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Dear Sir,

I am writing to provide addition information in support of our application to replace the windows in the above property. As you are aware, we live in the Broomhill Conservation Area, which was extended in December 2007 to include our road in order to protect the architectural features in the area.

Our house is Victorian house, built in around 1890 and has wooden sash windows. When we bought the house we were attracted to the period features. The windows are over 100 years old and are starting to show their age. Many have been painted shut to try and prevent drafts but this presents a fire escape hazard.

We would like to replace the original sash windows with double glazed A++ rated Genesis sash windows to improve the warmth and energy efficiency of our home. We appreciate that the conservation area was developed to prevent traditional sash windows being replaced with UPVc windows, which are not in keeping with architecture in the area. Since the conservation area was introduced, window technology has improved and UPVc Genesis sash windows can exactly replicate the look and feel of traditional wooden sash windows but are 30% more thermally efficient. (Please see attached photographs)

In addition to being more thermally efficient, Genesis timber alternative windows are more environmentally friendly. The product literature estimates that Genesis windows will last for at least 35 years and can then be recycled up to 35 times. Genesis sash windows have been approved for conservation areas in Matlock, Harrogate, Bradford, Blackburn, Scarborough and Kirkcudbright.

The new Genesis windows will be built to replicate the original windows with traditional dressing. The windows will be installed sympathetically to retain as many of the period features as possible. From the street the new windows will look identical to the current windows and so will have no adverse effect on either the appearance of our house or the local streetscreen.

Tapton House Road has many Victorian properties that have been developed into flats, and not all still have wooden sash windows any more. In addition, we live next door to Cybor House which has UPVc sash windows installed and these are clearly visible from the street. (Please see photographs)

We have applied to change our front door to again improve the thermal efficiency of our home. We would like to replace this with a traditional wooden door and replicate the stained glass pane above the door.

We support the spirit of the conservation area and want our house to retain its traditional character whilst improving its energy efficiency and reducing its carbon footprint.

We are having Genesis timber alternative windows installed to the rear of our property since this does not require planning consent, should you wish to view the windows in situ.

Many thanks for your understanding.

Yours faithfully

Tom & Nicola Bailey