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# Heritage Statement

PLANNING APPLICATION REFERENCE: 2025/90732  
PARKWOOD METHODIST CHURCH

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Site Address: Parkwood Methodist Church, Parkwood Road, Longwood, Huddersfield, HD3 4TT

Proposal: Installation of two 1.8m free-standing perimeter fences (north and east boundaries)

### 1. Introduction

This Heritage Statement is submitted in support of a planning application for the installation of two new perimeter fences at the site of Parkwood Methodist Church. The purpose of this document is to assess the significance of the designated heritage asset (the listed church building) and to evaluate the potential impact of the proposed development on its heritage values and setting, in accordance with Paragraphs 194–202 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and Policy LP35 of the Kirklees Local Plan.

### 2. Identification of Heritage Asset

Parkwood Methodist Church is a Grade II listed building, located on Parkwood Road in Longwood, Huddersfield. The building is a notable example of late 19th-century nonconformist religious architecture, constructed in local stone with classical and gothic revival influences typical of its period.

Listing entry summary (abridged – Refer to Appendix for full entry details):

- Constructed c.1880s.
- Ashlar stonework with slate roof.
- Symmetrical façade with lancet and arched windows.
- Distinctive gabled elevation and original boundary wall features.

### 3. Description of Proposed Development

The proposed development consists of:

- Fence 1 (North boundary): 1.8m high free-standing wooden fence (approx. 35m length).
- Fence 2 (East boundary): 1.8m high free-standing decorative fence (approx. 35m length).

Both fences are:

- Not affixed to any part of the listed building.
- Located at the outer boundary of the site.
- Constructed in timber with a sympathetic, low-visual-impact design.

### 4. Assessment of Significance

The primary significance of Parkwood Methodist Church lies in:

- Architectural interest: As a late Victorian religious building with historic detailing.
- Historical interest: As a representation of the Methodist movement's growth in West Yorkshire.
- Social value: Continuing use as a place of worship and community gathering.

The curtilage and setting include mature trees, boundary walls, and ancillary buildings, though the northern and eastern perimeters are less formally defined and offer minimal contribution to the church's architectural or historical value.

## **5. Impact Assessment**

The proposed fences:

- Do not affect the listed building fabric.
- Are positioned away from the church.
- Will be visually unobtrusive.
- Will not obscure any principal elevations or views of the listed building.

Therefore, the proposal is considered to have no harm or negligible impact on the setting or significance of the listed building.

## **6. Conclusion**

In accordance with the NPPF (Paragraph 197), the proposed fences are modest in scale, reversible, and do not result in harm to the listed building or its setting. On the contrary, they enhance the public safety and continued use of the site by making it safer for families, children, and community members.

## **7. Statement of Justification**

The fences are required solely for safety purposes due to dangerous level changes on site. They are fully reversible, non-permanent, and sympathetic in materials and design. They will not obstruct, alter, or be attached to any listed structure or curtilage feature. The applicant is committed to preserving and respecting the heritage of the site while ensuring safety for congregants.

## Appendix A: Full Listing Entry (Historic England)

# METHODIST CHURCH \*

Listed on the National Heritage List for England. Search over 400,000 listed places

(<https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/>)

## Official list entry

Heritage Category:Listed Building

Grade:II

List Entry Number:1134911

Date first listed:30-Apr-1982

Date of most recent amendment:04-Aug-1983

List Entry Name:METHODIST CHURCH \*

Statutory Address 1:METHODIST CHURCH \*, GILES STREET

This List entry helps identify the building designated at this address for its special architectural or historic interest.

Unless the List entry states otherwise, it includes both the structure itself and any object or structure fixed to it (whether inside or outside) as well as any object or structure within the curtilage of the building.

For these purposes, to be included within the curtilage of the building, the object or structure must have formed part of the land since before 1st July 1948.

### [Understanding list entries](https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/understanding-list-entries/)

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### [Corrections and minor amendments](https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/minor-amendments/)

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## Location

Statutory Address:METHODIST CHURCH \*, GILES STREET

The building or site itself may lie within the boundary of more than one authority.

District:Kirklees (Metropolitan Authority)

Parish:Holme Valley

National Grid Reference:SE 13887 09787

## Details

SE 1309 GILES STREET 11/102 (Netherthong)

30.4.82 Methodist Church (formerly listed as Netherthong Methodist Free Church) GV II

Methodist Church. Dated 1872. Hammer dressed stone. Rusticated ashlar quoins. Slate roof. Gable copings on modillion brackets. Two storeys. Three bay gable front to 4 bay hall. Central door with architrave surround and segmental arched fanlight. Console brackets support small canopy. To each side is slender round arched light with keystone and moulded imposts. Marginal glazing. Above doorway is a triple group of round headed lights with overarch with words: METHODIST FREE CHURCH 1872. Side elevations have 4 round arched windows to first floor, and 4 segmental arched windows to ground floor all with glazing bars. Prominent village centre site.

Listing NGR: SE1388709787

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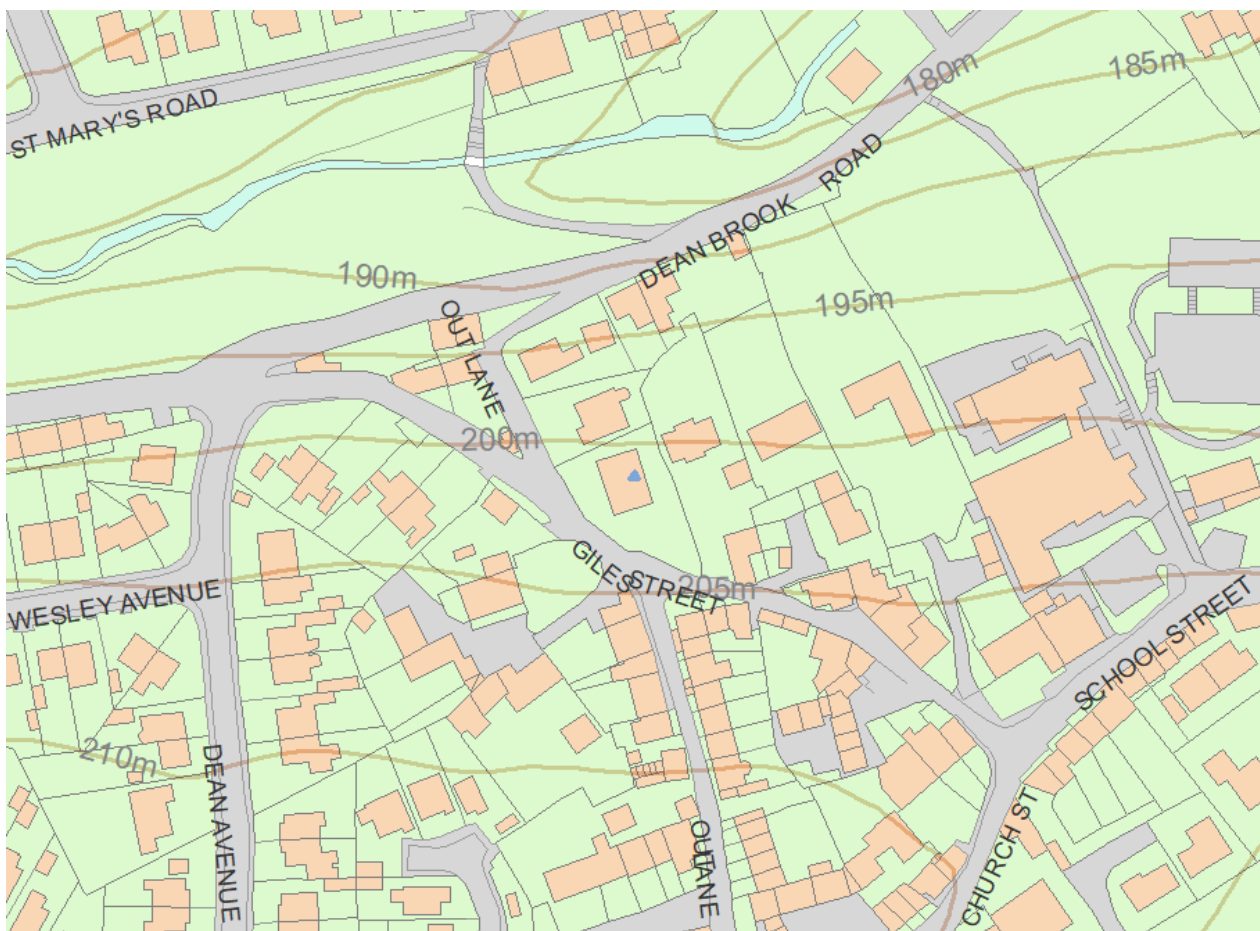
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## Legal

This building is listed under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 as amended for its special architectural or historic interest.



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