

**Royal Free Hospital – Pears Building**  
**Draft Heritage Benefits Note**  
22 January 2015

This note sets out the potential heritage benefits that the planning application for the Pears Building can provide, in addition to the substantial public benefits it is delivering. It has been drafted following a meeting held with LB Camden and English Heritage in order to define the benefits that the applicant (The Royal Free Charity) can agree to and the mechanism for securing them.

It is agreed that a monetary contribution towards the Church or physical works to the Church would not be an appropriate heritage benefit in this case. The heritage benefits will focus on establishing a framework for greater use of the Church by the Institute and Hospital, to build awareness of its history and role in the local community, and to strengthen the relationship between all parties to the benefit of both.

As the exact nature of the use of the Church cannot be defined at this time it is proposed that matters will be dealt with through the S.106 agreement.

The Church is currently used by Hampstead Hill School for classrooms and a playground during the day, up to 18.00hrs. This limits the ability of the applicant to use this space for meetings and events.

The applicant proposes to use reasonable endeavours to encourage the use of the Church for functions and meetings within the context of the existing use of the Church as an extension of the school. A S.106 obligation is proposed to that effect.

The applicant will nominate a project officer within the applicant team who will be responsible for liaising with a nominated representative of the Trustees of the Church and promoting its use within the hospital as part of their job description. A S.106 obligation is proposed to that effect.

The applicant proposes to prepare and submit a Promotional Plan for agreement with the Council as an obligation within the S.106 agreement prior to occupation of the building. This Promotional Plan will set out the methods by which the applicant will build a partnership between parties that will encourage use of the Church by the hospital and build awareness of its history and importance

It will seek to build awareness of the Church as a venue for events and meetings within the hospital and Institute. It is anticipated that this will strengthen the finances of the Church. For example this would include putting a link to the Church's bookings website on the hospital and Institute intranets, making historical information available on those intranets and identifying the liaison project officer.

It will also seek to build, strengthen and maintain a partnership between the applicant and the Church. This will promote awareness of the history of the Church within the Institute and hospital by encouraging interest amongst staff. This could include promotion of heritage open days at the Church on internal intranet sites and news bulletins.

The proposed heads of terms for the S.106 obligations are therefore:

- To use reasonable endeavours to encourage use of the Church for meetings and events by the Institute and hospital where appropriate and where this cannot be accommodated within the Institute or hospital.
- To use reasonable endeavours to agree a schedule of hire costs for St Stephens that are competitive with other local venues
- To nominate a project officer to oversee and facilitate liaison with a nominated representative of the Trustees of St Stephen's Church.
- To submit a Promotional Plan for agreement with the Council prior to occupation that demonstrates how the hospital will encourage use of the Church and build awareness of its history and importance.