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Hi. Consultation response below for logging and web please.
Thank you
Lisa

Sent: Monday, July 1, 2024 1:02 PM

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Hi Lisa,
The Old Chapel, Blakeley Lane, ST10 2PS.
Objection.

Whilst the scheme outlines a *need* for the intervention, there is no information about the building - or what the new boundary treatment will be other than 'sleek' 'modern' and 'subordinate'. It is not annotated on the plan whether the new treatment will be metal, timber, iron, steel, plastic or anything; less any additional information about colour, finish, durability etc. It is clear from the drawings that whatever is proposed will *not* be subordinate, and without any of the core pieces of information I cannot begin to consider this project and or provide guidance.

The former Methodist Church is in an exposed location on the junction at Kingsley Road to A522. It is not clear what survives of any of its original state, though it appears from preliminary its original name board may be the only thing remaining. It is not a listed building though does exhibit some qualities of the Leek vernacular. Looking at the location and proximity to the road, it is not clear what in terms of visibility splay or other practicality has been considered and the topography here appears to afford further access around the sides and back.

It would be pertinent to understand what justification there is for such a 'modern' or 'sleek' boundary treatment, it currently appears to be totally unrelated to any context of the area, looking to completely board off the front of the entire site with the visual obtrusion something that of generic construction fencing or even very contemporary modern house type boundary walling. I question why traditional decorative railings and gate of a suitable height cannot be employed instead. Something like this would be more 'subordinate' and transparent, lighter in outward appearance and giving the desired criteria of need. Though again, with lack of any of the core elements to this project it is difficult to provide detailed advice.

I suggest further information is detailed in order to find a durable high quality conclusion to the project.

Thanks

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Emily Holland. Principal Conservation Officer.
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