

The Planning Inspectorate

COMMENTS ON CASE (Online Version)

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Appeal Reference: APP/H1033/W/24/3341179

DETAILS OF THE CASE

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Appeal By MR DAVID BRINDLEY

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6 Grosvenor Mansions
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SENDER DETAILS

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ABOUT YOUR COMMENTS

In what capacity do you wish to make representations on this case?

- ☐ Appellant
- ☐ Agent
- ☒ Interested Party / Person
- ☐ Land Owner
- ☐ Rule 6 (6)

What kind of representation are you making?

- ☐ Final Comments
- ☐ Proof of Evidence
- ☐ Statement
- ☐ Statement of Common Ground
- ☒ Interested Party/Person Correspondence
- ☐ Other

YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE

I am writing to formally request reconsideration of the application made by Mr David Brindley of 6 Grosvenor Mansions to replace the existing wooden framed single glazed windows at the Grade 2 listed property. He understands the importance of preserving the historical integrity of listed buildings and has carefully considered the heritage aspects in proposing a modern alternative.

The current windows are in a state of disrepair, and despite numerous efforts to maintain them, they no longer provide adequate insulation or security. The proposal to replace them with high-quality, heritage-style double-glazed units are designed to closely match the appearance of the original windows. This approach ensures that the aesthetic and historical value of the property is respected and maintained.

Justifications for Replacement:

1. Energy Efficiency and Sustainability:

The existing single glazed windows offer poor insulation, leading to significant heat loss and higher energy consumption. Modern double-glazed units will dramatically improve the thermal efficiency of the property, in line with current environmental standards and sustainability goals.

Improved insulation will also contribute to the reduction of the buildings carbon footprint, aligning with local and national environmental policies.

2. Historical Accuracy and Visual Integrity:

The proposed windows are custom-made to replicate the design, materials, and proportions of the original windows, ensuring that the visual impact on the heritage asset is minimal.

Using advanced glazing techniques, these units can provide the appearance of single glazing while offering the benefits of modern technology, preserving the property's historical authenticity.

3. Enhanced Security and Comfort:

Modern windows will offer improved security features, which are crucial for protecting the property and its occupants.

Enhanced acoustic insulation provided by double glazing will also significantly reduce external noise, improving the living conditions within the property without altering its character.

4. Long-Term Preservation:

The new windows will require less frequent maintenance compared to the original wooden frames, which are prone to weathering and decay.

Grosvenor Mansions consists of 13 individual apartments and precedents set here will ensure the whole building remains in good condition for future generations, reducing the need for repeated, potentially intrusive, repairs.

5. Contextual Appropriateness:

Surrounding buildings in the area already feature double-glazed windows, indicating that such installations are contextually appropriate and do not detract from the overall historical environment.

The windows were installed by the County Council, demonstrating a precedent for their acceptance and appropriateness in this context.

6. Minimal Impact of Roof Lights:

The roof lights on the property are not clearly visible from the roadside and have little to no architectural or historical significance. Their presence indicates that modifications which do not compromise the visual and historical integrity of the building can be sensitively integrated.

David is committed to preserving the historical character of the property and I believe that the proposed replacement windows represent a balanced solution that addresses both heritage preservation and modern living requirements. I kindly request that the Planning Inspectorate reconsider the application in light of these justifications.

Thank you for your time and consideration.