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## **Institute of Historic Building Conservation response to Consultation on Church of England Faculty Jurisdiction Rules 2015**

### **The survey questionnaire**

1. What is your role? **National Role**
2. What is your diocese? **Covers all Dioceses**
3. Have you used the Online Faculty System in the last 12 months? **Yes**
4. Have you done anything on List A to your church buildings? **Yes**
5. Have you done anything on List B to your church buildings? **Yes**

Questions in this section refer to List A. Further information on List A can be found [here](#).

6. Are there any items, not on the lists, you would like to see added to List A? **Yes**
7. What would they be?

**The caveat in the specified condition applied to A8(1) "The works do not relate to any tree in respect of which a tree preservation order is in force or which is in a conservation area" should also be applied to A8(2)**

8. Are there any matters that you would like to see moved from List B to List A? **No**
9. What would they be? **Some DAC Secretaries do not accept that many of the List A items MAY be carried out without any further consultation--and pass them on to Archdeacons as if they were List B, when they are clearly identified in List A--particularly A 1(1). Whilst this is quite clear it may be that further training or review of the policy in each Diocese may be needed to ensure the system functions as intended**

Questions in this section refer to List B. Further information on List B can be found [here](#)

10. Are there any matters you would like to see added to List B? **Yes**
11. What would they be? **The introduction of anti-roosting spikes should be moved from List A to list B and a condition specified that they should be referred to the Local Authority. Anti roost spikes can in certain cases, in visible locations or if in enough numbers, have a significantly detrimental affect on the appearance of church buildings and may even in some instances require planning permission.**
12. Diocesan Chancellors are able to make Additional Matters Orders to add matters to List B in their diocese. If you are answering for a diocese do you know if there are any Additional Matters Orders in place in your diocese? **Not in any Diocese known to our respondents**
13. If yes, briefly describe below.
14. Do you think that these items should be added to List B nationally? **Not sure**
15. For ease of reference the rules can be found [here](#). Are there any Rules that you find unclear? **No**
16. If yes, briefly describe below.

17. Please use the comment box provided below to give suggestions on how we could improve clarity.

18. If there is anything else you would like to tell us please use the comment box below

Certain works might beneficially add a notification to the Local Authority  
For example: The introduction of benches in a churchyard – may affect a conservation area or the setting of other listed buildings and become less minor than it might appear when considered as part of the wider historic environment or may conflict with proposals for street furniture nearby.

9 (Roof Repairs) should be broken down into two areas. Very minor roof repairs (such as replacing slipped slates) should remain on the Lists whilst major roof repairs should be made subject of the full Faculty procedures.