



BISHOP HANNINGTON MEMORIAL CHURCH



STATEMENT OF NEED

FOR REPLACEMENT OF METAL WINDOW FRAMES AND OVERHAUL OF GLAZING

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1.0 Introduction

This Statement of Need has been prepared to support a B List application to replace seven of the badly decayed steel lancet windows on the south side of the church like-for-like with new ones, to match the originals as closely as possible. Six of the windows are identical, with two in the chancel and four in the nave, plus a further similar but taller window in the gallery area. The application also includes the overhaul of the bottom opening casements to the gallery window on the north side. The work follows on from the successful trial replacement of a single lancet window to the nave.

2.00 The need for the proposals

The need is to address the poor condition of the 1938 metal framed windows in the main body of the church, mainly on the south side. These windows have painted steel frames, within which are located small panes of tinted and rippled glass in lead cames. Many of the windows have become badly decayed and let in water, the inner lead came assemblies have become warped and the opening lights, many of which have not been used for many years, also let in moisture. The condition of the windows has now become so bad that the need for their replacement has now become urgent. Their current condition and continued rate of decay mean that the building is draughty and difficult to heat and also unsightly. These defects have a considerable impact on the appearance and mission of the church and therefore need to be rectified as a matter of urgency.

The current condition of the windows is such that continued repair has become impractical, especially when one considers their great size and their location, which is very much in a maritime climate. It is therefore intended to instigate a programme of part replacement and part overhaul, the intention being to replace the steel frames like-for-like with new, whilst salvaging, repairing and reinstating the glass and lead cames. The proposals are all set out in detail in the accompanying Statement of Significance, which also explains the benefits to the building and the church community whilst also weighing-up the possible harm to the Listed building. However, to summarize, the completed work will mean that the church is weather-tight and will have improved draught-proofing, without in any way compromising the appearance.

3.00 Conclusion

The proposed works would be by far the most cost-effective solution to a continued (and expensive) maintenance issue without in any way detracting from the appearance of this excellent mid-Twentieth Century church. We therefore ask Chichester DAC to support the application for the works.

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