

Extension to Baylham Village Hall, Upper Street, Baylham, IP6 8JR.

Design and Access Statement

This Design and Access Statement is for the planning application for an extension to Baylham Village Hall, Upper Street, IP6 8JR. The application site is located in the centre of the village of Baylham within the Mid Suffolk District.

The proposal is an extension that will expand the south-west side of the hall and wrap around the rear of the building to address its lack of storage. This will maximise its functionality by providing a suitable space for furniture that currently occupies the hall's stage. The hall's existing structure is also to be insulated to improve the hall's thermal performance and ensure proper ventilation throughout the building. Proposed elevations will be finished with metal cladding true to the existing, while the hall's interior finish is to be sanded, primed and repainted.

The small extension has been designed to complement the existing hall, creating a harmonious architectural language between the existing and proposed works. The design allows the main hall to remain open plan and instead makes use of a modest unused space that sits between the South-West side of the hall and neighbouring fence. A single window is to be removed and enlarged to create an opening into the extension, while maintaining the hall's structural integrity. Sufficient lighting and ventilation in the extension will be provided through the addition of a skylight.

While the nature of this application will be noticeably minimal in adjustments to the hall's size and materiality, the useability and thermal performance of the hall will provide objective benefits to the community of Baylham.

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