

# EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR MEANWHILE USE

## South Ealing Cemetery Chapels

**London Historic Buildings Trust (LHBT) are working with Ealing Council to develop an urgent repair and temporary-use project at the South Ealing Cemetery Chapels. These buildings are an exceptional heritage asset, and we are trying to identify any organisations or individuals that might have an interest in using and maintaining them on a temporary basis (est. up to 5 years), once the basic repairs and upgrades are completed.**

### **Background**

The Chapels are Grade II and were completed in 1861. They have ceased operating as Chapels and are now in a poor state of repair. Ealing Council owns the site and cemetery and is working towards finding a socially beneficial reuse.

### **The Site**

The site is comprised of two former-chapels connected by a porte-cochere, with some small ancillary spaces adjoining. The site is located roughly 100ft from the entrance to the Cemetery on South Ealing Road, and just a 7min walk from South Ealing Tube Station.



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### Urgent Repairs Project

The project team are now scoping a package of urgent repairs that will see the buildings secured, wind and watertight. Installation and upgrades of basic amenities such as power and drainage will also be incorporated into the scheme. The buildings will be safe and useable, but only for a very simple use.

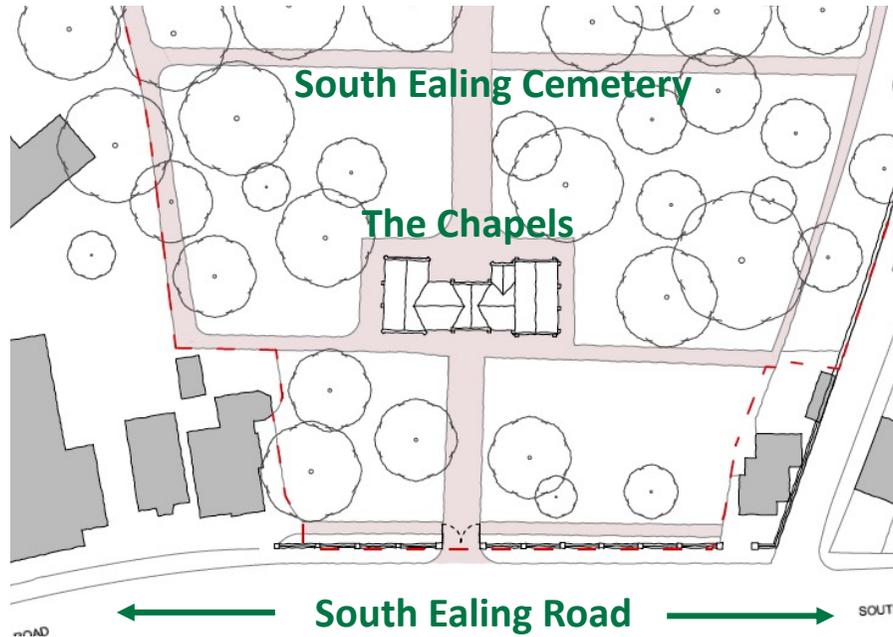
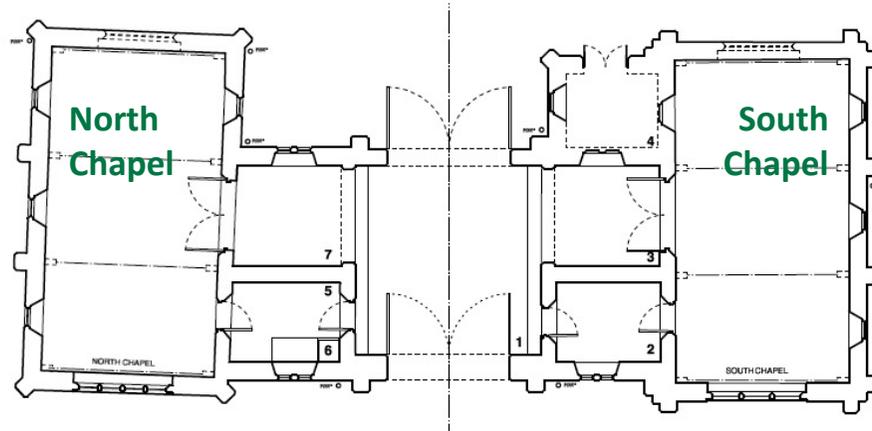
The intention is for the Chapels to be used on a temporary basis whilst plans and funding for a long-term repair project can be developed and secured.

### Possible Temporary Uses

The site and intended repairs lends the Chapels to a variety of uses. For example:

- Artist studios
- Workshop space
- Exhibition space
- Community meeting space

The Chapels will need to be maintained in order to prevent them falling back into disrepair. Ideally, we would like to identify a user that could embrace that caretaker role.

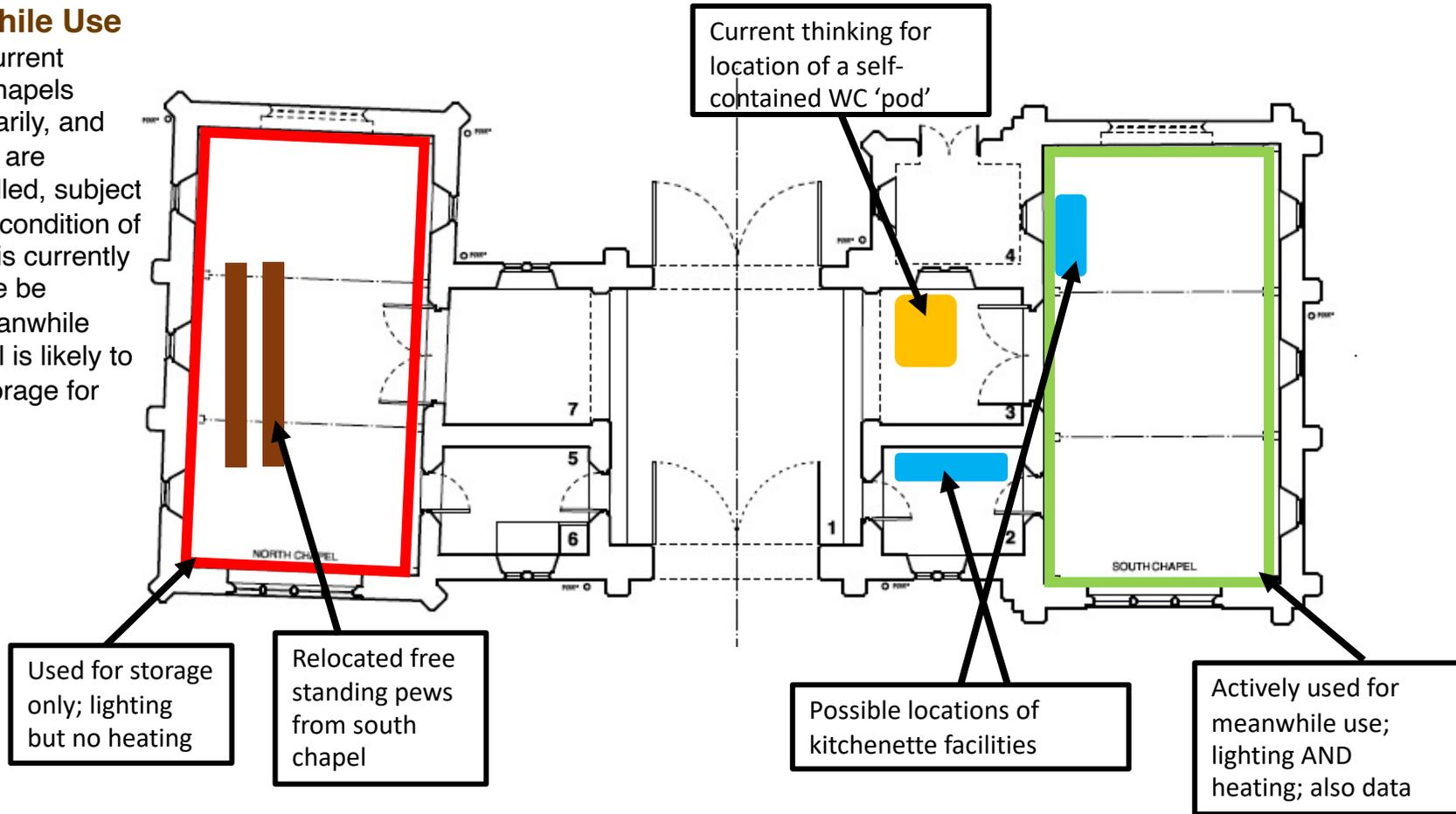


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### Proposed Facilities and Set Up for Meanwhile Use

This sketch outlines current thinking on how the Chapels might be used temporarily, and the basic facilities that are anticipated to be installed, subject to funding. Due to the condition of one of the Chapels, it is currently proposed that only one be actively used for a Meanwhile Use. The other Chapel is likely to only be suitable for storage for the time being.



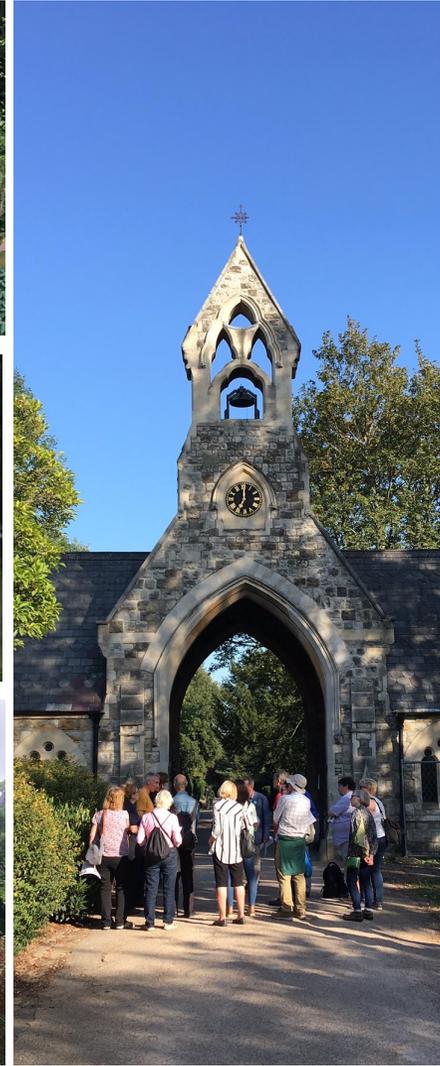
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### Request for Feedback

We would be grateful if you could let us know if you might be interested in using the building once it has been refurbished for a basic, meanwhile use. Please contact **Hannah Southgate** at [info@londonhistoricbuildings.org.uk](mailto:info@londonhistoricbuildings.org.uk) by **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July**, giving some information about the nature of you and your organisation, how you envisage you might use the buildings, and what size and type of space you would need, and any facilities.

Please also get in touch if you would like to discuss your ideas or the site in more detail.



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