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To The Incumbent and PCC Lay Chairman

Thank you for hosting the visit to St Mary's Churchyard by representatives from the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) - the committee that advises the Diocesan Chancellor on the suitability of faculty (planning) applications.

It was a helpful and informative discussion with representatives of the Church Councils and the Town Council. DAC Members considered the feasibility of the scheme you had commissioned for an alternative footpath from St Mary's Church to Lily Wood and are very grateful for the clarity of the scheme and the opportunity to visit the site.

While there is an understanding that the option shared is the only viable alternative footpath scheme whilst the Brow is closed, Members concluded unanimously that any short term benefit from installing such a temporary path, would be far outweighed by the disruption to the fundamental mission of the church. Not only is the graveyard in current use for burials, but there are also many recent burials in the area. Such a place has a necessary peace and tranquillity which would not be compatible with a busy public footpath.

Representatives of the DAC concluded that it would not be acceptable to put such a path through the graveyard and therefore, accordingly, would not be able to recommend acceptance of the scheme to the Diocesan Chancellor.

The Rt Hon Vernon Ross - Archdeacon for
Westmorland and Furness

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