

The Parish Church of All Hallows, Almondbury

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Shed

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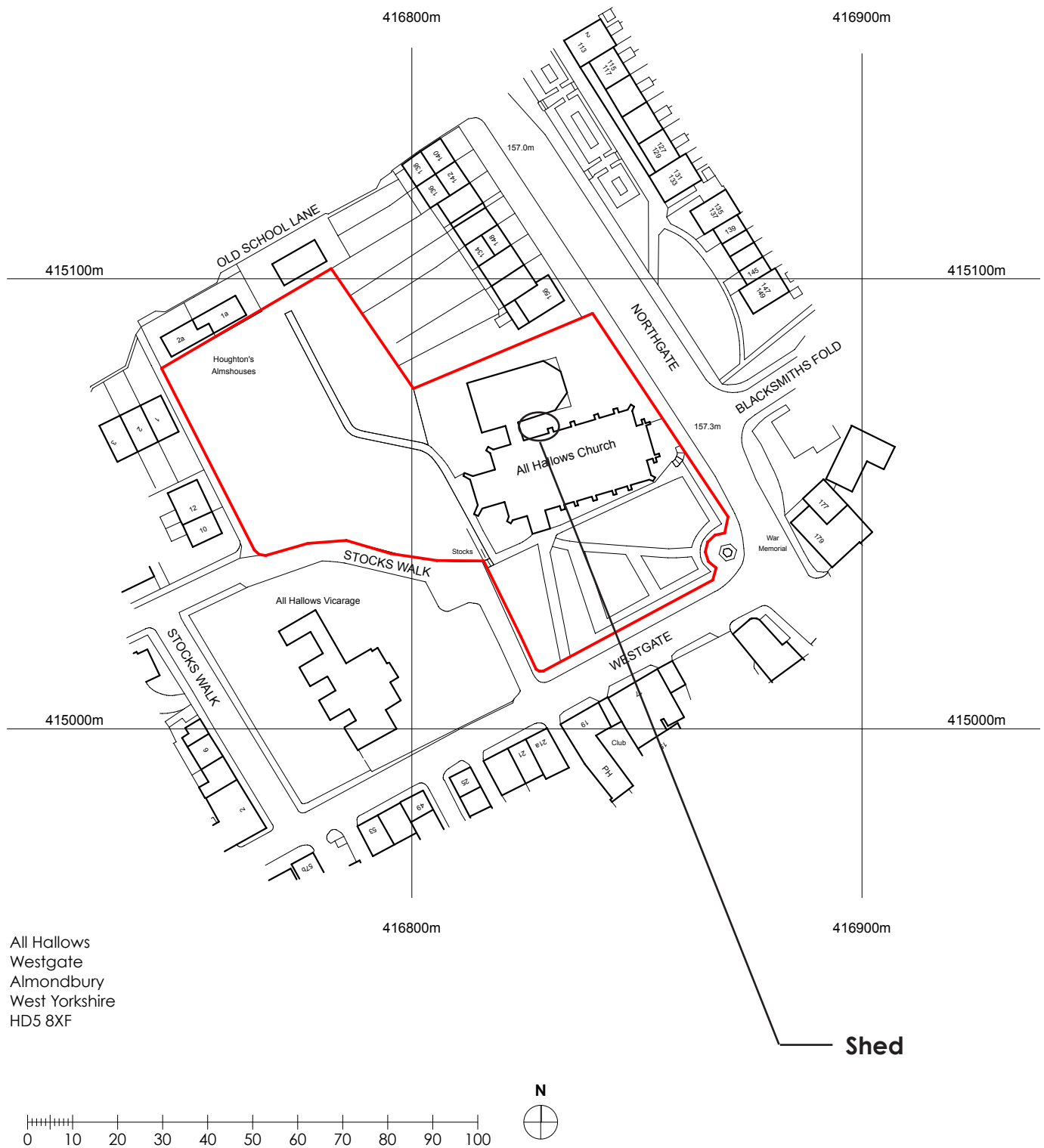
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Location Plan



Introduction & General Information

The Grade 1 listed church of All Hallows sits in its own (raised) grounds, in the centre of Almondbury. Dating from the 13th century, it includes a fine Tudor ceiling, but was much altered and remodelled in 1872. In 1990, new buildings housing a large hall, meeting room, kitchen and toilets were added to the north side. Separate Grade II listings are given to the church walls, stocks, gates and piers. The Churchyard is 'closed' and in the care of Kirklees Council.

Calls Architecture Ltd are acting as agents to the Parochial Church Council for this retrospective planning application. Permission is sought for the installation of a concrete shed in the church grounds, as conceived, designed and installed by others.

The proposals will need Faculty approval from the Diocese as well as Planning Consent. The shed is free-standing and not attached to the listed structure; as a result our understanding is that listed building consent will not also be required (as per the adjacent fence planning application in 2016).

What does the church need?

A petrol lawnmower is kept by the church and suitably robust, fireproof storage is required outside of the existing buildings. Whilst the churchyard is in the care of Kirklees Council, some areas of lawn are more regularly cared for by the wardens in order to keep the church as an attractive and closely cared for community facility.

The Proposals

The shed measures 1.4m x 1.8m and is a steel reinforced concrete panel shed with an aggregate finish and steel door. The east elevation has been painted in a shade to match the stonework of the 1990 hall. The roof is of galvanised steel with treated cedar fascias. One laid-flat path gravestones has been repositioned to accommodate the concrete shed base. The shed does not impede maintenance access to the church buildings or drainage.

Why do you need it and why do you need it now?

The lawnmower has until recently been stored in the Vicarage garage. We understand that this garage is no longer available and the church requires it's own grounds maintenance storage facility. The need for the accommodation to be fireproof and outside of the building has necessitated the installation.

Justification and Impact

The shed is located in the unused area of land between the original church and the 1990 church hall building. A security fence between the buildings was approved and installed in 2016. The shed is screened by the fence, with climbing vegetation now planted to screen the area. The overall visual impact is therefore limited and the public benefit (i.e. closely maintained lawns) and limited alternative options for suitable lawnmower accommodation are considered to justify the proposals.



Shed in context, from the Church yard.

Survey Photos / Notes



Shed as seen from Northgate, behind the fence



Screen planting recently added along the fence to enhance the setting

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East elevation photo



West elevation photo



Roof Photo (from the aisle parapet)