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Subject: DM/26/1167 St Wilfrid's Church, Church Rd, HH

Hi Hamish

Comments on the above planning application.

St Wilfrid's Church is a Grade II* listed building located within the town centre of Haywards Heath. It was constructed in 1865 to a design by G F Bodly, and is a rare example of a church by this noted architect. The warden's vestry, choir vestry and toilet area were added later in 1881. The building is in the Decorated style, and includes stained glass by artists including Charles Eamer Kempe, William Morris and A A Archer.

The current proposal is for internal and external works comprising re-roofing/rain water goods, stone and window repairs, internal alterations re-forming wc's and kitchen area.

As a Church of England church in ecclesiastical use, the building benefits from ecclesiastical exemption in respect of works which would normally require listed building consent- these instead require a Faculty which is the remit of the Diocesan Advisory Committee. These comments therefore refer only to the external works requiring planning permission.

The proposed external works to the building comprise:

- Reroofing of the north facing roof slopes of the church with clay plain tiles to match the existing;
- Reroofing of the flat roofed area to the vestry with asphalt to match the existing;
- Cleaning and repairs to the leaded windows to the vestry, with some alterations (see below);
- Limited stonework repairs including repairs to the window surrounds to the vestry, kitchen and WC, and repointing;
- New and adjusted rainwater goods; and
- Leadwork repairs.

A detailed schedule of works has been provided which confirms that the above works are for the most part sympathetic repairs which will not affect the special interest of the listed building, but will contribute to its ongoing beneficial use. The amendments to the rainwater goods are minor and are not considered contentious.

There are however two areas where further information/justification is required:

- For the replacement roof tiles, the Tudor range is mentioned, but we would need a full specification comprising manufacturer, range and colour.

- With respect to Windows B and C it is not proposed to replace the coloured stained glass which currently forms a diamond motif to the centre of each leaded window. This is regrettable as this elevation and the windows within it front directly onto the pavement of Church Road, with the windows set at eye level, meaning that the windows, although small and to a functionally and architecturally secondary part of the building, are highly prominent in public views from the street. Can the applicant please reconsider this aspect of the proposal, or otherwise provide a justification for not replicating the existing coloured glass detailing?

Thanks,

Emily

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