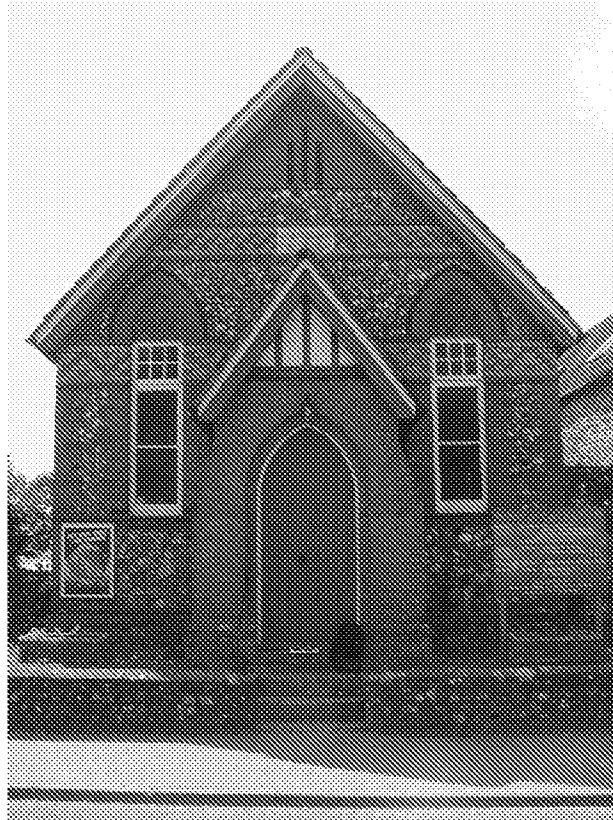

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Heritage Statement for Walberton Baptist Church The Street, Walberton BN18 0PG.

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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 This statement is required by the Planning portal process but is not part of the Arun District Council Planning Validation checklist.
- 1.2 The application is for temporary planning approval for a single storey side extension to provide interim WC facilities and an entrance foyer to be used until the approved permanent extension (LPA reference WA/54/17/PL) is developed.
- 1.3 Current arrangements mean users of the building have to go across to the church hall across the road to use the toilet and a steep set of steps to access the church via the main central access.

2.0 Planning History.

- 2.1 WA/54/17/PL – Side extension to form lobby and WC area – approved 17 January 2018.
- 2.2 WA/40/18/DOC – Discharge of conditions application for the above planning application for materials and surface water drainage provision – approved 16 August 2018.

3.0 Proposal.

- 3.1 The proposal is to provide an much needed temporary WC facilities for the church which currently has none, whilst the size of the WC area fall short of a fully compliant disabled WC, it is the best that can be provided in terms of space within available budgets and other constraints and has been accepted in principle by Building Control.
- 3.2 The existing stepped access to the front of the building is too difficult to negotiate for the more elderly and infirm parishioners. The side access ramp leads to an inappropriate part of the building and is also steeper than ideal.
- 3.3 The new side access ramp will be a little easier to use and the new extension will have the benefit of a level access threshold and level floors leading into the church via the new doorway formed.
- 3.4 The extension is proposed to have a green mineral felt covered flat roof which will have a height that is just shy of the rear boundary wall so that it is not seen from the rear. The walls are plywood clad timber frame construction to minimise cost.
- 3.5 To the front of the side access way there is a gateway and wooden gate. The wooden gate needs to be removed to allow compliant ramp access but the gateway wall will remain in place partially shielding the view from the street and with the extension set back towards the rear of the building, the impact is minimal.

4.0 Heritage Statement.

- 4.1 Whilst the design is based on economics rather than aesthetics, the temporary siting of the structure It is not considered to affect any building of importance or the character of the Walberton Village Conservation Area, notwithstanding this, the extension to the building is mainly hidden from view.