

HERITAGE STATEMENT – MELTHAM PARISH CHURCH HALL

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ORIGINAL BUILDING	The building was built in 1870 on land given by Mr Charles Brook for a new Junior C of E School. When a new school was later built, the old building stayed in the control of the church and in 1975 was handed over to a group of church volunteers to be used for a community building with its rooms rented out. It is to this day a community hub popular for local groups to meet & fundraise.
LOCATION AREA	The hall is located on Greens End Road opposite St Bartholomew's Church in Meltham's conservation area. A location plan was submitted with the planning application.
PROPOSED WORK	To replace the 18 single glazed windows to the rear of the building and the 4 on the east side with uPVC double glazed windows. This would improve the appearance of the building but not be detrimental to its character.
REASON FOR WORK	The existing 18 windows to the rear of the building (kitchen, meeting room & storeroom) & the 4 toilet windows on the East side are all wooden frames with single glazing. The frames are rotting and mostly beyond repair with replacement being advised for safety & security. The building is old and draughty and double glazing would help to reduce energy costs. The appearance of the building would be improved .
SIGNIFICANCE	This would be low as the work proposed is to the rear of the building and the east side, behind a porch, so none of this can be seen from the main road at the front of the building or anyone passing.
JUSTIFICATION	The use of uPVC would stay in keeping with the appearance. It is long lasting & easy to maintain (easily cleaned, no painting, good insulation). It is also the most cost effective and affordable by a non-profit making building. Alternatives were considered: Wood was double the cost of uPVC, required regular maintenance & not as long lasting. Aluminium was nearly 3 times the cost and recommended more for modern properties rather than one from 19 th century.