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Dear Rachael

RE: The Chapel, Kidderpore Avenue

Internal Plaster Investigation and proposals for renewal

Condition 4h of Listed Building Consent 2015/4124/L

Background and current condition

The Chapel is a Grade II listed building that was constructed c.1928-9.

The method of building was relatively modern but with decorative detailing and finishes provided to give the illusion of an older classical Building. The structure comprises an entrance lobby, nave and chancel.

Originally, these spaces were highly decorated in plaster to give the effect of pilasters and fielded panels. These decorative finishes are now in a poor condition and have sustained substantial losses as a result of the use of the internal space as a sports hall.

The materials used in the original construction included plaster-of-Paris (POP) on the ceilings and walls, with hessian and timber reinforcement but no coarse aggregate.

Due to the recent history of use for ball games and general vandalism by occupants, the wall plaster has been comprehensively damaged beyond repair.

Ceiling plaster had collapsed locally due to water penetration from the roof.

Over time, repair and replacement has been made using modern gypsum and plasterboard materials.

More recently, damaged plaster has been clad in MDF board for temporary protection.

Proposal.

The detail on the proposed treatment of the plasterwork is set out in the report prepared by Hutton and Rostrum and submitted with this application.

We propose, following the recommendations set out in the H&R report, that the existing decorative plaster scheme is dimensionally recorded, removed and replicated using new, like for like, materials.

Use of plasterboard would still be in-keeping with the original ethos of using common materials to give a highly decorative appearance and would also be a much more durable finish.

Your sincerely,

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