



## **DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT**

Proposed Demolition of Parish Hall, St Thomas Aquinas and St Stephen Harding Church, Market Drayton.

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## **1.0 Introduction**

### **1.1 Purpose of this statement**

1.1.1 This statement has been prepared in support of a Historic Churches and Planning application to Demolish the existing Parish Hall behind St Thomas Aquinas and Stephen Harding RC Church, Market Drayton. The works comprise the demolition of the existing largely timber Parish Hall down to the top of the concrete slab base..

### **1.2 Methodology**

1.2.1 The statement will support the application drawings by explaining the proposals and the reasons behind the design decisions taken. It will assess the appropriateness of the proposals and that impact on the historic and architectural significance of the buildings and site.

### **1.3 General description of the proposals**

1.3.1 The existing old World War Two prefabricated hut ( previously repositioned to the site ) is to be carefully demolished down to concrete base level. The ramp and steps are to remain for future access to a future Parish Hall building ( not part of this application ).

1.3.2 The building is to be demolished due to its dangerous state.

## **2.0 Design Statement**

### **2.1 Use**

2.1.1 The existing building is a Parish Hall which is no longer in use.



View of ramp to be retained

## **2.2 Amount**

2.2.1 The Separate Grade 2 Listed church will not be affected by the proposals.

## **2.3 Layout**

2.3.1 The overall layout of the church will not be affected by the proposals.





Side facing the ramp



Steps to remain, handrails removed

## 2.4 Landscape

2.4.1 The external landscaping is not affected by this proposal.

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## 2.5 Appearance

2.5.1 The appearance of the Church will not change.



View inside the Parish Hall

## 2.6 Scale

2.6.1 The scale of the church areas will not be affected by the proposals.

## 3.0 Access Statement

### 3.1 General Notes

#### 3.1.1 Exterior

3.1.2 Omission of the Parish Hall. Concrete slab to remain.

#### 3.1.3 Interior

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3.3.4 The proposal does not affect the inside of the church.

#### **4.0 Impact of the proposals on Historic Significance**

4.1.1 The Churches characteristics are unaffected by the proposals.

#### **4.1 Impact of the proposals on the materials, detailing and general appearance of the building**

4.1.1 Church unaffected.

#### **5.0 Impact of the proposals on the architectural quality and significance of the building and site**

##### **5.1 Overview**

5.1.1 The architectural quality and significance of the existing buildings and site has generally been preserved.

#### **6.0 Conclusion**

6.01 It is suggested that it is clear from the above that the proposed alterations are sensitive to the historic and architectural significance of the existing church. The proposals will help to facilitate the continued use of the church and will make a highly positive contribution to the quality of the built environment.