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ST PAUL, MONK BRETTON, BARNSLEY:
PROPOSED EXTENSION TO THE CHURCH HALL

DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT

1.0 Introduction

1.1 The Parish Church of St Paul was built in 1878 to the designs of Henry Solaini of Liverpool, in the late Decorate Gothic style. The accommodation comprises a Nave with West Tower and Aisles to North and South; Chancel with Vestry to North and Lady Chapel to South.

1.2 In the 1990's a community hall was added on the North side of the church to provide a large activity space with kitchen and toilet facilities. The building stands approx. 2.7m clear of the North wall of the church and is linked to the North wall of the North Aisle with a glazed entrance hall.

1.3 The church is constructed in dressed sandstone and roofed with Welsh slates. The walls of the hall are rendered in a cement pebble-dash above a natural stone plinth course. The roof of the hall is covered with Welsh slates.

1.4 The building is Listed Grade II and falls within the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure.

2.0 The proposals

2.1 The existing buildings lack space for the type of properly organised office facilities needed to deal with Parish affairs and the day to day running of the much used community hall and church in the 21st century.

2.2 The strip of land between the community hall and the church offers the ideal location in which to site a new Parish Office, being central to both buildings and accessible from the North entrance hall.

2.3 The site of the proposed office is well concealed from public view and being both narrow and heavily overshadowed by the surrounding walls on three sides, it is a gloomy and unused area where little landscaping of merit can be achieved.

2.4 The design of the extension follows closely that of the existing link between the church and the hall: the existing arrangement of the roof structure is retained and extended eastwards, to take in two bays of the Aisle wall, and the new East wall is fully glazed.

2.5 The stonework and windows of the Aisle wall will remain exposed to view within the new office. The extension retains the clear sense of separation between the hall and the church as it leaves the North wall of the Vestry untouched, thereby maintaining a re-entrant of more than 6m between the two structures.

2.6 The present deeply recessed gap between the two buildings offers space for hidden and anti-social behaviour. The partial infilling of the space will assist in crime prevention.

2.7 The works will have no archaeological implications.

2.8 The proposals are the subject of a Faculty Petition to the Chancellor in the Diocese of Wakefield.

Signed: [redacted] Dated: 19.1.12



