

DESIGN and ACCESS statement. PP-02030756

For Methodist Chapel, Chapel Lane, Billingley, Barnsley S72 0HZ

Described as a 'building of note' in the Billingley conservation area, the Chapel was built in 1818 of squared, dressed sandstone under a welsh slate roof. A catslide extension to the southern elevation broadens its solid base. Surrounding the building an area of garden and a damson orchard. The following considerations have been made to the conversion with minimal impact on the site.

To keep garden areas open, without garaging, which would encroach on the building. Access will be via a 3.3m gap in the original boundary wall, makes way onto 'green' hard standing, with use of grasscrete permeable grass paving.

Main elevations viewed from Chapel lane to be kept as original, including refined window detail. Prominent features of the Chapel are the large windows dominating the gables. The existing windows should be replaced by a Georgian sash, having period proportions and details, such as slim moulded glazing bars.

The proposed extension to the western gable, seen from Chapel Lane, emulates the original gable in style, finish and scale, again incorporating the large Georgian sash windows. Placing an extension here necessitates the removal of the unsightly boiler house/utility and brick chimney. Natural stone and slate will be sourced and tooled to match the original with flush pointing.

The southern elevation can only be seen from the adjoining field, so new window openings, conservation roof lights and a conservatory have been proposed here.

On entering the Chapel, one steps into a gallery area open to the roof apex, leading via stairs on to a mezzanine floor.