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**Church of St Peter and St Paul, Birch, in the Diocese of Chelmsford**

**Non-statutory public inquiry**, referred to the Secretary of State for Communities, Housing and Local Government under the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 and the Skelmersdale Agreement of 1986: Draft Pastoral (Church Buildings Disposal) Scheme, into the proposed demolition of the closed grade II listed Church of St Peter and St Paul, Birch, in the Diocese of Chelmsford.

**INQUIRY PROGRAMME** incorporating agreed dates

21 February 2018 Pre-inquiry meeting

28 February Council to submit statement

12 March CPT and CC to submit site plans

21 March CC to submit record of inspections and repairs

3 April Main parties submit statements of case

 Third parties submit written representations

 Statement of common ground

 Heads of Terms of legal agreements

 Core Document list

10 September Submit proofs of evidence

 Third party statements

 Final draft legal agreements

 Final statements of common ground

24 September Submit rebuttal or supplementary proofs

9 October Inquiry opens