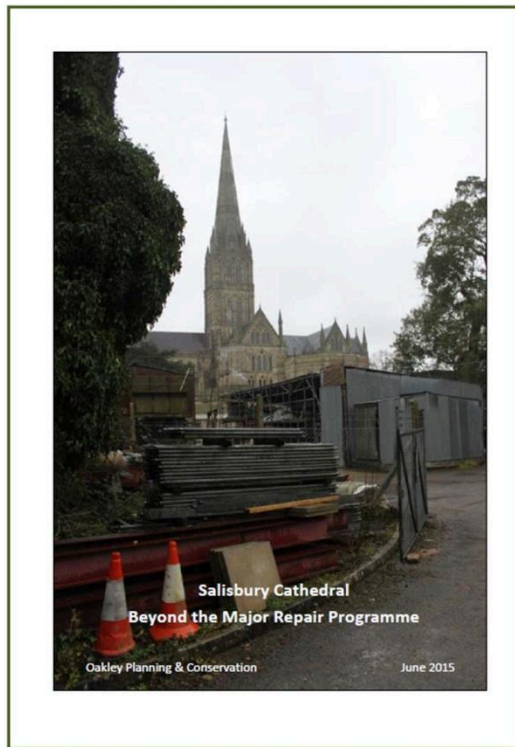


**THE SALISBURY CATHEDRAL
CLOSE PRESERVATION SOCIETY
AND
SALISBURY CATHEDRAL'S 2015
'MASTER PLAN'**

‘BEYOND THE MAJOR REPAIR PROGRAMME: OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE’



**Issued in June 2015,
inviting comments. SCCPS
responded in November**

**Document was not a
comprehensive plan for
The Close but a series of
eight projects; how did
your committee respond?**

1. OPEN UP PUBLIC ACCESS TO GROUNDS SOUTH OF CATHEDRAL



SCCPS welcomed this, while recognising there would be difficulties because of the presence of school children. The views would not be those portrayed by Constable, however; the treescape now is very different

2.SUPPORT THE CATHEDRAL SCHOOL TO IMPROVE ITS FACILITIES



Proposal is for new classrooms and other facilities to the east of the Bishop's Palace

SCCPS doesn't oppose this!

3. IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN ENTRY TO THE CATHEDRAL



Suggestion is that the North Porch should be the main pedestrian access to the Cathedral.

SCCPS not convinced this is a viable proposition.

4. CREATE A PERMANENT HOME FOR MAGNA CARTA IN THE BISHOP'S PALACE



*Proposal is to relocate
Magna Carta to the
Bishop's Palace –
assuming that the School
moves out.*

**SCCPS not convinced –
Magna Carta is better in
Chapter House. If Palace
is available, better used
for library, archives,
meetings etc.**

5. REDUCE SIZE OF MASON'S YARD AND PUT AN EDUCATIONAL FACILITY THERE



Proposal is for a new, tidier, smaller workshop alongside an educational centre and song school

SCCPS agrees tidying up the yard is a top priority, unconvinced about educational facility. Strongly supports song school – but where is the best location?

6. CREATE A VISITOR CENTRE AT 32-33 THE CLOSE



Proposal is for a Visitor Centre as a 'first point of call' – information about all attractions in The Close

SCCPS unconvinced of the need for and viability of this: is the building big enough?

7. IMPROVE ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS



No clear proposals to improve access and movement

SCCPS presses Chapter to maintain its buildings on west side of entrance (now very run down) and continue to act to reduce traffic. Suggest shared-space for High St entrance (both sides of gate), with no kerbs

8. PROVIDE NEW CLERGY HOMES TO DEAR OF 20 THE CLOSE



Proposal is that current clergy homes not 'fit for purpose'. Those homes – and other properties – could be rented out and new homes built on vacant land in north of The Close.

SCCPS supports that plan, recognising access difficulties

AND A NUMBER 9?!

Set out in the plan document but not one of the eight projects on which comment invited in the accompanying leaflet.

There is no suitable auditorium (up to 200 people) for the School or Cathedral – no site proposed

SCCPS not convinced of the need: to be viable it would have to be extensively used, with major traffic implications

OUR RESPONSE IN BRIEF (AND ORDER OF PRIORITY)

- 1. Refurbish properties opposite Matrons' College, but no commercial usage there**
- 2. Shared space through High St gate**
- 3. Case for auditorium not made**
- 4. Case for visitor centre not made**
- 5. Bishop's Palace not suitable for Magna Carta**
- 6. Support new facilities for School east of the Palace**

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- 7. Support visually-attractive works yard**
- 8. Heavy-duty activities and storage should be outside The Close**
- 9. Support song school (south of cloisters)**
- 10. Support new accommodation for clergy**
- 11. Magna Carta, shop, refectory and library should remain where they now are**
- 12. In all developments quality of design and execution should be paramount.**

AND

In the past the Dean and others have made clear commitments *to protect the residential character of The Close and, in particular, to prevent any further commercialisation.*

We would welcome restatement of this commitment as one of the principles underpinning the 'Plan' in the Dean's Foreword.

