

Relevant Examples of Contemporary Extensions to and Conversions of Traditional Barns and Other Buildings



Left: Image of a contemporary extension as part of a residential conversion of a chapel in the West Country, taken from English Heritage's *'New Uses for Former Places of Worship'* guidance document.

English Heritage provides support for the use of complementary materials in this guidance document:

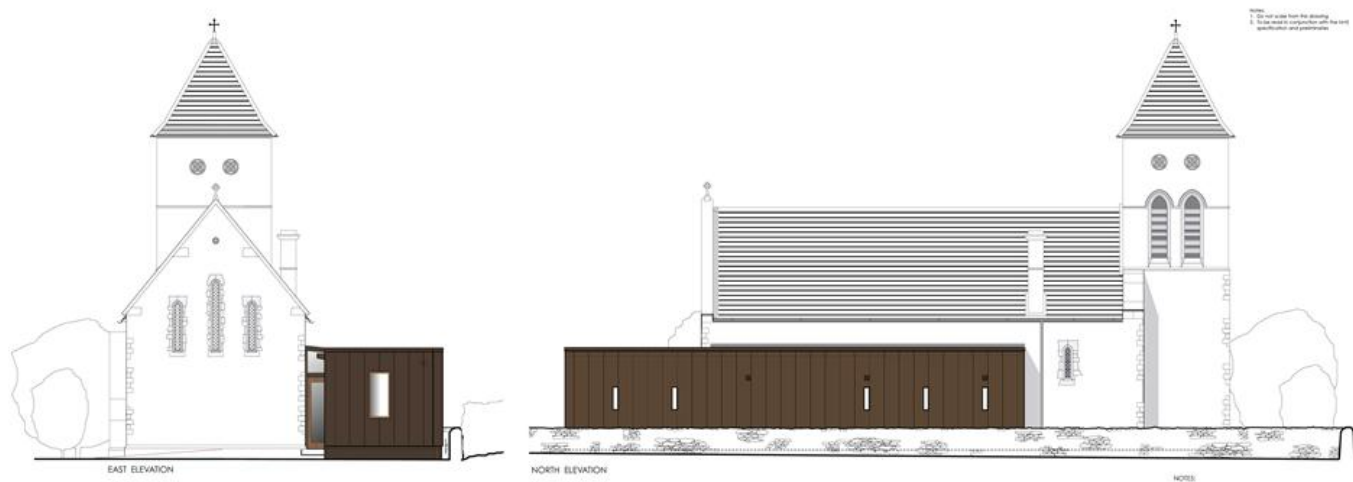
"Without necessarily aping the style of the existing building, an extension can harmonise with it by use of matching or complementary materials and a high level of workmanship and detail."

Comment: The use of large vertical glazing panels to link the extension to the heritage asset has been employed in the proposed extension of the Charlesworth barn.

Right: Contemporary glazing link used in conversion of a granite barn in Guernsey. The proposed extension of the barn at Charlesworth proposes the use of large glazed panels in a similar way where the extension adjoins the barn so as to create a clear distinction between the historic building and the later contemporary addition.

The Guernsey example was highlighted as a success in a Homebuilding & Renovating magazine article entitled *"A Converted Barn with a Contemporary Twist"*





Above: Though a much more contemporary extension than the one proposed at Charlesworth, the extension shown to a Grade II* listed church at Carlton within the North York Moors National Park demonstrates the Planning Inspectorate's positive approach to contemporary extensions to heritage assets. The Inspector permitting the extension found no conflict with local plan policies or PPS5 and referred to the fact that the latter document supports '*intelligently managed change*' to heritage assets.

As with the extension at Charlesworth vertical glazing elements were chosen to link the extension to the heritage asset, as can be seen in the above image, which may be considered to be in accordance with Conservation good practice.

Right and above right:

Two examples of barn conversions which successfully use large glazing elements in the conversion and extension of traditional buildings.



The gable extension demonstrates that the use of vertical glazing panels with a slate roof can ensure a sensitive but clearly contemporary addition to a traditional building.

Both of these examples were featured as successful examples of alterations to traditional buildings in an article entitled '*Design Masterclass: Barn Conversions*' in Homebuilding & Renovation magazine.