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Our Ref: HB26/04/001 B

Date: 17 JAN 2014

Dear Sir/Madam

RE: WILLOWFIELD PARISH HALL, CREGAGH ROAD, BELFAST, COUNTY ANTRIM, BT6 8PZ

LISTING OF BUILDINGS OF SPECIAL ARCHITECTURAL OR HISTORIC INTEREST

At present, the listing of the above-mentioned property is being considered under Article 42(1) of the Planning (NI) Order 1991.

I would welcome receipt of the views of your Council on the proposed Listing within 6 weeks of the date of this Letter. If there is no reply to this correspondence within the stated timescale we shall assume that you agree to the listing of the above building.


I enclose a copy of the Second Survey Report of the building(s) for your information.

Yours faithfully



STEVEN TOSH

Enc Second Survey DC Report

Address Willowfield Parish Hall Cregagh Road Belfast County Antrim BT6 8PZ	HB Ref No HB26/04/001 B
Extent of Listing Hall	
Date of Construction 1900 - 1919	
Townland Ballymaconaghy	
Current Building Use School	
Principal Former Use Hall	

Conservation Area	No	Survey 1	Not_Listed	OS Map No	147/2SE
Industrial Archaeology	No	NIEA Evaluation	B2	IG Ref	J3590 7254
Vernacular	No	Date of Listing		IHR No	
Thatched	No	Date of Delisting		SMR No	
Monument	No			HGI Ref	
Area of Townscape Character	No				
Local Landscape Policy Area	No				
Historic Gardens Inventory	No				
Vacant	No				
Derelict	No				

Owner Category School

Building Information

Exterior Description and Setting

Detached gable-fronted redbrick parish hall, built c.1910, to the designs of W.J. Fennell, with gabled entrance porch and pair of gabled projections to the rear. Rectangular on plan facing east and located on the west side of Cregagh Road within the grounds of Harding Memorial School (HB26/04/001A).

Pitched natural slate roof with roll-moulded terracotta ridge tiles, ogee-moulded cast-iron guttering to shaped rafter feet and cast-iron downpipes. Plain timber barge board to all gables with a terracotta finial to the front gable and applied timber framing having a timber tie-beam having inscribed lettering stating; 'WILLOWFIELD PARISH HALL'. Redbrick walling laid in English garden wall bond with projecting redbrick plinth course. Square-headed window openings to side elevations with moulded redbrick reveals, stone lintels, flush splayed stone sills and 2/2 timber sash windows with top-hung overlights.

Front east gable abutted by smaller gabled entrance porch having natural slate roof and lateral redbrick buttresses with sandstone offsets. The porch is lit by a group of four pointed-arched window openings formed in moulded sandstone with leaded coloured glazing in the Art nouveau style. Pointed-arched door opening to the north cheek with sandstone head having double-leaf vertically-sheeted timber doors and overpanel opening onto three concrete steps.

South side elevation has five buttress-like piers with sandstone offsets below eaves level and a pair of square-headed window openings with multi-pane steel casement windows.

Rear elevation abutted by a lower gabled entrance porch in turn abutted by a lower gabled section. Each section has replacement timber doors.

North side elevation is four windows wide (now boarded up) each flanked by redbrick buttresses having sandstone offsets.

Setting:

Occupying a modest site on the west side of Cregagh Road with its south elevation fronting onto a small lane and its north elevation fronting onto Dromore Street, with bitmac playing areas to the rear and north. The site is enclosed to the street by iron railings on low plinth wall with matching pedestrian gates supported on octagonal-plan redbrick and sandstone piers, while the side elevations are enclosed by redbrick walling and modern fence.

Roof	Natural slate
RWG	Cast-iron
Walling	Redbrick
Windows	Timber sash

Interior Overview

Interior layout largely unchanged. Detailing largely intact.

Architects

Fennell, William J

Historical Information

Willowfield Parish Hall, to designs by William John Fennell, was the first structure to be built on the site later occupied by the neighbouring national school. Work began in 1910 and the building was opened by the Lord Primate on 25th February 1911, following which work began on the Willowfield National Schools, also to designs by Fennell. (Irish Builder) The hall had seating accommodation for over 200 and a vestry was also provided to the rear. The building was fitted with gas and central heating (by S M Gray). The building contractors were Messrs McIntyre Bros. (Irish Builder). The building is first shown on the fourth edition OS map of 1920-21.

The parish hall entered valuation records in 1912 at a valuation of £24, exempted on the guarantee of the incumbent of Willowfield Parish Church, Canon C W Harding, that no charge would be made for admission to events in the hall. A plan and dimensions are given for the hall as it was first built, showing the porch and extended rear. Willowfield No 1 school became a parochial hall in 1927 and in 1954 the Harding Memorial School and the church hall were taken over by the Belfast County Borough Education Committee, the hall becoming part of the school property. (Haines)

References:

Primary Sources

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5. PRONI VAL/12/B/43/K – Annual Revisions (1897-1930)
6. VAL/12/A/7/J/23 – Valuer's Notebook (1912)
7. PRONI VAL/3/C/3/17 – First General Revaluation (1936-57)
8. PRONI VAL/4/B/7/24 – Second General Revaluation (1956-72)
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1. Haines, K "East Belfast, Paintings and Stories from Harbour to Hills" Donaghadee: Cottage Publications, 2001

Criteria for Listing

Architectural Interest

- A. Style
- B. Proportion
- C. Ornamentation
- D. Plan Form
- I. Quality and survival of Interior
- J. Setting
- K. Group value

Historical Interest

- V. Historical Association/Authorship
- X. Local Interest
- Y. Social Importance

Evaluation

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Replacements and Alterations

None

If inappropriate, Why?

General Comments

Listing Criteria R - Age; S - Authenticity also apply.

Monitoring Notes – since Date of Survey

Date of Survey 27/07/2011
