

Design, Access and Heritage Statement

Works associated New Road Baptist Church,

Bonn Sqaure

Site address: NEW ROAD BAPTIST CHAPEL, Bonn Square, Oxford OX1 1LQ

Heritage Status: Grade: II

Source: Historic England

List Entry: 1047202

Official Listing:

NEW ROAD 1. 1485 (North Side) New Road Baptist Chapel SP 5106 SW 8/262 12.1.54. II 2. Rebuilt in 1780 and enlarged in 1798 and 1819. In ashlar with a Doric pedimented porch with 2 flanking niches in the 1st floor; below them are 2 semi-circular-headed windows

Executive Summary

Proposal to automate existing entrance doors that were installed in circa 2016 into the 1982 extension, to provide improved access for those with visual impairments and disability.

Existing Building

The church was rebuilt in 1780 and enlarged in 1798 and 1819. The imposing front façade is in ashlar with a Doric pedimented porch and flanked either side with two niches at first floor level. Adjoining the church on the east side is a red brick extension designed by Peter Reynolds in 1982. In 2016 an application was submitted and subsequently approved to install a new aluminium pass door with side panel. The door is manually operated and has an intercom access system for security.

Proposed Works

A new pass door and openable side panel was installed in 2016 into the 1982 extension but does not benefit from automation and although compliant with Part M and Part K of the Approved Documents, it could be improved with the addition of a powered motor to assist users.

The applicant seeks consent to install a surface mounted motor on doorset (internally) and a new external barrier. The barrier is required for safety reasons to prevent people from getting trapped as the door opens automatically. The door itself will remain as existing as no change is required.

Heritage Statement

Whilst the existing church is both historical and of architectural importance, the proposed alterations are minor and will have no impact upon the existing building. Furthermore, the alteration is to the side entrance installed in 2016 within the 20th century extension therefore no harm will be caused to any historical fabric. The modest alterations will improve access and safety for users of the building.

Design and Access

As noted above, by automating the doorset, access into and out of the building will be improved. The design of the barrier is sympathetic and will be made in the same material and colour (black) as the existing doorset.

Existing Photos



View looking north towards New Road Baptist Church from Bonn Square. The doorset is on the right hand side of the photograph.



View looking north towards doorset.



Close up photo of existing doorset.

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