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Subject: Re: 14 Park Cres AWDM/1564/23 and AWDM/1565/23 listed building consent for windows
To: Louise Prew <louise.prew@adur-worthing.gov.uk>

Hi Louise,

14 Park Crescent forms the north end of a grand crescent constructed in 1829-30, and Listed Grade 11* in 1949. The plan form appears to have remained fairly consistent except the addition of the two storey lean-to at the northern end of this building.

The photographic images supplied, clearly show a large number of original windows with their original mouldings, which are of high historical significance. There are also a number of much more recent windows with no mouldings, presumably added during conversion to the present intensive layout of flats. However there is no complete survey to show which windows are of high significance and which are of little significance, or which windows are unrepairable.. There are also no surveyed drawings of the existing windows, only a couple of measurements /annotations added to the proposed windows, hence quite useless. The NPPF requires level of detail to be proportionate to the asset's importance; in this case Grade II*.
In determining applications, local planning authorities should require an applicant to describe the significance of any heritage assets affected, including any contribution made by their setting. The level of detail should be proportionate to the assets' importance and no more than is sufficient to understand the potential impact of the proposal on their significance. As a minimum the relevant historic environment record should have been consulted and the heritage assets assessed using appropriate expertise where necessary.

The proposed windows appear to be standard mass produced units which have major differences to those existing at 14 Park Crescent and the rest of the listed terrace. Although we do not have the survey drawings of the existing windows, obvious differences include deeper midrails, thicker glazing bars and ventilation through the heads of the windows. Other measurements are also likely to differ. In my opinion the loss of many of the existing windows and their replacement with the proposed windows would result in a high level of harm to both this building and the rest of the terrace.

The change of rainwater goods may well be acceptable subject to further details of the profiles proposed.

Kind regards
Richard