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Mr S Walker MA
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Dear Mr Walker

LOCAL LIST ADDITIONS & ARTICLE 4 DIRECTON PROPOSALS
ST ANTHONY AND OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

I write to you on behalf of the registered owners of the above property which is being proposed for addition to the Hull Local Heritage List.

We object to the proposal for the following reasons:

i. The church was part of the Taking Stock survey; an extensive review of all of our churches by Historic England (formerly English Heritage), several of which were subsequently nominated for Listing. St Anthony and Our Lady of Mercy Church was not one of those recommended for listing. Indeed, to quote from the review "Although a bold and interesting design, it is not exceptional by national standards and is considered to fall short of the standard required for listing."

ii. The lifespan of the church is very time limited. As per many other 1960s reinforced concrete structures, it was built with insufficient concrete cover on the reinforcing bars. As a consequence, the reinforcing bars are corroding and the concrete spalling. Whilst repairs can be made to an extent, the mechanism of the corrosion cannot be stopped and the structure will continue to deteriorate unseen. There may come a point in time that we need to be in a position to demolish the building quickly to prevent a structural collapse.

I enclose a sketch of the church highlighting the existing defective areas visible to the naked eye.

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Yours sincerely

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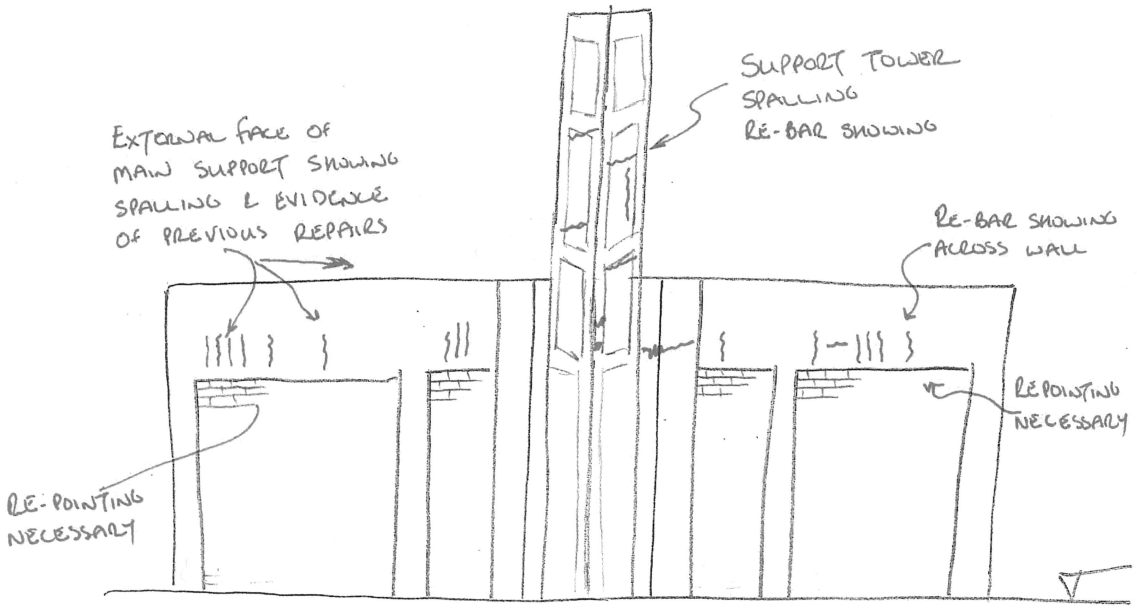
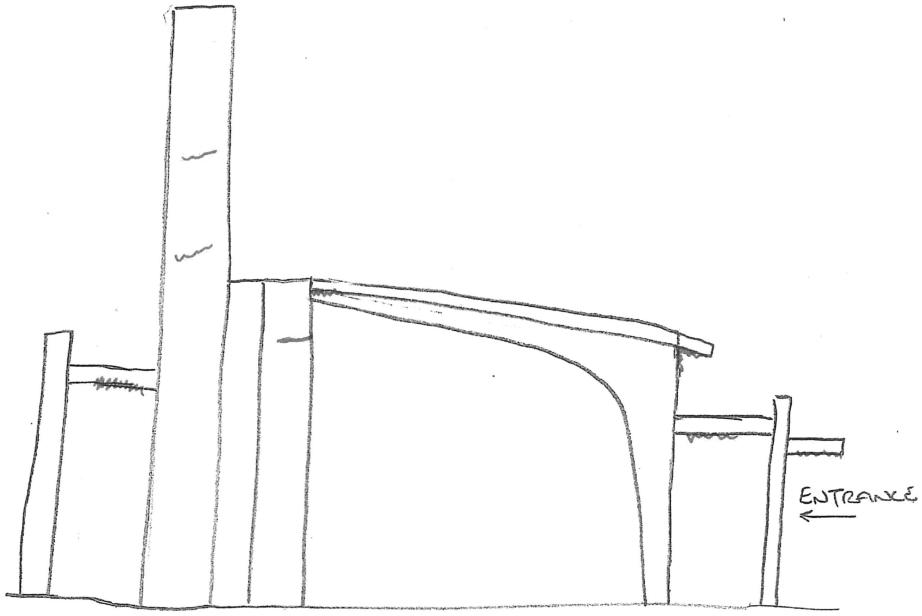
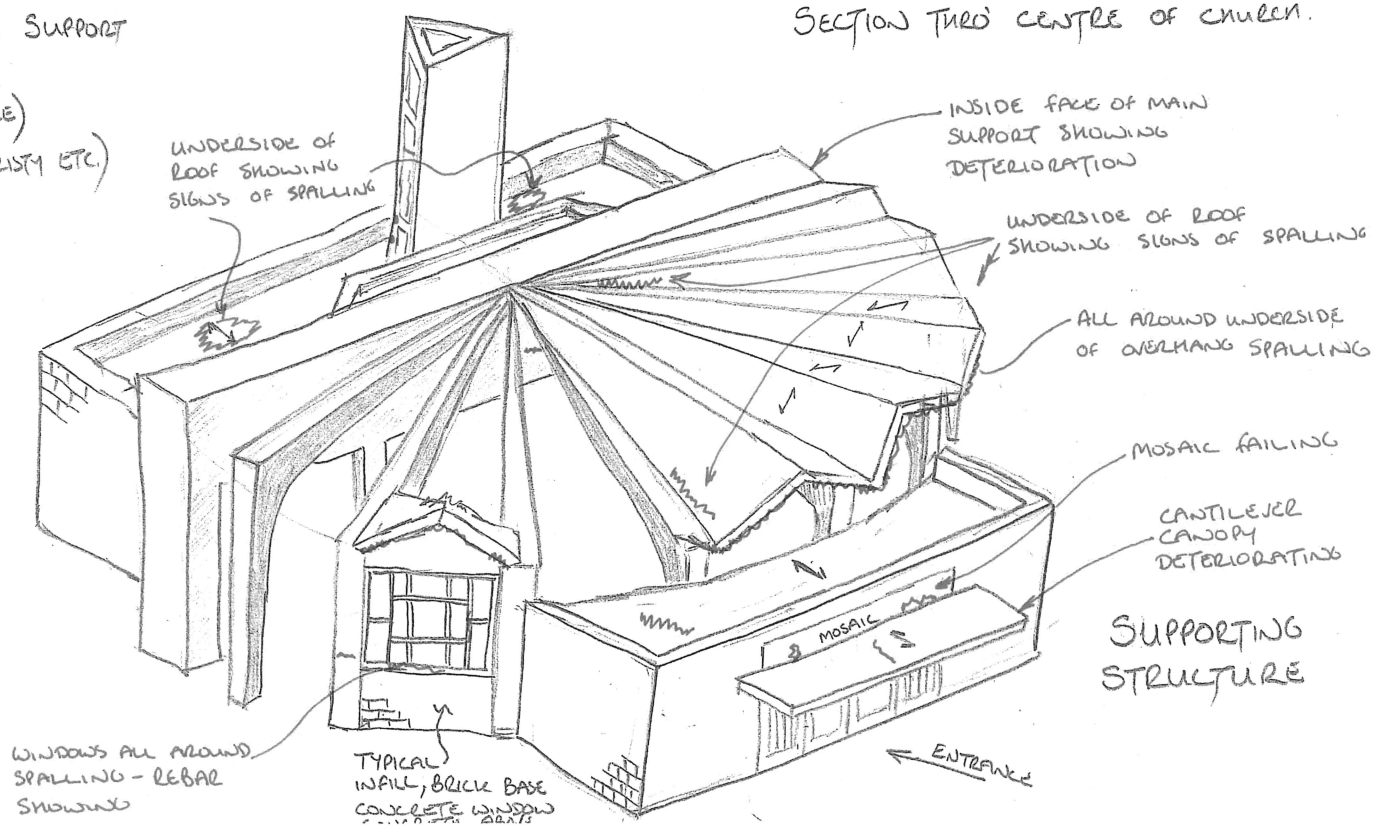


VIEW ON MAIN SUPPORT AT REAR (WEST FACE) (EXCLUDES SACRISTY ETC.)



SECTION THRO' CENTRE OF CHURCH.

ST ANTHONY & OUR LADY OF MERCY
LOCATIONS OF KNOWN/VISIBLE DEFECTS.



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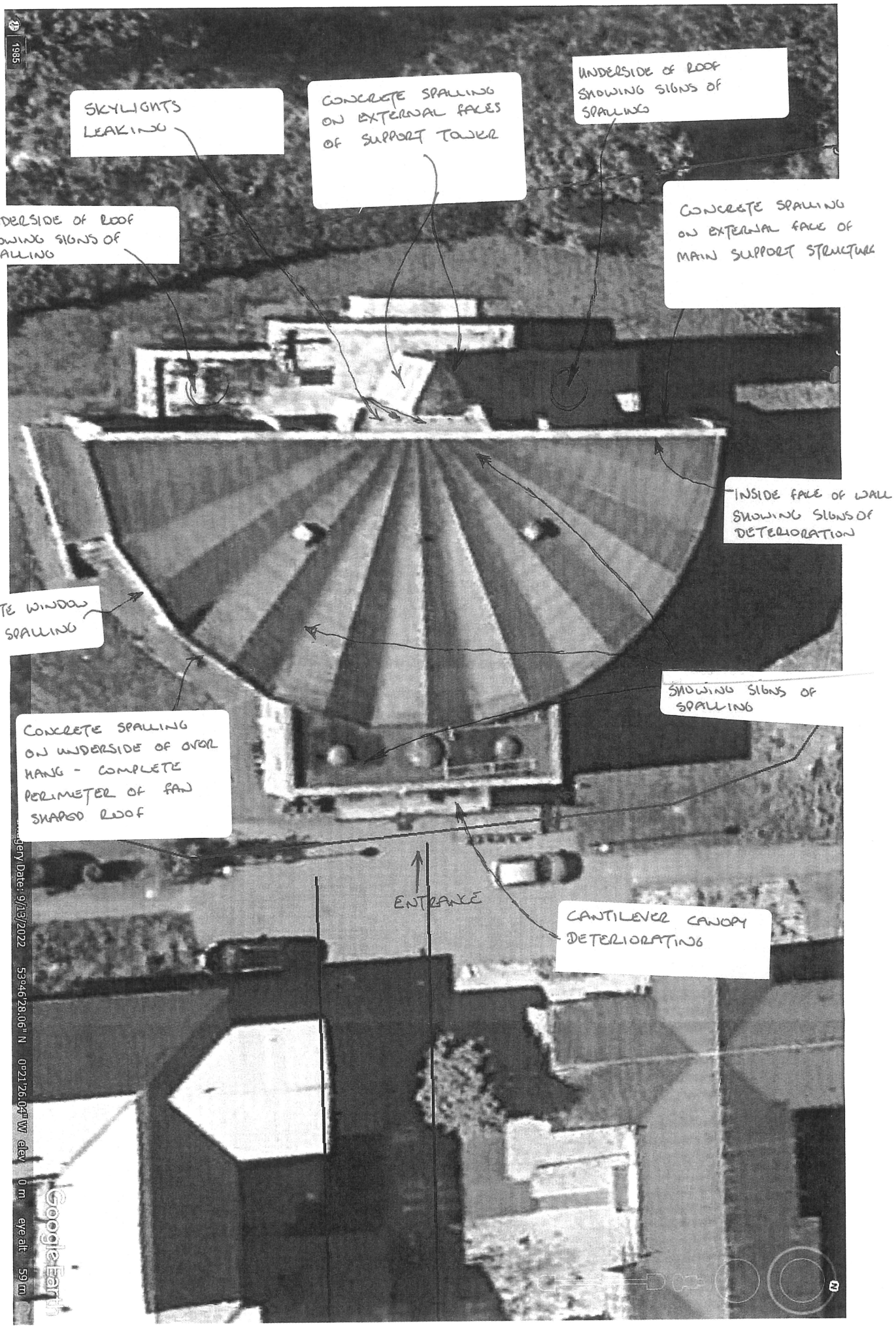
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SKYLIGHTS LEAKING
CONCRETE SPALLING ON EXTERNAL FACES OF SUPPORT TOWER
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CONCRETE SPALLING ON EXTERNAL FACE OF MAIN SUPPORT STRUCTURE
INSIDE FACE OF WALL SHOWING SIGNS OF DETERIORATION
CONCRETE WINDOW FRAMES SPALLING
SHOWING SIGNS OF SPALLING
CONCRETE SPALLING ON UNDERSIDE OF OVER HANG - COMPLETE PERIMETER OF FAN SHAPED ROOF
ENTRANCE
CANTILEVER CANOPY DETERIORATING
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