

33 Winchester Road, Worthing

Application for window replacement to first floor flat

Heritage and Support Statement

Following an unsuccessful retrospective application for retaining the replacement windows my clients had installed they would now like to apply to replace these with new Conservation Area approved Heritage Rose pvcU windows similar to those approved on other developments in Winchester Road.

They made the decision recently to replace the old timber windows, which were beyond repair, with new energy efficient pvcU windows, however, these were not a heritage style window, and they were not approved by the planning department. My clients were not aware that they needed approval for what they considered a like for like replacement but are now aware that they should have applied for permission. Now that they have been made aware that their replacement windows are not acceptable, they would like to make every effort to replace these with appropriate acceptable windows. To this effect the planning department referred them to a local company, Worthing Windows, who have suggested the Heritage Rose range which they have previously installed in the area, and which match the windows installed at Highgrove House in Winchester Road, which received approval. This will bring their replacement windows in line with an approved replacement window, thereby removing any harm which has been caused to the Conservation Area.



Existing windows – timber windows to ground floor and non-acceptable pvcU windows to first floor. NOTE – ground floor is in separate ownership.

The character of the conservation area is one of variety. The houses differ in styles from side to side and all have an element of individuality. The various window styles and treatment add to this character. However, my clients recognise that many of the changes which have been made to the area have been carried out without consent and have not been picked up until they are deemed to be acceptable by default. They do not wish to add to this and recognise that a more Heritage Style window is more appropriate to retain the integrity of the Conservation Area.

We would respectively ask that the Local Authority grant permission for these replacement windows.