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Dear Mr Dowd

CHIPPING CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, CLUB LANE, CHIPPING, LANCASHIRE, PR3 2QH

I refer to your letter of 28 March 2013, reference CONEH/3/2013/0232, consulting English Heritage on this application for removal of the pews and relocation of the pulpit in this Congregational church.

Reference is made in the *Design and Access Statement* to information contained in a heritage statement which justifies alterations to the pulpit in addition to its relocation. The supporting documentation for the application does not appear to include this heritage statement. In its absence, whilst English Heritage has no objection in principle to the proposals, we recommend that the pulpit should not be shortened but retain its existing elevation in the proposed new location.

Yours sincerely

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