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Submission: Objection

Comments: The applicant has submitted further information, posted on 14th November, including a quote for wooden windows, although the planning application was for uPVC, then - confusingly - on 21st November some information on uPVC profiles was posted.

Other information submitted on 14/11 includes photographs of elements of two or three windows in various states of decay.

A quick search on the internet using 'sash window refurbishment near me' reveals hundreds of companies, indicating that there is large demand for retaining & refurbishing these heritage assets - & that there is great value in preserving original sash windows, particularly in retaining the original non-float glass.

For example, <https://www.ventrolla.co.uk/the-ventrolla-perimeter-sealing-system-vpss>. (Quotes from website follow)

Phase 1 ' Window Renovation

Ventrolla has developed a unique Wood Repair System (VR90) that has been designed to extend the life of wooden windows and doors.

VR90 wood repair is a two-part epoxy resin designed to impart the original strength to tenon joints and to fill cavities in sills, which it achieves through bonding with the original timber.

The system's core benefits are:

- ' It retains the majority of the original timber
- ' Provides long-lasting repairs
- ' Fast acting so minimises standing time
- ' Reduces Carbon Footprint of repair
- ' Enables existing profile to be matched In the event of excessive deterioration or if beyond economical repair, we replace the timbers, as required.

Application

All windows are inspected and surveyed prior to quotation and commencing work. At installation, sashes are removed and the condition of the timber, glass and pulleys are fully assessed.

- Decaying wood is removed back to the sound timber
- VR90 WS stabiliser is applied to provide anchorage
- VR90 filler is applied to fill gaps/joints and moulded to match the window profile
- All sash cords are replaced and the pulleys serviced ensuring smooth operation

NB: In the case of larger repairs or where economics dictate, we splice in new timber, or, in the case of a rotten sill, we can replace it completely.

Phase 2 • Performance Upgrade

The Ventrolla Perimeter Sealing System (VPSS) has been specifically designed to be installed into any shape or size wooden window or door.

The system upgrades the performance of original wooden windows and doors without affecting either their appearance or character.

As shown in Diagram A below, the system is installed to provide a seal on all faces and becomes an integral part of the window or door. The system's core benefits are:

- Virtually eliminates draughts and leaks
- Eradicates sash rattle
- Improves Window's Energy Rating by up to 30%
- Helps reduce noise problems
- Ensures smooth operation of the window
- Recognised by English Heritage, Historic England, Historic Scotland and Cadw

Application

A Perimeter Sealing System using a Weatherfin two-piece parting bead, comprising of a pile carrier fitted into a U-section, is installed in and around the sashes.

The sealing system:

- Conforms to BS 7386: 1997
- Conforms to BS EN 12207: 2000 and BS6375-1: 2009, Class 3
- Is manufactured from multifilament polypropylene yarn that is silicon-treated to be water-repellent and UV-stabilised
- Can be supplied in any colour (additional cost may apply)

The sealing system is installed to the top of the box, mid rail, bottom rail, parting bead and staff beads.

The sashes are weighed and the weights are adjusted to ensure the window is correctly balanced and operates smoothly.

All exposed and bare wood is painted with one coat of white acrylic primer to BS5082.

The sashes are reinstalled and staff beads fitted (if the easy-release Sash Removal System is being installed removable staff beads are fitted and corked).

Windows are then checked for smooth operation.

Independent Testing:

- VPSS achieved the highest requirement of BS6375-1 2009, Class 3 (Tested to 600 Pa)
- VPSS provides up to a 30% improvement in a Windows Energy Rating (WER)
- Air change rates were reduced to 0.4 air changes per hour
- Noise reduction levels of up to 6-10 dB(A) range
- Has been independently tested and proven to fall within the 6 to 10dB noise reduction range.

This company also can provide secondary glazing -

<https://www.ventrolla.co.uk/windows-doors/windows/timber/secondary-glazing>

Secondary glazing consists of a fully independent internal window fitted on the room side of an existing window. Secondary glazing delivers many of the features that modern double glazing provides without the extra hassle of trying to obtain planning permission.

Made from lightweight, slender aluminium frames, enjoying the sunshine and making the most of far-reaching views, whilst preserving your property's exceptional character, is a straightforward process with secondary glazing installations by Ventrolla.

The application should be refused.

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