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St John The Baptist, Purbrook.

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This Heritage, Design and Access Statement is written in support of a Planning application to amend the path through the graveyard.

- 1 Location** St John's Church lies to the west of the village of Purbrook and comes under the Borough of Havant. The church is located to the west side of London Road (A3) running north south.
- 2 Description and status of the church building** The church is Listed grade II and lies within the local Conservation Area.

Listing description:

Parish church. 1843, by J. P. Harrison. A vernacular 'Early English' style building. Nave of 3 bays with a south aisle, chancel, south porch, and south-west tower. Tile roof: walling of coarse flints with stone dressings, diagonal buttresses. Some plate, some geometrical tracery. Tower of 2 stages.

Listing NGR: SP6730208021
- 3 Reason for the Planning application** The existing path has started to subside in places and requires maintenance. The church council has chosen to take this opportunity to replace part of the path and to amend the route of a section to the west of the church.



South elevation showing the path that is being retained. The new path is to match this path in colour and texture except for the lines of 'crazy paving' that have been scribed into the cast concrete.

4 Proposal

The existing path will be removed. The gradient of the path will be eased so that the steps can be removed. The path will be constructed in two metre long bays set flush with the grass edge. The cast concrete path will have a washed shingle tamped into the surface to match the finish of the path at the front of the church.



Existing path finish to be matched.



A ramp will replace the existing steps



The individual slabs will be replaced with a continuous path to improved disabled access.

**5 Access
Proposals**

The proposals will improve disabled access from the car park to the church door. The removal of steps will improve access to the graveyard.

6 Conclusion

The path works will greatly improved access for all.