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Comments: Proposal: Replacement of Existing Rotting Wooden Window Frames with UPVC Frames

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1. Introduction

This statement accompanies the planning application for the replacement of the existing rotting wooden window frames with UPVC frames at the property, located in the UK postcode SK17 6QF. The aim is to maintain the visual integrity and character of the property while ensuring longevity and improved functionality of the window structures. This statement is made by the property owners in support of the application and in response to letter dated 30/10/23 by the Principal Conservation Officer.

2. Property Description

Brentwood is a traditional built three storey end of terrace property constructed in approximately 1900 . It lies on the edge of the Hardwick conservation area in Buxton.

3. Description of Proposed Works

The proposed works involve the replacement of all existing wooden window frames, which are currently in a state of decay and no longer provide adequate insulation or security. The new UPVC frames have been designed to closely

mimic the appearance of the original wooden frames, including dimensions, profile, and colour and additional motifs.

4. Assessment of Impact on Heritage Value

Visual Impact: The UPVC frames, while modern in material, are crafted to visually resemble the existing wooden frames, ensuring that the property's appearance remains consistent with its historical character.

Structural Integrity: The replacement with UPVC will enhance the structural integrity of the windows, addressing the current issues of rot and decay without compromising the property's historic fabric.

Sustainability and Efficiency: The new UPVC frames offer better insulation properties, contributing to the property's energy efficiency and sustainability without detracting from its heritage value.

Compatibility with Conservation Area/Setting: The owners are very much concerned with maintaining the overall historic character of the neighbourhood whilst trying to reduce the environmental impact of heating the property and have carefully selected products which are in keeping with properties in the area where windows are original. Although the surrounding houses are not consistent with the style and materials of windows used and there are also new modern built structures adjacent to the property the products selected replicate original turn of the century timber window frames and on the upper floors will actually replace windows which do not currently do this (replaced in the 1970s) by previous owners. The new windows will be replacing modern casement style windows on upper floors with vertical sliding sash windows closer to the original style.

5. Conclusion

The proposed replacement of the window frames with UPVC, designed to replicate the existing wooden frames, is a necessary measure to preserve the structural integrity and functionality of Brentwood. This intervention is sensitively designed to respect and maintain the property's heritage value while ensuring its continued viability and sustainability.

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