

HERITAGE STATEMENT

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



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 Architectural
 design

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THE BUILDING

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
Internal & external alterations to alter wheelchair access
- ✦ 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

CURRENT CONDITION AND USE

The building is currently used as the Littlehampton Friends Meeting house for the Quakers. The majority of building is in good condition. However the first floor ceiling has been found to be 'bouncing' underfoot and has become a major concern to the client, meaning they are reluctant to make full use of the first floor room. A structural engineer, whose findings are included with this application, assessed that some of the existing joists are loose in their sockets and will need packing with fillet pieces to eliminate this problem. At the same time he has recommended that as the original joists are in bad condition, new joists are provided alongside the original ones. The new joists will not penetrate the building fabric, but will be bolted to the original joists (which will remain in place). Details of the attachment of old to new are included in the structural engineers document with this application.

THE PROPOSED WORKS

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. Therefore, there will be minimal disruption to the original fabric and materials in the building.



CONCLUSION

The works will enable the Society to make full use of the first-floor room with confidence of its structural stability, but without spoiling the original features and materials of the building.

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