the people buried under the Rotunda.

Further any displaced headstones will be re-erected adjacent to the churchyard boundary wall at the nearest available point

### 2. How many graves will be affected?

Although no graves are to be disturbed there are 87 graves under the Rotunda development and they are planned to be commemorated in 'act of remembrance'. Of these 87 graves there are 25 of ancient origin for which there are no records

### 3. Why do we show 'no compassion' for the relatives who have people buried or ashes interned in the area which will be under the Rotunda?

The first concern for the Development Group was to avoid any exhumations and not to disturb the graves if at all possible. This was achieved by imaginative engineering design. It was accepted as an appropriate way forward, despite the extra cost of construction.

### 4. Has the church only done the minimum legal consultation?

No. Consultation has been extensive and has involved:

- Congregational Meetings
- Public Meetings
- Special display's during Heritage Weekend and at a one off special archeology event weekend held in the graveyard and church
- Public notices and drawings were displayed on the outside of the main doors in to church, inside of the church itself and on the main church notice boards.  
Note: the church notice board is located on Score Lane opposite the Childwall Abbey public house
- Letters were sent to the last known addresses in the church registers relating to the graves affected.

- Articles in the Church's newsletter Contact, which is delivered to **EVERY HOME** in the parish every other month.
- Statutory notices in the Liverpool Daily Post on two consecutive mornings
- Plans published on the Website links Videos on YouTube

5. Why were there no notices about the Rotunda extension displayed outside the church?

See question 5. As part of the consultation, notices were displayed.

6. The architect's drawings are not to the correct scale giving the impression the Rotunda is smaller than it is. Is this the case?

The architects are professionally qualified and as such would not mislead the public or the planning committee in this or any other way.

7. What will be the primary purpose of the Rotunda?

The rotunda will be a 'Welcoming' space for congregation members and visitors. It will have two small secure meeting rooms. It will provide fit for purpose access for the disabled and children in prams. This alleviates the congested access problems during busy services around the area of the existing porch and affords the opportunity for people who are currently staying away from church the opportunity to visit. The Welcoming space will also incorporate toilets and refreshment facilities

The Rotunda offers opportunities to:

- Allow '21<sup>st</sup> century clutter' to be relocated from the back of church
- Restoration of the back of church and the Salisbury Chapel
- Environmental improvements around efficient heating maintaining a more consistent temperature for historical artifacts
- Educational opportunities for visitors, children and adults at events outside normal services
- Provide secure accommodation for clergy during Vestry hour along with protection of the artifacts within the Church itself.

Vestry hour is held weekly and requires a voluntary security presence. At the time of Vestry hour the Church Hall is fully utilised providing much needed Children's and Young People's activities.

8. The rotunda build is a third the size of the church. Is this the case?

This is NOT the case. The rotunda measures some 122 square meters and the existing church is some 500 square meters. The rotunda is therefore less than a 1/4 of the size of the church (just over 24%).

9. Why can't All Saints hold more services to alleviate the numbers in church?

We already have three services each Sunday and four services on every other Sunday during term times at Hope University.

10. Why can't tea & Coffee be served in the church as is at present?

Refreshments are regularly served after the Sunday Evening Service and also following Thursday Morning Communion. At these times the Church Hall is utilised with Children and Youth Activities. These congregations tend to be elderly and those assisting with refreshment preparation are of a similar age. There are health and safety aspects of:

- Negotiating steps,
- Disposing of waste down outside grids
- The positioning of stand alone hot water urns/kettles,
- The filling of the urns from a tap in the wall which is provided for flower arranging
- Blocking of access at the back of church
- No washing up facilities

Refreshment is only one of many reasons for the Rotunda. The provision of hospitality, however, for our church family as well as visitors to All Saints is a high priority of the church, along with the safety of those people who provide this valuable ministry

11. The church is extending the Church Hall why do we need to build the Rotunda extension?

As described previously activities in the Church and Church Hall occur at the same times. With the increased community activity afforded by the expansion of the hall, we envisage greater use of the church by our church family leaving the hall free for community use.

12. Why can't the church build on the blood Stained Acre instead?

The requirement is a 'Welcoming Space' when entering church. This would be impossible if 'new' build was undertaken on the Blood Stain Acre.

The church sees little or no advantage in this proposal as there would in any event need to be a 'connecting walkway' across the existing graves. This would not be appropriate as amongst other things; this would totally separate the top of the graveyard from the bottom. Limiting full access around the church. The roof height of the walk way would be at the same height of the Rotunda.

13. The Rotunda will obscure the view of the Abbey Pub 'turrets' if people are looking up from the bottom of the graveyard. Is this the case?

No, if you stand in the pub car park adjacent to the Hearse House and view the bottom of the stained glass window where the Rotunda would connect with the church this level is the roof height of the Rotunda. You can therefore envisage how you can view the bottom of the churchyard over the roof of the rotunda and vice versa.

14. The cost of the Rotunda is lot of money.

All Saints is committed to a building that does not compete with the beauty of the existing church but at the same remains sensitive to the need to utilize matching materials. The cost of such materials so that it is in keeping with the present church i.e. use of natural sandstone for the walls, will add costs.

All Saints is also committed to previous generations who have used the church and included as an additional cost, the imaginative design of the Rotunda floor avoiding the disturbance of any graves.

15. Why can't this money be better spent on other churches initiatives?

All Saints has decided that as part of it's ministry & mission to the community of Childwall it wishes to provide 'Access for All' and be "open for All". This facility is essential for the furtherance of its work in Childwall.