

## **HERITAGE STATEMENT FOR:**

### **RESTORATION TO WOODEN WINDOW FRAMES: REMOVAL OF FOUR EXISTING DOUBLE GLAZED ALUMINIUM AND PLASTIC WINDOWS AND REPLACE WITH WOODEN WINDOWS AT LAVENDER COTTAGE, THE STREET, CROOKHAM VILLAGE, FLEET, HAMPSHIRE, GU51 5SJ**

#### **Introduction**

This design, access and heritage statement has been prepared in support of a listed building consent at the above. This statement should be read in conjunction with the drawings submitted as part of the application.

#### **Description**

Lavender Cottage was built in the 16<sup>th</sup> Century (1601) and is a one of the focal properties featured in history books, village pictures and historic archives. Lavender Cottage is a two storey Grade II listed building, located on the northern side of The Street, Crookham Village, Fleet adjoining Mayfield Cottage which is also statutorily listed, as is many other cottages in The Street, including Laurel Cottage as Lavender Cottages other neighbour.

When the current owners moved into the property just over 20 years ago, all windows were wooden apart from the four front road facing windows which are made from aluminium and plastic. When the pre-application was submitted to replace these windows for wooden windows, the Hart Planning officer visited the property and was in complete agreement that these windows were not only out of character to this property and all the neighbouring properties, but were noticeably “ugly”. We then received a favourable response which has been submitted to our application in the planning portal.

Whilst the Aluminium windows are currently in working order, they are coming to the end of their useful life and the owners would like to pro-actively change these windows before they deteriorate, which might cause damage to the original features of the property. In addition, some of the faux window frames are starting to come apart and this is unsightly for the period property.

With all of the building works going on in the surrounding area, this has made The Street extremely busy with passing traffic, therefore creating more noise, especially to the front of the house and therefore the owners would not want to replace double glazed windows, to single glazed, thus experiencing even more noise. The investment for wooden windows nowadays is significant therefore the owners would want this investment as a positive investment whilst bringing back its character.

#### **The Proposal**

The proposal is to only replace the four front facing double glazed aluminium and plastic windows with wooden windows. For the purpose of this statement, the proposal will be elaborated separately with accompanying documentation:

- 1. Pre-Application Response 19/02511/PREAPP DATED 13/12/2019 FROM Lucy Orchid-Lisle**
- 2. Window Section Drawing**
- 3. Window Proposal from SDM Joinery**
- 4. Plans & Elevations:**
  - a. PL-010 - Existing Site Location Plan**
  - b. PL-011 - Lavender Cottage Site Block Plan**

- c. PL-020 - Existing Ground & First Floor Plans
- d. PL-030 - Existing South & West Elevation
- e. PL-031 - North & East Elevation Plan (not seeking any approvals for these)
- f. PL-200 - Floor Plans – Proposed New Windows
- g. PL-300 - South Elevation – Proposed New Front Windows

### **ADVANTAGES OF DOUBLE GLAZING**

We are sure Hart planning fully understand the advantages of double glazed windows versus single glazed, these benefits are even more relevant when the only other option would be to take a step backwards and replace the existing double glazed windows for single glazed:

#### **Double glazing means warmer in the winter**

Double glazing is great for insulation, it can also help capture natural heat and store it in the winter. This is a great way of keeping your home insulated in the winter months.

#### **Double glazing can mean energy cost savings:**

Less energy is used up to heat or cool a room when double glazed windows are installed, this results in lower energy bills and money being saved. Adding more layers of glazing will increase the insulation levels and save more money.

#### **Keep cooler in the summer:**

Double glazed windows can trap some of the rays coming through the windows on a hot summer's day causing your room to be cooler. This means less air-conditioning is required.

#### **Double glazing can increase safety**

With more units being on double glazed windows, the safety of your home increases. They are harder to break and are sealed tighter than other windows.

#### **Double glazing can reduce condensation**

Double glazed windows reduce the amount of moisture on your window panes, as the airtight seal prevents the condensation from building up. Other windows often allow condensation to build up which causes window panes to have mould in.

**PICTURES:**



**Above:** Picture of the side elevation which has wooden windows.



**Above:** Picture of front elevation, with the 4 aluminium windows to be replaced



**Above:** Close-up of one of the 4 aluminium windows (bottom right)



**Above:** The aging of these windows makes the window even less characteristic



**Above:** Aluminium Frame