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Proposed new first floor window at The Chapel House, 22, Pole Gate, Scammonden, West Yorkshire, HD33FW

Ref 2024/740/05: Conservation and Design Statement and Heritage Statement in support of the Application for Listed Building Consent.

The Existing Site, Historic Development and Use

The site is the Chapel House, the former caretakers house to Pole Moor Baptist Chapel, at 22 Pole Gate, Scammonden. The house is listed grade 2 and forms part of a complex of listed buildings including the former Chapel, the former Sunday School, and the recent extension at 20 Pole Gate. Both the Chapel and former Sunday School, following listed building consent, have been converted to residential use and in total there are 11 dwellings on the site.

The Chapel House is the former caretakers house adjoining the original chapel erected in 1797 and has continued to be a house.

The new Chapel erected in 1858 facing Pole Gate replaced the original Chapel which then became the Sunday school.

In the 1970s the barn and porch adjoining the front of the Chapel House were demolished and a two storey house added to the existing gable end of the Chapel House. This house had a further two storey extension built in or around 2005.

Photographs below show early views of the Chapel complex prior to conversion.



Existing Building

The Chapel House, 22 Pole Gate, built in 1790 is a 3 storey house, with coursed stone walls, rendered west facing gable, stone window and door surrounds and stone slate roof.

There have been several alterations to the house notably the removal of the barn and the former porch at the front of the house while the later extensions to the side are of significant size.

Proposed Window

The proposed window replacement included in this application is to the rear second floor elevation of the house to the south elevation. The existing window is a vertical sliding sash timber window in a very poor state of repair, suffers from considerable condensation and is very exposed at times to prevailing extreme weather due to the exposed nature of the building at the top of Pole Moor.

The window will be replaced in its existing opening retaining the stone mullions and opening arrangements as existing.

The external jambs will be set back as existing at 150mm as existing from the outer face of the wall.

The window is proposed to be glazed with thin 14mm conservation type double glazed sealed units with black spacers, again due to the challenging weather conditions.

The window design and frame arrangement will replicate the existing.

The use of double glazing is in line with the government's policy to reduce carbon emissions to net zero.

Impact

The replacement window will replicate the existing apart from the use of conservation type double glazing, making no difference visually.

By introducing windows that provide better protection against the prevailing weather conditions this will help to protect the historic building.

When the reflections are compared between the existing single glazed sliding sash window and the adjacent smaller sliding sash window fitted with approved double glazing these are indistinguishable.

It should also be noted that all or the majority of the windows in the Pole Moor Chapel Conversion and numbers 20 to 26 Pole Gate which are all listed have received approval for double glazed windows including all other windows to the rear elevation of The Chapel House, 22 Pole Gate.

In conclusion we consider that this proposed window alteration will have little impact and cause no damage to the character of the listed building.

Appendices

Application Drawings and Documents

Drawings and documents accompanying the application are as follows:

No 2024/740/01 Location Plan at 1:1250

No 2024/740/02 Proposed Window Elevations.

Photographs of existing South facing window.

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