DESIGN & HERITAGE STATEMENT

Proposed Automatic Wrought Iron Gates and Railings at The United Church, Church Street, Trowbridge BA14 8DZ

Planning consent was granted to the conversion of these buildings to Residential use with consent approvals ref nos18/03338/FUL and 18/03586/LBC and in particular application 19/07473/LBDC Discharge of Condition 4.

The Consent included, under external works, that the existing access at the eastern end of the site will be widened with one of the existing stone piers and part of the boundary wall carefully taken down and rebuilt on a new alignment.

The buildings on the site are Grade 11 Listed and built in 19th century. The pillars and boundary wall would appear to have been built at the same time as the former Tabernacle Sunday School built in 1842 designed by architects Paull & Bonelle.

The design of the Gates and Railings have been carefully considered and special attention taken to match the finials on the gates and railings to those on the existing listed railings in the adjoining Hill Street buildings.

It has been recorded and reported to the police there have been many burgularies into the site and buildings and items stolen. It is therefore proposed to have automatic gates and railings to make the site and buildings and occupants safer.

Overall, the proposed works seek to retain the essential character and significance of these historic buildings.