The new Faculty Jurisdiction Rules have come into force. The new legislation will see a change in how new applications submitted from the 1st April onwards will be processed.

As part of these new rules, a number of works have been added to the List A (where permission is not required) and List B items (where archdeacon consent is required). Part of the legal changes will see a period of formal consultation (42 days) prior to the Notification of Advice being given by the Diocesan Advisory Committee, and steps have been added to allow for this.

To enable a more systematic approach to the Faculty process under the new legislation, large changes have also been made to how cases are submitted and processed throughout the life of the application. These changes include each new case being treated as an informal application, and then the slow release of the necessary forms up to the point of a formal application to the Diocesan Registrar. These will allow for the DAC Team to review each application and help each parish, and to allow for those statutory bodies to provide their responses in a more informed manner.

Any ongoing faculty application under the 2015 legislation will remain in place, and no changes will be provided to those ongoing cases.

Further details of the faculty changes and a copy of the new legislation can be viewed on the DAC web page, https://www.salisbury.anglican.org/parishes/dac. If you have any questions please do contact the DAC team at DAC@salisbury.anglican.org.

The text of the new rules is here and updated guidance for parishes on the new rules is here.