

Littlehampton United Church, 1 High Street, Littlehampton, BN17 5EG

Proposed alterations to existing window in North elevation to form new Wheelchair-Accessible Access to the Knight Hall

PLANNING STATEMENT

Littlehampton United Church is not listed as a building of special architectural or historic interest, but as an Ecclesiastical Building is required to obtain Planning Approval for external alterations.

The Church Buildings were constructed in five phases:

1. The Church – which is characterised by steep gables and stone rubble construction
2. The Lecture Hall – a separate building built using local materials, originally with a steep gable roof to match the church, but now the main hall roof is flat
3. The Knight Hall – built as an extension at the north of the church vestry rooms, with a west gable that matches the materials of the original church, and with cement-render finish to all other elevations
4. The Manse – rebuilt after the original contemporary Manse was destroyed by Bombing in WWII
5. The Coffee Lounge and new vestry – an extension to the west of the original vestry

The Proposed Works

The Knight Hall has no level access suitable for Wheelchairs or for people with some kinds of mobility problems. The proposal addresses this by altering one of the north facing windows to form a new doorway, and at the same time proposes replacing the other existing undistinguished windows in the north wall with modern PVC double-glazed windows, to improve the thermal performance of the Hall.

Impact of the Proposals

The proposed alterations would only be visible from the public St Martin's carpark north of the site, and then only the uppermost part of the windows would be visible because the north wall of the Knight Hall is separated from the carpark by two tall fences that enclose the Manse garden.