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RE: Retrospective application for replacement windows

Michael Parkes Planning Services has been instructed by The Light of The World Holy Ghost Church of God to submit this retrospective planning application for the replacement windows at 41 Dover Road, Northfleet, Gravesend, DA11 9PJ.

Alongside this covering letter, the submission comprises:

- Completed Planning Application Form and Certificates, signed and dated.
- Drawings
 - Site Location
 - Existing and Proposed Elevations
- Window Specifications

We set out below background information on the site and further details of the proposal.

Context

The application site is the former Northfleet Chapel which was opened on 20 June 1850. In later years as membership steadily grew the building was improved and enlarged. In 1972 Northfleet became part of the United Reformed Church and from April 2017 the baton for evangelism in Northfleet has been passed onto The Light of The World Holy Ghost Church of God. The building is not listed or within a conservation area. The eastern part of The Hill Conservation Area lies to the north of the application site.

The original windows were most likely wood framed sliding sash, whereas those which were replaced (not original), were non opening wood framed single glazed windows. These windows were beyond repair, offered very poor insulation and caused considerable amount of condensation, as such their replacement in principle is thought to be acceptable.

Proposal

This application seeks retrospective permission for the replacement of wood framed single glazed windows with double-glazed uPVC casement windows at 41 Dover Road, Northfleet, Gravesend, DA11 9PJ. In addition, the window openings were slightly altered with Wienerberger Smeed Dean Dockland Yellow brickwork. It is a traditional London Yellow stock with fewer black spots than the London Stock.

Conclusion

The existing windows were beyond repair, offered very poor insulation and caused considerable amount of condensation. In addition, correspondence was received from Gravesham Council on 25th of July 2018 regarding a noise complaint (REF: 18/01139/NOIMUS).

As a result, the applicant thought it best to put in place measures to reduce the level of noise from the church, but also deal with poor insulation and condensation problems. It was decided to replace the existing wood framed single glazed windows with double-glazed casement windows including some minor infilling to the window openings. The windows are of a high standard and similar uPVC windows are visible in the area. The replacement windows are not considered to adversely affect the character and appearance of the area.

Kind Regards



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