

Heritage Statement

Former Providence Place United Reformed Church

40 Bradford Road, Cleckheaton,

Bradford, BD19 3PN

Proposed Internal & External Works

1.0- Appraising the Site & Existing Building

The former Chapel is located at 40 Bradford Road, Cleckheaton between Coach Lane & Scott Lane which are the 2No. facing roads at the other side of Bradford Road. The property and its immediate neighbours comprising of a mix of both residential & commercial premises adjacent to the property, which is situated with good travel links and vehicular access to both the Town of Cleckheaton and the M62 (Junction 26).

The existing ecclesiastical property was constructed between 1857 & 1859. This property originally came with adjacent land which now serves as the car parking. Its architectural Classical style has not changed neither internally or externally, and its Corinthian style large columns dominate the façade.

At some point the adjacent land / parking has been altered & revised to allow for a 2 storey parking arrangement but this does not detract from the buildings presence & listing stature.

2.0- Identifying the Heritage Asset

Former "Providence Place United reformed Church is Grade 2* listed and dates from the mid 1800's

Listing Entry No:- 1184234

Listing NGR:- SE1907925707

The description of the listing states:

"II* Former Congregational Church. 1857-59 by Lockwood and Mawson of Bradford. Ashlar facade. Blue slate roof. Two storeys and basement. The monumental five-bay facade is in the form of a giant portico between vermiculated quoins and surmounted by a boldly modelled pediment. The giant unfluted Corinthian columns rise from a shallow podium, the arches being archivolted and have large console keystones. The frieze above is vermiculated and large console brackets support the pediment. In tympanum is roundel supported by richly carved foliage. Roundel is inscribed 'GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST, AND ON EARTH PEACE, GOOD WILL TO ALL MEN'. The back wall of the portico is rusticated to the ground floor and divided by a bracketed cornice. Three round arched double doors with vermiculated, alternatively blocked surround and voussoirs. Niche to left and right with Roman altar pedestals to cast iron lamp standards. Slender round arched archivolted windows with pilaster surround to first floor.

The nine-bay side elevations have boldly bracketed eaves cornice. Basement windows are plain, ground floor windows are square headed with shouldered architrave. First floor windows are round headed with archivolt and keystone. Windows to end bay, flanking the portico are blind.

Interior: horseshoe gallery with modelled panelling to front, supported on slender, fluted cast iron columns with foliage capitals. Box pews. The ceiling has been lowered to gallery level. In front of the chapel are five squat, square ashlar gate-piers, with cornice and square cap, returned to podium. Cast iron gates have dog rails and ornamental cresting."

3.0- The Proposed Development

Planning permission is sought for 7 elements:- 1]. The removal of 1No. existing handrail to the front steps and the introduction of 4No. new period correct metal handrails adjacent to the existing front columns. 2]. The replacement of the section of the front low stone wall c/w metal railings to the front boundary wall where they are currently missing to the front of the car park. 3]. The introduction of a new stone wall approx... 1800mm behind the existing front boundary railings with equally spaced stone piers. 4]. 2No. new "Totem Pole" / Monolith illuminated signs to either front corner of the car park immediately behind the front roadside railings. 5]. A new timber fence approx... 1800mm in overall height to the inside of the boundary wall between the site and No.40 a private residence to the right hand side of the aforementioned site. 6]. The replacement of the existing glazed balustrading panels to the 1st Floor mezzanine area. 7]. New internal secondary glazing within the main hall at Ground & 1st Floors.

External Works.

FRONT ENTRANCE: There is currently 1No. metal balustrade with metal handrail on the existing front steps, we are proposing to remove this single item and replace with 4No. decorative metal balustrades c/w rounded metal handrails which will still retain the period correct look and feel of the original. These will be placed adjacent to all the 4No. stone columns which front the property. Adjacent to the main frontage is the existing low stone wall, this has the original metal railings finished with a decorative finial, unfortunately, there is a large section missing [approx... 6600mm]. We are proposing to re-instate this missing section with matching materials in the current original design.

To the rear of the front boundary wall and within the existing car park approx... 1800mm behind, we are proposing to construct a new/secondary stone wall c/w equally spaced piers along with a decorative stone capping throughout. This is to run immediately behind the main front railings all the way across the front of the site which fronts Bradford Road. Between the front railings and proposed secondary stone-wall we would like to install 2No. "Totem Pole" / Monolith signs, both of which would be illuminated and also positioned at approx... 45degrees to the main road. To the far right hand side of the site and running away from Bradford Road is a low [modern] stone wall. Our Client would like to install a new timber fence approx... 1800mm in overall height. This would be placed on the inside of this existing stone-wall and would terminate where it meets the front garden boundary to No.40 [adjacent private residence]. All the above suggestions etc... are highlighted and detailed within the attached drawings and will be to the satisfaction of the appointed Listed Building Officer.

Internal Works.

MAIN HALL: Within the Main Hall are the existing windows along each side, these are low in their stature and terminate on the underside of the existing mezzanine floor above. Additionally, on the mezzanine level are windows which sit directly above but which are far more impressive having decorative cornice details and curved heads to each. We would like to propose installing secondary glazing to each of these windows. This would be by way of new aluminium framed glazing "white" in appearance but would be fixed off new timber framing which would be cut around the existing high level decorative mouldings so as to eliminate any concerns for removing or altering these original items.

The mezzanine at present has a metal handrail and uprights froming the guarding to the ground

floor below, the panels within are currently toughened safety glass panels c/w the "Logo" applied. These are obviously out of character with the historic feel of the building. We are proposing to remove all the glazed elements to the balustrading and replace with decorative and typically ornate metal infill panels which will be much more in keeping. These will be finished in "Black" gloss paint with various details picked out in a "Gold" paint. We feel that replacing these items in particular would help restore some originality to the inside of this property.

Our proposals will have no other effect on the access both into and out of the building. For all details referring to the proposed development please refer to the accompanying package which include the following:

CJ / 24 / 001- Existing Site Plan [partial], Incl, Front Elevation & handrails to Front Steps.

CJ / 24 / 002- Proposed Site Plan [partial], Incl, front Elevation & handrails to Front Steps.

CJ / 24 / 003- Existing & Proposed Balustrade Details [Mezzanine], Incl, Floor Plan & Enlarged Panel Detail.

CJ / 24 / 004- Existing & Proposed Window Details – Main Hall & Mezzanine Level [Secondary Glazing].

Location Plan @ 1 : 1250