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Subject: Re: P2235 - AWDM/0482/25 FULL AWDM/0307/25 LB - 15 Ambrose Place
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The loss of traditional windows from our older buildings poses one of the major threats to our heritage. Traditional windows and their glazing make an important contribution to the significance of historic areas. Windows are particularly vulnerable elements of a building as they are relatively easily replaced or altered. Such work often has a profound effect not only on the building itself but on the appearance of the street and local area.

With an increasing emphasis being placed on making existing buildings more energy efficient, replacement windows have become a greater threat than ever before to the character of historic buildings and areas. Historic England, Traditional Windows.

This application proposes the removal and replacement of 41 traditional timber windows and 2 pairs of French doors, the only justification for the major loss of fabric of this Listed Building being "improving thermal performance". A building's energy efficiency may also be improved by simple thermal upgrading options, such as draught-proofing or secondary glazing, such additions retaining the important fabric of listed buildings and usually available at much less cost.

It is the stated opinion of the agent's for this application, ECE Planning, that the proposed windows would be like for like, replicating the existing profiles, glazing bar pattern, and overall design in accordance with conservation best practices.

However, there are a large number of significant visual differences which would cause significant harm. The framing members including the meeting rails are thicker, resulting in narrower glazing sight lines. The proposed windows have extending sills, trickle vents, and sash horns. The existing traditional Georgian bar windows were made using individual panes of glass, puttied into full depth glazing bars, whilst the proposed windows use a single double glazed panel in each sash with fake glazing bars attached to the two surfaces of the glazing with spacers between the sheets of glass. (Please note there are no application photographs showing internal views of the existing windows and no drawing sections either).
The proposed windows are not bespoke, but are mass produced using standard sections and details, and hence are a poor reproduction of the existing windows.

I have no objection to the redecorating works outlined.

Kind regards
Richard