

Appendix A

Submission of Questions, Representations and Evidence Form

Questions, **representations and evidence** must be submitted in writing using the form provided **no later than 12 noon the day before the meeting** either by email to enquiries@saltash.gov.uk or sent to The Guildhall, 12 Lower Fore Street, Saltash PL12 6JX.

Name: Beverly Gordon	Date of submission: 1st October 2025
Are you attending the meeting in person to ask your question, please circle below: Yes or No I hope to attend the meeting, however if this is not possible then the question can be read out by the Town Clerk on my behalf	
If your question relates to a Planning or Licensing Application, please confirm the application number, name, address and whether you support or object: N/A	
Question: Write your question only, clearly and concisely, no person may submit more than one question, and no member of the public may speak for longer than 3 minutes. Will Council give consideration to looking into the location of the Civic Service of Remembrance in future years, and agree a consistent and fair policy, because at the moment none seems to exist?	

Representations and Evidence:

Add representations/evidence to support your question.

Many of us in the Saltash Community, especially parishioners of other Churches, including the two Established Churches, and Armed Services 'Veterans', are aware that the Wesley has over recent years been used exclusively for the Civic Service of Remembrance. We think that this is not right, as Saltash people of all faiths and denominations were among the 'Fallen'. On 1st August a flawed report was published on the Town Council's website with recommendations for Council. It contained many inaccuracies as seen by many of our community. When this was reported the document was taken down, and a compromise one posted. The compromise does not appear to be what some people understood to have been agreed. Some believe there will be two Civic Services, the morning one at St. Stephen's, and the afternoon at the Wesley. But this is not what was recorded, which is that a service will be held at St. Stephen's and the Civic Service of Remembrance will be held in the afternoon at the Wesley. The morning service is likely to be less well attended, as many watch the national Remembrance at the Cenotaph which is held at 11 a.m.

There is a regrettable lack of clarity about this subject. My research indicates that because of a lack of clear policy by the Council. Many residents recollect that there was once a rota system of Services and parades among the main Churches.

It doesn't appear that anything is recorded either in writing or electronically about this. I have looked into it. There definitely should be. The Wesley seems to have just inherited hosting the service year after year without any reference or resolution being made. This cannot be right. I believe it is wrong and unfair for any one Church (and I speak as a Methodist) to exclusively host such an important Service. Council needs, as a caring organisation, to consider that all of our faiths and denominations are properly represented in hosting our town's Civic Service of Remembrance. Many believe in our community that what has been allowed to happen, and the lack of a proper resolution, is unprofessional.