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Ms Kate Mansell
Planning
Kirklees Council
By email

Your reference: 2020/65/90480/W
Our reference: 161387

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16 November 2020

Dear Ms Mansell,

RE: Parkwood Methodist Church, Parkwood Road, Longwood, Huddersfield, HD3 4TT (Grade II, 1868): Listed Building Consent for alterations to convert former church to 12 residential units, formation of parking areas and widen vehicular access (within a Conservation Area).

Thank you for consulting The Victorian Society about this application. We maintain our strong **objection** to the proposals.

In our previous objection (25 March 2020, attached for reference) we wrote that the total loss of the intact historic interior would result in **substantial harm** to the significance of the building. Although the plans have been altered so that the inserted mezzanine no longer cuts across the double-height windows, the proposals still involve the total loss of the historic interior, and remain a clear example of substantial harm to a designated heritage asset. Apart from the revised plans and elevations no further information has been provided to meet the requirements of the NPPF, in particular paragraphs 189 and 195. We must therefore reiterate our strong objection to this extremely harmful scheme, and once more urge your authority to refuse consent, as required by national policy.

I would be grateful if you could inform me of your decision in due course.

Yours sincerely,

Tom Taylor

Conservation Adviser

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