

## **Ranger Management & Design Services**

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East Herts District Council Wallfields, Pegs Lane Hertford SG134 8EQ

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Dear Sirs

Re: 162 South Street, Bishops Stortford CM23 3BQ

This application for planning permission is for the replacement of 4 timber framed windows on this terraced property.

One window is on the front elevation at ground floor level and the other three are at the rear.

The application documents include a drawing with floor plans and external elevations illustrating the location of the windows.

The windows to be replaced are single glazed within timber frames that are failing. Those windows are within areas of the dwelling where the greatest amount of heating is required.

In this time of ever-increasing energy costs, the applicant is applying a sensible approach to reducing the heat loss from the property.

The applicant is intending to replace these windows with new Upvc windows, one of which, window W1, will be triple glazed with internal glazing bars, the remainder being double glazed and W4 will have astragal glazing bars. These are standard white woodgrain finish casement windows from the Emplas Collection.

All of the replacement windows will also have increased security fastenings with multipoint locking.

162 South Street is within a terrace of seven dwellings which locating behind the Jolly Brewers Public House.

Windows within all of other terraced properties have been changed over the years from timber to Upvc of varying styles and colours.

It may well be that in reply to consultation, the Council's Conservation officer will cite previous opinions given on similar proposals elsewhere, that within the Conservation areas, window frames should be timber.

May I suggest that consideration is given to this locality in particular, where, as noted earlier, all the windows in the other properties in the terrace are Upvc windows. Upvc is also the dominant fenestration detail of all of the major developments that surround the terrace, some within the Conservation area and others which are directly opposite.

This particular part of the Conservation Area will not be adversely affected by this minor development proposal which is submitted for the best possible reasons.

I trust you have sufficient information at this time for the approval of the application but would be pleased to provide additional information if requested.

Yours faithfully

V F Ranger