

The Coach House, Tintagel Methodist Church

Design Statement

Introduction

To the north west of Tintagel Methodist Church is a stone built outbuilding referred to as the Coach House. It has a slate roof, painted timber barge and fascia boards. Timber doors and timber windows. Some openings have been blocked up and rendered.

It is currently used for the storage of church belongings, but is under-utilised.

The site lies within the Pentire Point to Widemouth Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

The entrance to the church car park runs between the Coach House and the Church buildings.



EXISTING BUILDING IMAGES

The Application

There is a food bank operating in the locality but it runs from a community hall and has very limited storage. The church supports the food bank and hopes that by upgrading this building it could make the space available for the food bank or other similar needs.

The application seeks to renovate the coach house internally by dry-lining and insulating to provide dry and warm space.

Externally the changes would involve the un-blocking of one door, the introduction of a ramp for accessibility, bollards and a glazed canopy to the principal elevation to satisfy Building Regulations and new entrance doors.

Materials will be similar to the existing, except for the principal elevation where the heavy sliding timber doors will be replaced with glazing to provide a pedestrian entrance and fixed panes.

Green infrastructure

The proposal does not include any external master-planning or site layout works. The only external change will be to adjust the gradient of a 4m² patch of tarmac that is currently parking space and make it into a ramp for access to the new raised floor level.

The building is to be insulated internally to meet current building regulation requirements. Other green opportunities are somewhat limited although it is hoped that a food bank will operate from the converted premises. Other support services often work alongside food banks.

Summary

The application seeks to make better use of an under-utilised building for church and community purposes. The external interventions are minimal and are in-keeping with materials in the vicinity.

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