St Faith's Church House
(Also Known as 'Pallant House' part of the 'Pallant Centre')
Heritage Statement.

Statement from the Parochial Church Council

St Faith's House was acquired by the parish in the early years of the 20th century, for use as a community facility. Over succeeding century, it has provided a number of functions to the local community, including being a club for young men (complete with snooker tables and 'smoking rooms') a day nursery, a café, a folk-club venue, a suite of meeting rooms, offices for the parish and other charities (e.g. SSAFA, who have had an office in the building for over 30 years) and a charity shop. The house was extensively refurbished in the 1950s, using non-period materials. Its heritage value is therefore only as an external structure.

As a community facility, of long-standing, the PCC believes that it is essential to promote the activities which take place at the Pallant Centre – in order to provide a benefit *to* to the local community. (Local people can only access community facilities if they know about them). Advertising, by signage on the building, is part of a larger strategy of raising awareness of the benefit of this facility (including social media, poster-publicity, newspaper articles etc).

The signage we propose has three functions:

a) To educate the local community about the Centre, and the diverse number of community organisations which it serves.

b) To invite local people to make use of the Play Café (a facility designed especially with children in mind – essentially a parent-supervised play-space, with refreshments)

c) To alert passers-by to the existence of the charity shop (which raises much needed finance to maintain and improve the centre).

Design

The PCC has chosen a design with a white background, to be in keeping with the white paint of the exterior of the building. By using the already blocked-up windows (for signs 2 & 3), the signage is intended to be in sympathy with the lines of the building.

The design is also in keeping with the signage used in other parts of the parish (including the Parish Office and Parish Church).

Fixing

The proposed signage will be fixed with the minimum number of screws necessary for safe mounting – such screws to be fitted with white plastic caps to diminish their impact.

Conclusion

The PCC believes that the signage proposed for the Pallant Centre balances the need to educate the local community, while preserving the over-all antique feeling of the building.

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Rector of Havant - on behalf of the Parochial Church Council
Summary Data from Historic England Database follows.

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List Entry Summary

This building is listed under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 as amended for its special architectural or historic interest. Grade II

Name: ST FAITH'S CHURCH HOUSE

List entry Number: 1092128

Details

SU 7106 HAVANT THE PALLANT 5.5.75 10/9 St Faith's Church House II

House (church office). C18, with early C19 alterations. Brick, with a tile roof. Symmetrical north side of 2 storeys and attic, 3 windows. Tile roof with coved plastered eaves, 3 hipped dormers with sashes. Painted brick walling in Flemish bond, rubbed flat arches, plastered 1st floor band and plinth. Victorian sashes. The west gable, with southward extensions, includes decorated cusped bargeboards and a porch of 4 columns, with cornice, panelled frieze, 6-flush-panelled door between side windows. The long east wing has a tile roof, brick dentil eaves, red brick walls in Flemish bond, rubbed flat arches, and Victorian sashes. The plain, brick and tile, stable block at the south-west corner, is used as a shop.

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