



St Andrew's Church, Shifnal

Inspection Report

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St Andrew's Church

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Introduction

An inspection was carried out by Candida Pino (CP) on Thursday 2nd July 2020 at 9.30am to confirm that the re-ordering and refurbishment work of the Brooke Room facilities (kitchen and toilets), undertaken at St. Andrew's Church in Shifnal in June 2019, had been completed in accordance with the drawings produced by Arrol Architects in April 2019. This report covers the feedback from a visual inspection; neither kitchen units nor appliances were removed to verify the quality of materials and workmanship.

The previous provision for food preparation no longer met the environmental and health standards required. The scheme was designed to bring the kitchen facilities up to a commercial catering kitchen level.

A storage area, allowing all furniture and equipment to be put away, has now been created within the community hall: the flooring has been renewed and the loose furniture replaced with folding chairs that can be stored in the allocated space.

New Toilet

The general execution of the work is of very good quality: sanitary-ware specifications appeared adequate and installation seemed to have been carried out diligently. The hardwood shelf and sill's details, covering the drylining system were good (not included in AA original drawings but following detail for sill within the new kitchen), and the vinyl flooring has been installed correctly.

The wash-hand basin had been located on the wall opposite to the one indicated on AA drawings. The "airblade" style hand-drier has been installed on the wall opposite the existing window (specifications and proposed location was not included within set of information issued by AA).

Hygienic wall installation was satisfactory; the brass vents to the drylined wall had been installed at the correct height to facilitate ventilation behind the new insulation boards. The new partition, between the kitchen and the toilet, appeared to have been constructed as per AA original drawing, however, thickness of posts and insulation could not be inspected.

The drainage connection could not be inspected: it appeared that the proposed layout (internal connection into the existing foul drainage pipe below ground) has been constructed; the new external inspection chamber and the concrete surrounding were visually inspected and appeared to be as per AA drawings.

Copper pipework and light fittings installation was deemed satisfactory.

Refurbished Kitchen

The secondary window by Storm Windows was visually inspected: additional joinery work was carried out to contribute to a neat installation of the secondary glazing, with a positive outcome. The hardwood sill had been manufactured well and neatly installed (the profile was slightly dissimilar to the one indicated on AA drawings).

Moisture boards had been installed throughout and the location of the brass vents, to the dry-lining system, was identified with the assistance of Mr Senior.

All appliances, units and work-surface are of very high specifications; the moisture/hygienic boards were correctly jointed and installed. It was noticed that one of the cuts to accommodate a socket, by the hot water tank, was not particularly accurate and CP suggested that the gap should be filled in.

The vinyl flooring was well fitted apart from the area, at the abutment of the upstand against the architrave. The brown silicon sealant neatly covers the junction between the hardwood end jamb to the dry lining. Copper pipework and light fittings installation was deemed satisfactory.

Brooke Room Flooring and Storage Space

The existing carpet finish had been replaced with a new carpet of a particular type of specification, sympathetic to dementia sufferers' requirements.

The storage space was defined by a sturdy timber frame, built in accordance with AA drawings.

The proposed long double radiator (on the wall adjacent to the storage space), indicated on AA drawings, had been replaced by two double radiators.

Conclusion

The inspection confirmed that the work undertaken by the contractor, selected by the PCC, had been carried out diligently and in accordance with AA drawings and notes.

Mr Senior provided evidence of specifications, certificates and manuals as issued by the Contractors.

