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Replacement sash and case windows at Overdale, Strathpeffer, IV14 9DU

We would like to improve the thermal performance of the sash and case windows of our house, while maintaining the character, appearance and original operation. We know that the house is in a conservation area so are conscious of the need to replace the existing windows with identical, but thermally more efficient, glazed units which are in keeping with the age and style of the house.

We therefore wish to replace all 24 sash and case windows of the house with double glazed panes in wooden frames. The finished double glazed windows will open in exactly the same way as the existing windows and be the same in appearance, except for the colour of the exterior timber paint which will be white instead of brown. This will bring the frames into line with those of the neighbouring houses.

We are therefore planning a "like for like" replacement of the windows, with the only exception that they will be double glazed, and therefore more energy saving than the existing windows.

We will engage a local skilled (FMB member) joiner to rebuild windows, replacing the existing ones with double glazed panes in wooden frames. Most of the existing windows do not open and in some the glass is cracked or chipped. The new windows will include close fitting draught excluders and will therefore retain far more heat and look more attractive than the poorly fitted and badly painted existing windows. They will also have traditional fittings and locks. We intend to restore the paint colour to white (matching neighbours on either side of our house and elsewhere in the local area), using environmentally sound (water based and low VoCs) paint.

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