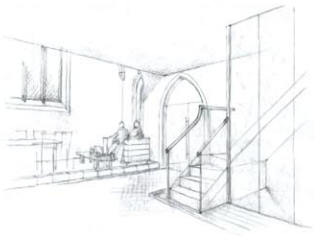
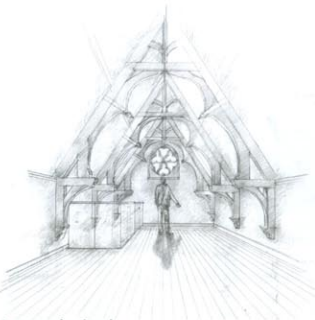




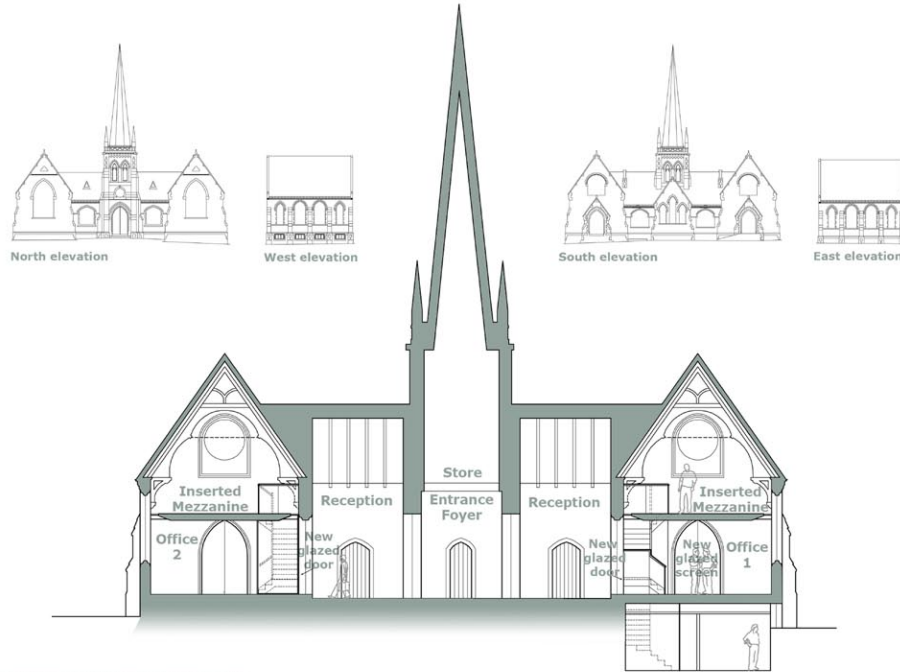
Proposed interpretation board with chapel in the background



View towards reception area



View at mezzanine level



Proposed Conversion to Office Use and Rooms for Hire

It is intended that West Midlands Historic Buildings Trust will retain ownership to ensure the long-term care and sympathetic use of the building given its history and location adjacent to the cemetery. It would be preferable for the Trust to let the building to a single occupier organisation, to prevent any subdivision of responsibility for maintenance of the building and landscaping. The preferred new use for the chapels building as offices and rooms for hire has been arrived at via a feasibility study and public consultation on possible options, which included residential use and as the base for a children's nursery.

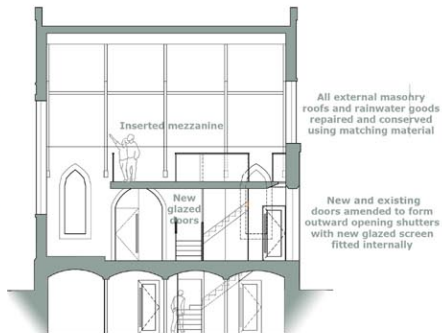
The building is in a structurally good condition. The intention is to carefully undertake repairs to the historic fabric following sound conservation principles. Stonework, brickwork and tiling will be replaced where defective using materials sourced to match. The coloured leaded lights will be restored and discreet protection installed. The building will be upgraded in line with current Building Regulations whilst taking into account its listed status.

Planning permission and listed building consent approvals have been obtained for the proposed conversion scheme. The layout of the building will accommodate easy subdivision into either two office units or one large unit. A mixed-use of office-space and rooms for hire by local community groups is also possible with this internal layout.

The introduction of mezzanine floors and balustrades within the former chapels increases the floor area and permits an appreciation of the original volume of the building. The section above the former sanctuary / dais is left as an open double height space from which the fine form of the trusses can be appreciated, prior to viewing from the mezzanine itself.

Internal access to the cellar is created by extending the staircase through the existing floor. The window openings will be reopened to permit full use of this area as part of the office arrangement.

Limited parking will be incorporated to the north of the site without affecting the principal view of the chapels building from the roadside, flanked by the avenue of lime trees. A new entrance roadway will be created, adjacent to the site, leading to the cemetery and to a new parking area for visitors to the cemetery.



All external masonry roofs and rainwater goods repaired and conserved using matching material

New and existing doors amended to form outward opening shutters with new glazed screen fitted internally



Door into non conformist chapel



Nonconformist chapel interior



Window



Defective hood mould and tracery

Lye & Wollescote Cemetery Chapels