It is wholly appropriate that the ecclesiastical exemption be kept under review. The faculty jurisdiction of the Church of England received a fulsome but qualified endorsement from the Newman Report. It would be helpful if, prior to the year 2000 when the system next falls to be reviewed, some of the more practical recommendations contained in the report could be implemented by the Rules Committee or by General Synod. So long as the Church remains mindful of its privileged status and ensures that its systems are effectively administered, it is difficult to conceive of any basis upon which the radical step of removing the control of listed buildings from the faculty jurisdicton could be justified. Rumours of its demise are much exaggerated.

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