

## Statement of Significance

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### **Section 1: Brief history and description of the church building(s), contents, churchyard and setting**

Woburn is a rural parish

The building was commissioned by 8<sup>th</sup> Duke of Bedford and was completed in 1868. It was consecrated by The Bishop of Ely. It replaced the original parish church in the High Streert in Woburn

The church stands in Park Street on the edge of Woburn Village on the road to Woburn Deer Park and Woburn Abbey

### **Section 2: The significance of the church (including its contents and churchyard) in terms of:**

**i) Its special architectural and historical interest**

**ii) Any significant features of artistic or archaeological interest**

The building is Listed Grade II\*

### **Section 3: Assessment of the impact of the proposals on the significance defined in Section 2**

The proposals will have no impact on the significance.

## Statement of Needs

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### **Section 1. General information**

The church is the centre for worship in the parish, as well as being the largest church with the largest congregation in the Benefice. There are four morning services each month, and evensong on one Sunday. The church is very popular for weddings (18 in 2018). It is also the Sorting Centre for Samaritans Purse Op Christmas Child processing approx. 7,000 boxes each year and involving over 120 volunteers. It is regularly used for concerts and exhibitions.

### **Section 3. The proposals**

Installation of telephone cable and router.

### **Section 4. Why do you need it and why do you need it now?**

The PCC wants to provide broadband and internet connectivity to the church. New SMART heating controllers have been installed and the PCC wants to use the remote control features which are only available if Broadband service is present.

### **Section 5. Justification**

The proposals will not effect the significance

This will make control of the heating of the church more efficient.

It will also allow use of online resources for Sunday School and church services.