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HERITAGE STATEMENT

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

APPLICATION OF RENDER FINISH TO FRONT (EAST) ELEVATION AND ENTRANCE PORCH

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.

On 28 May 2024 planning consent was granted for Repair works to front (east) and side (north) elevations including removal of existing paint finish and brickwork re-pointed with a lime-based mortar and repair works to side (south) elevation including removal of render (not including recent rear extension) and application of a new lime-based render. Application reference 20240302.

Although the work to the side (north) elevation is yet to be carried out the work to the front (east) elevation involving the removal of existing paint finish and brickwork re-pointed with a lime-based mortar has been carried out.

PROPOSALS

Whilst the removal of existing paint finish and re-pointing of the brickwork with a lime-based mortar has been relatively successful and certainly provides a more attractive appearance, there are areas on the lower façade of the front elevation and the walls to the porch that still have evidence of the previous finishes (bitumen paints, etc). See photographs

It is therefore proposed to apply a new lime-based render identical to that proposed (and approved) to be applied to the South elevation to the lower façade of the front elevation at a line below the sills to the ground floor windows at to the outer wall of the entrance porch as illustrated on drawing number 05 accompanying this planning application.