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WPC response to DC/23/4582/FUL | Refurbishment and minor extension to the existing timber, single storey Youth Hall at Waldringfield Baptist Church. The works include adding a 45m2 floor area extension and replacement of existing wall and roof cladding, windows and doors. The works also plan to include access and internal modifications and adoption of better fire-proofing and insulation materials. The building is used for several meetings organised by the church such as toddler groups, youth club, prayer meetings and community meals. | Baptist Chapel Newbourne Road Waldringfield Suffolk

Planning Officer – E Attwood; Deadline 10 January 2024.

The property is within the Suffolk & Essex Coast & Heaths National Landscape and forms part of the Baptist Church complex. Although the extension is to the front of the existing hall it is single storey and is set back from the road. WPC considers the scale of the extension to be proportionate and acceptable.

However we do have some reservations regarding this application in its current form.

1) Materials

We do not support the proposed colour choices for the extension. In order to blend in to this sensitive location and to also to present a cohesive finished structure we suggest that the materials - cladding, roof, windows & doors on the extension should colour match those of the existing building and not as proposed in the application.

2) Lighting

Given the location we ask that a detailed external lighting plan be submitted and approved by ESC before any external lighting is installed.

Subject to the above amendments WPC would not object to a revised application.

Submitted via the Planning Portal by Jennifer Shone-Tribley, Parish Clerk – on behalf of the Waldringfield Parish Council