

Supporting Documentation for Windows Application

We propose to install timber double swing windows on the front elevation which would be in keeping with the visual appearance of the other properties in Crichton Road. We would also propose to install uPVC windows on the rear elevation, several of the adjacent properties have already this type of window installed, and they are both cost and thermally efficient.

Our current windows are sliding sash single glazed windows which are now in desperate need of replacement. We have already had potentially damaging water ingress. We are fully cognisant of the Argyll and Bute Technical Working Note from 2015. However since its publication things have changed dramatically in the world. Energy costs are spiralling out of control as is inflation. Our monthly fuel bills have doubled with a further increase in the pipeline. Both the Scottish Government and Argyll and Bute Council have produced commitments to reduce carbon emissions and increase fuel efficiencies. We have already taken steps to insulate our property and then the next step would be to reduce the substantial heat loss through our windows

Sliding sash windows over time become loose and allow loss of heat, double swing windows would allow a much better seal and reduce emissions. The Scottish Government's: Heat in Buildings Strategy - achieving net zero emissions in Scotland's buildings Published 7 October 2021 states:

Improving the energy performance of buildings is essential to unlock the rollout of zero emissions heating. Energy efficiency measures alone will not reduce emissions enough to meet our emission reduction targets, but they are a critical precursor to deployment of many zero emissions systems and are vital to supporting households and businesses to reduce their energy costs today. Energy efficiency remains at the core of our heat in buildings policies and programmes, and a fabric first approach continues to be the mainstay of all our fuel poverty interventions.

We simply cannot afford to replace windows with sliding sash. We managed to obtain a quote for timber sliding sash windows and also timber double swing windows. The difference in price was just short of £10,000 and the suppliers Blairs Windows in Greenock could only guarantee the price for one week due to escalating costs of materials.

The difference in price does not include fitting and more time is required to install sliding sash windows, so it will incur even more cost.

As discussed with Mr Gove, the planning department has already allowed the replacement of double swing timber windows in a property just along the road at 28 Crichton Road, this

is still part of Brighton Terrace and part of the conservation area. Visually no difference can be seen from the street so our replacement would not look out of place.

In the current financial climate we hope you will look favourably on our proposal which will help to preserve the integrity of this building, increase energy efficiency within our property, and reduce emissions and carbon footprint.

If this proposal is rejected we would be grateful if it could be passed to the Committee for consideration.