

At the Court at Buckingham Palace

THE 11th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026

PRESENT,

THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY
IN COUNCIL

The Secretary of State for Justice, after giving ten days' notice of his intention to do so, has, under the Burial Act 1853 as amended, made representations to His Majesty in Council that, subject to the exceptions below, burials should be discontinued in:-

1) St Mary the Virgin Church Churchyard, Marston Moretyne, Bedfordshire (as shown hatched on the plan annexed hereto);

2) St Peter's Churchyard, Askham, Penrith, Cumbria (as shown hatched on the plan annexed hereto);

3) St Botolph's Church Churchyard, Skidbrooke, Louth, Lincolnshire (as shown hatched on the plan annexed hereto);

4) St John the Baptist Churchyard, Aston Ingham, Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire (as shown hatched on the plan annexed hereto).

The exceptions are that, in the places numbered 1, 2 and 3 above:-

(a) in any vault or walled grave in the churchyard, burial may be allowed but every coffin in such vault or grave must be separately enclosed by stonework or brick work properly cemented;

(b) in any existing earthen grave in the churchyard, the burial may be allowed of the body of any member of the family of the person or persons previously buried in that grave, but no part of the coffin containing the body shall be less than one metre below the level of the surface of the ground adjoining the grave; and

(c) in any grave space in which no interment has previously taken place, the burial may be allowed of any person for whom, or any member of the family for which

that grave space has been reserved and appropriated, with the exclusive right of burial there, but no part of the coffin containing the body shall be less than one metre below the level of the surface of the ground adjoining the grave.

His Majesty in Council is pleased to give Notice of these representations and to order that they be taken into consideration by a Committee of the Privy Council on 23rd December 2026.

And His Majesty is further pleased to direct that this Order should be published in the London Gazette, and that copies of it should be fixed on the doors of the Churches or Chapels of the above mentioned places, or displayed conspicuously inside them, for one month before 23rd December 2026.

Richard Tilbrook, CVO

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Church Of St Mary The Virgin, Church Walk, Marston Moreteyne, Central Bedfordshire, MK43 0NF



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St. Peter's Church and Burial Grounds



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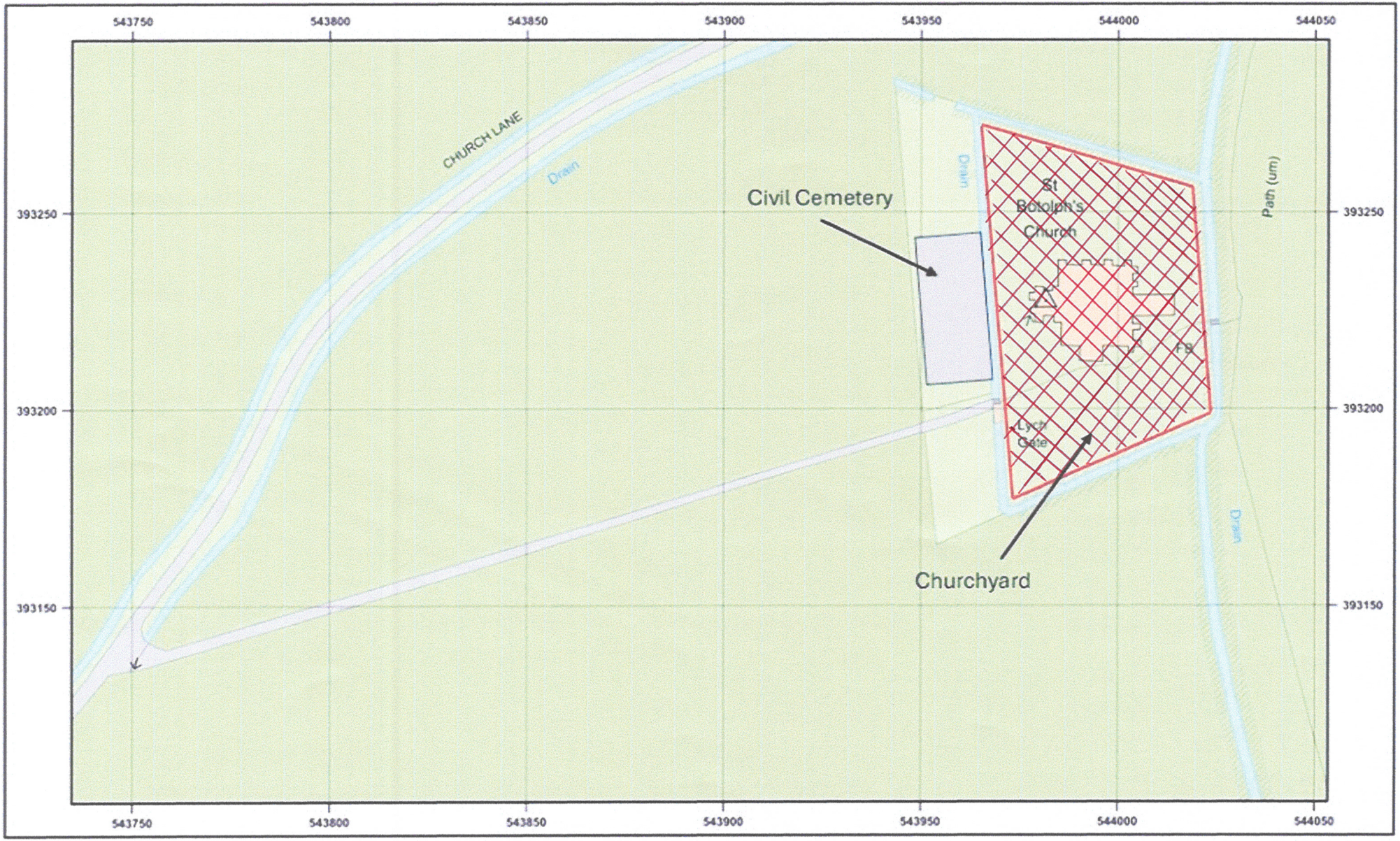

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