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Dear Mr Haslar

St John the Baptist, Aldenham
Boiler

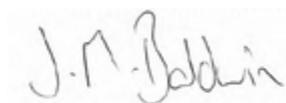
I am pleased to inform you that the Chancellor has granted the Faculty, which I now enclose. I would draw your attention to the conditions on the reverse.

Also enclosed is a Certificate of Completion, which should be returned to the Registry once the works have been completed.

In granting the Faculty the Chancellor writes:

As to the question of whether it is appropriate to permit the installation of a gas fired boiler in the context of an ambitious carbon neutrality target and given the government's intended ban on gas boilers within the next 3 years, this is plainly a difficult question. However in this case I am satisfied that the parish has given the question very careful thought and has arrived at its decision via a review of many different options and as a result of expert advice (including from the specialist DAC advisor). Its decision making is in part influenced by the grade I listing and its anticipation that some green energy alternatives may be difficult or impossible to introduce as a result of their impact on the significance of the building. I am also greatly reassured by the fact that the new gas boiler will be capable of being converted to H2 (Hydrogen) as it becomes available and that the sensitivity of controls for the new boiler will be much more manageable resulting in reduced energy wastage, as well as the expressed intention of the petitioners to put further funding towards its green energy aims and to keep under constant review the question of future further changes with a view to achieving the most appropriate and environmentally supportive heating solutions.

Yours sincerely



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