

DESIGN & ACCESS STATEMENT

Ref: 16198 – Ceiling strengthening
 Littlehampton Quaker Meeting House
 23 Church Street
 Littlehampton
 West Sussex
 BN17 5EL



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BACKGROUND & PLANNING HISTORY

23 Church Street was originally built as a school house in mid 1830's and, after the school fell out of use, became a religious building. The Quakers have been formally using this building since 1965 and the building has been designated as Grade II listed under List Entry Number 1027811 since August 1975. The building also falls within the Littlehampton (East Street) Conservation Area as of July 1994. The property has been subject to a number of Planning Applications within its history:

- ✦ LU/82/18/PL – Approved Conditionally
Internal and external alterations to alter wheelchair access
- ✦ LU/152/17/PL – Approved conditionally
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- ✦ LU/325/01/L – Approved conditionally
Application for listed Building consent for internal alterations to form disabled WC facilities
- ✦ LU/219/71/ADV – Approved conditionally
Painted lettering on front of building
- ✦ LU/343/68 – Approved conditionally
New toilet kitchen and entrance
- ✦ LU/57/68 – Permitted Development
Installation of new toilet accommodation and kitchen

AMOUNT

This application is a request to strengthen the existing first floor structure with new floor joists attached to existing original joists. The existing floor area subject of this application is 24.2 sq.m. and is 'bouncing' underfoot. The client is concerned about the strength of the floor and is therefore reluctant to make full use of the first floor room and limits the number of members up there at any one time. A structural engineer has been engaged to assess and design the strengthening. His findings and design are included in this application.

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LAYOUT & METHOD STATEMENT

The proposal is to carefully remove floorboards, number them, and retain them while the work to existing first floor joists is carried out.

The existing joists will remain and where loose in their sockets, will be packed out with timber fillets. New joists will be placed and bolted alongside the existing. These will not penetrate the wall. The floor boards will then be replaced.

APPEARANCE & ORIGINAL FEATURES

Original features will be retained, and the appearance will not change.

NEIGHBOURING PROPERTIES & STREET SCENE

It is not proposed to impact the neighbouring properties as a result of the works.

VEHICULAR, CYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ACCESS

Not affected

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Acting as Agent on behalf of **Littlehampton Religious Society of Friends**