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ST FAITH'S CHURCH HOUSE, THE PALLANT, HAVANT, HAMPSHIRE: PLANNING & LISTED BUILDING CONSENT APPLICATION FOR NEW BRICK PIERS TO SUPPORT THE EXISTING BOUNDARY WALL

DESIGN, ACCESS & HERITAGE STATEMENT



The boundary wall east of Church House, from The Pallant

Church House and its boundary wall to The Pallant

St Faith's Church House was originally Pallant House, an 18th C house with early 19th C alterations, stables to the west and a garden to the east secluded from the Pallant by a tall red brick wall. Pallant House was bought in 1919, renamed St Faith's Church House, and fitted up as a boy's club. The Church Hall to the east of the main house and occupying part of the garden was opened in 1926. The tall red brick wall fronting the Pallant is likely to be 19th C in date, and now obscures the car park of the church hall from more public view. Church House is statutorily listed as being of architectural and historic interest Grade II*; the listing description does not refer to the boundary wall, but it has been regarded as enjoying the same listing as a curtilage structure.

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Proposed Development

To the east of church house is a tall brick boundary wall facing onto The Pallant pavement. The proposed development involves the construction of four brick piers on the car park side of the wall to provide support to the wall; existing timbers and rusting iron work will be removed from the west four external piers to the wall, facing onto The Pallant.



View of the inside face of the brick boundary wall

Layout

The location of the four piers is as recommended by structural engineers Archibald Shaw. The piers project onto a band of hard surfacing and will not affect the car parking on the Church Hall side of the wall.

Scale

The new piers will be lower than the external wall and will project a maximum of 450mm from the wall.

Appearance

The new piers will be built of matching brickwork, bonded and stepped as indicated on the drawing.

Historic Building Issues

The boundary wall is leaning and is considered by structural engineers Archibald Shaw to be at risk of failure, which would result in loss of historic fabric as well as putting pedestrians at risk of accident. The proposed construction of the piers to the inside face of the wall is to provide stability and eliminate the risk of failure. The piers will be constructed of matching brickwork, stepped, and will be pinned to the wall by stainless steel pins set in resin, to avoid the need for cutting pockets in the wall to achieve brickwork bonding. Existing timbers and iron tie bars introduced many years ago to strengthen the wall, and which are now damaging the brickwork through the rusting of the ironwork, will be removed and the damaged brickwork made good.

Access

The proposed development will have no impact on access to Church House, the church hall, or the car park.

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The brick boundary wall from the bottom of Fairfield Terrace; St Faith's Church House is on the right, the Church Hall is behind the wall