
HERITAGE IMPACT STATEMENT

Background and Surroundings

The application relates to works involved at:

Elim Pentecostal Church
Daisy Hill
Dewsbury
West Yorkshire
WF13 1LY
United Kingdom

Elim Pentecostal Church, formerly Central Methodist Church, is a Grade II listed building situated on Daisy Hill in Dewsbury. The west elevation faces Wellington Street and the south elevation faces Daisy Hill. The north elevation faces the adjacent property, the Registrars' office, and the east elevation faces the Magistrate's Court.

The building was constructed in 1839 as the Central Methodist Church. The south elevation consists of rusticated ashlar to the ground floor atop a rock faced plinth. Hammer dressed stone covers the side elevations. The south elevation is 2 storeys high with string course and a 5-bay façade. The upper floor is framed in wide flat Tuscan pilasters. The elevation is topped with a frieze, moulded eaves cornice and blocking course, the centre of which is raised and has the word WESLEYAN in raised capitals. There are five round arched 1st floor windows with marginal glazing along with three similar outer ground floor windows with apron. The central ground floor window consists of stained glass and has a memorial apron to 1st World War. There are two symmetrically placed double, panelled doors with semi-circular fanlights and a small flight of stone steps leading to each. A central tablet reads 'CENTENARY CHAPEL'. The west elevation consists of a 6-bay façade with 1st floor windows as before, and square headed ground floor windows all with marginal glazing. To the left, a further 2 bays of lower eaves height with a hipped roof.

The building was purchased by Elim Pentecostal Church in December 2009. Initially, the building could seat up to 1100. The elliptical gallery supported by slender cast iron columns is now used as a storage area. The centre of the galleried area has been in-filled and the ceiling has been lowered to this level. The gallery still contains the original pews, however, the ground floor 19th Century box pews have all been removed to provide a more flexible seating arrangement. The original organ has also been removed.

Context

The roof to the church comprises a small flat top section and hipped slate covered roof to all perimeters. This is effectively a mansard type roof although the upper flat area is small. This roof abuts a front simple stone pediment across the whole of the south elevation. Gutters are provided to both sides and across the rear of this roof and there are hopper heads and downpipes at all corner positions which discharge into gullies at ground level. The roof to the hall is similar aside from the lack of a flat roof area. This roof takes discharge from the main church roof as well as the hall roof pitches.

Within the building, the ceiling to the Church area has been completely stripped away leaving the structure exposed. Due to continual moisture ingress in recent years, sections of timber are suffering from moisture damage and significant timber replacement may be required. This is in spite of structural repairs having been undertaken in 1990. Patch repairs have been undertaken recently in an attempt to remedy damaged timber members. Nevertheless, the roof covering has effectively come to the end of its useful life.

It is intended that these works will form part of a major like-for-like repair scheme involving the complete removal and replacement of the roof.

**Photo 1
Front / South Elevation**



**Photo 2
Left/ West Elevation**



Proposals

The roofs to both the Church and to the hall area to the rear are to be stripped completely and re-covered with new breathable under slating felt, new timber battens and reclaimed Welsh slates. The top flat roof will also be re-covered with suitable material to deter thieves.

The hip ridges are to be stripped and re-covered with cranked end clay ridge tiles which would have been provided as original.

There will be extensive flashing works particularly to the front wall where the roof abuts the pediment; to the abutment with the flat roof; and where the rear roof abuts the main wall of the Church. As above, the material will be designed to deter thieves and is to be in Ubiflex.

The rainwater gutters and downpipes will be thoroughly overhauled or replaced as necessary.

All these works are to be carried out in order to address the overall deterioration of the roof structure and covering and the extensive moisture ingress and associated damage to the timber members.

Design Considerations and Assessment

Replacing the roof and its defective structural members is necessary to reinstate and ensure the long term weather tightness and durability of the building.

The works have been carefully considered against the context of the existing building.

All efforts to ensure like for like replacements have been made.

The new cast iron downpipes will match those previously used.

Access

Access into the building will not be affected by these proposals.