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Subject: DM/26/0272 and 0272 St Marks School, Staplefield

Hi Peter

Comments on the above planning and listed building consent applications.

St Mark's School is a purpose-built Grade II listed mid-19th century school building located within the Staplefield Conservation Area. It is located just to the north of St Mark's Church, which is also Grade II listed building, and would be considered to be within its setting.

The current proposal which is retrospective is for works to the central roof gulley to the building, which has been a source of damp ingress, in order to address these issues and to provide safer access for ongoing maintenance. These works include:

- Alterations to the profile of the roof gulley and the lower part of the flanking slate roof slope to introduce a flat roof with cowl roof vents;
- A replacement roof light;
- Replacement of the roof covering to the existing flat roof above the kitchen; and
- Replacement of internal ceiling finishes where these have been damaged by water ingress.

The current applications follow on from a previous approval (DM/24/1052) for a similar scheme, and include modifications required following the opening up of the structure. The works as completed, which have discussed at pre-application stage, will have had some impact on historic fabric and on the profile of the lower part of the central roof gulley, however this impact is considered to be limited and acceptable when viewed in the context of the existing approval and the long term maintenance of the building.

The proposal is therefore considered to meet the requirements of District Plan Policies DP34 and DP35 and the relevant paragraphs of the NPPF.

Thanks,

Emily

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