

Design and Access Statement – Building alteration in a conservation area

Proposal:

To replace a total of thirteen existing timber windows, 6 on the eastern elevation, five on the southern elevation and 2 on the western elevation with UPVC 'A' rated double glazed units, externally rosewood in colour.

1. What features are on the existing site

Parkview Chapel was built in 1987/88 as a place of worship, replacing the previous building that was no longer judged to be fit for purpose. The building is constructed of bricks under a grey slate effect roof. There are two storeys with classrooms and office space sited on the first floor. The building fronts onto the main road that runs through the adjoining villages of Botesdale and Rickinghall with ample car parking sited at the rear of the building and accessed via a drive that goes up the side of the building.

2. Access

Access to the building is by way of front doors that face the main road and a rear entrance opens onto the car parking area. These will not be affected by the change in the windows.

3. Layout

N/A

4. Appearance

The timber frames of the existing windows have been stained and are dark in colour and the choice of rosewood as the colour for the proposed new windows is to minimise the visual impact of the change.

5. Landscaping

N/A

6. How heritage assets issues have been addressed.

The property is in a conservation area and therefore it is important that any changes do not unduly impact the appearance of the area as a whole. The choice of rosewood as the external colour of the new windows has been with this in mind.