

Design and Access Statement

Fishburn St Catherine Church Hall Annexe
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Introduction

The church are wanting to replace their existing kitchen that is attached to the Hall with a new annex building providing a Disabled WC and store and have a new kitchen servery in the Hall. The hall is separate and to the north of the church. Improved disabled access to the Hall entrance with a new ramp.

Existing Hall Construction

Timber frame, cedar clad, boarded internally built c. late 1930's with timber frame extension, with internal and external boarding, mineral felt roof for kitchen later.

Quite small compared to church footprint. Kitchen made up of tired units. Only has a cold water service.

Used for coffee mornings. Council meetings, band practice, Funeral overflow, after service coffee.

Various electric fan and radiant heaters and gas fire for the kitchen.

Power and light renewed in 2011.

Unmetered cold water, possibly lead piped, comes in from the east.



Kitchen extension

This is a relocated garden shed, uninsulated and in poor condition. Much patched up and not fit for purpose. It is uneconomically repairable.

Kitchen exterior



Kitchen interior



WC

An outside wc was built in 2003 within a brick lean to on the north boundary. Water service is taken from the hall.

Redevelopment

The church want to have a better kitchen and disabled wc with ramp access at the hall.

Statement of Need

The hall is used for a variety of uses, and since the pandemic has finished, has become the hub of the community especially on a Friday morning with a growing number of people attending their new coffee morning group. Before the pandemic it was called the grumpy man's club, getting about 10 to 15 people attending but times have now changed and 25 to 35 people are now attending, and more people are enquiring as to how they could use the hall. The existing kitchen area is not fit for purpose and requires a complete overall.

The new kitchen area within the large room, will give a more welcoming feeling and provide an up-to-date facility.

Design

The new extension is a cedar timber clad timber frame, plastered and insulated with insulated mineral felt roof, timber windows and doors.
DAP wc and external ramp to the Hall

Access

The new kitchen will help secure the long term presence of the community facility, with new disabled access ramp to the Hall entrance and new DAP disabled wc in the annexe. This also provides improved facilities for the church congregation.