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HERITAGE STATEMENT

MEOPHAM GREEN BAPTIST CHURCH, WROTHAM ROAD, MEOPHAM, KENT, DA13 0QA

REMOVAL OF EXISTING PAINT AND RENDER FINISHES AND REPAIRING BRICKWORK AND APPLYING A NEW RENDER TO SOUTH ELEVATION

EXISTING PROPERTY

Meopham Green Baptist Church is situated in the village of Meopham on the A227 which connects Gravesend and Wrotham

Meopham Green Baptist Church is located within the Meopham Green Conservation Area but is not a listed building.

According to the roundel within the gable of the front wall, the church was erected in 1828 and was later extended.

A single storey rear extension to form toilet accommodation and kitchen was erected in 1984.

The original building is constructed with solid one brick (215mm) walls. It is assumed that these originally had a fairfaced finish, although a photograph showing damage to the Church during the Second World War indicates that the wall to the south elevation has already been rendered.

Over more recent years various incompatible finishes have been applied to the walls, including bitumen paint and modern polymer style paints. These finishes are now cracking and delaminating from the walls (see Compendium of Photographs)

PROPOSALS

General

- The areas for removal will firstly have an ecofriendly paint softener applied and then the layers will be removed using the DOFF Integra paint removal system, which is approved by English Heritage and works by using just water, heated to 150 degrees C at the nozzle applied with low to medium pressure.

Front (East) Elevation

- A modern polymer type paint has been applied over existing brick facade but is now flaking.
- The existing brickwork has been repointed using sand/cement based mortar
- The existing paint finish will be removed using removal system described above
- Areas of loose or failing mortar will be removed and brickwork repointed using pointing lime mortar with a heritage approved brushed aggregate finish

Side (South) Elevation

- A sand/cement based render has been applied to the whole elevation.
- The render has been struck with ashlar pointing and a paint finish
- Photographic evidence indicates that this elevation has been render for a number of decades
- Probably due to disproportionate movement, the render is now damaged with areas of cracking and delaminating from the brickwork wall.
- The existing render will be removed (not including recent rear extension) and a new lime mortar based render will be applied to the same area.

Side (North) Elevation

- A modern polymer type paint, as that to the front elevation, has been applied over a previously applied bitumen paint.
- The paint finish is now flaking as the front elevation
- The existing paint finish will be removed using removal system described above
- Areas of loose or failing mortar will be removed and brickwork repointed using pointing lime mortar with a heritage approved brushed aggregate finish