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APPEAL AGAINST PLANNING APPLICATION REFUSAL
17/00483/P

Completed Notice of Review is attached plus further information in the form of an attachment.

Attached to the original letter of notification to appeal I attached "Before" and "After" photographs. These should now be re-assigned to the Application for Review.

Yours faithfully



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Building History.

This building was purchased in 1988 when it was still attached to the derelict Fowler's garage that ran from Forth Street to High Street. The whole area was a complete shambles and was an eyesore in the middle of North Berwick.

The Windows

The windows in the property at the time of purchase were aluminium.

In 1993/94 Creel Court was built. In order to make our property blend in with these new buildings and to enhance the appearance of our property in keeping with the Conservation Area we decided to replace our THIRTEEN windows to match those of Creel Court. This was done at a cost of £6,000. This was done to "preserve and enhance" the appearance of the property. We could have put in uPVC windows then because this would have preserved and enhanced etc etc the appearance of the property. Because we did not we are being penalised and suffering financially and the windows are now not enhancing the appearance of the property.

It soon became obvious that, whereas wooden sliding sash and case windows LOOK good they are in no way hard wearing and within 3 years we had to install secondary glazing to help heat the house.

Despite careful husbandry and constant cleaning and painting these windows fell into disrepair. They are now painted shut and we still have secondary glazing in the windows on the North and West elevations of the property.

The cost of replacing these remaining 8 windows is circa £15,000. Living on a modest Army pension and an even more modest Old Age Pension there is no way we can afford new sliding sash and case windows.

Advantages of New Style uPVC windows.

- 1: Appearance: They are finished with a Silver Ash wood grain coating that have the appearance of wood.
- 2: Efficiency: The frames of these windows offer energy and cost-efficient thermal insulation thus lowering our carbon footprint whilst saving money on

Energy bills.

3: Ecologically Sound: These windows are fully recyclable resulting in resource savings. 40% of all gas and oil reserves are used for heating and for supplying energy to buildings whereas just 4% go into the production of plastics of which just 1% are used for uPVC.

4. Durable. Not only are these windows hugely cost effective they do not require painting which, inevitably, leads to painted over sealed windows. Constant painting is not ecologically sound.

5. Costing. Our windows at the rear of the house cost £800 each. The uPVC replacements of our remaining 8 windows would be at a cost of circa £7,000.

Surrounding area.

The idea of installing wooden sash and case windows to be in keeping with those windows in Creel Court and the rest of the neighbourhood is strange. Three of the houses in Creel Court have already installed uPVC windows. There are council properties within 50 yards of our property that have non-sliding plastic windows. The property opposite has tilting brown windows. White wooden sliding sash and case is now a rarity.

SUMMARY

It is the plan of the Scottish Government that every effort should be made to help individuals go Green and lower their carbon footprint. This new style of uPVC is a step in the right direction.

They are pleasing to the eye and are, for all intents and purposes, wooden.

On a practical side these windows are affordable. Wooden sliding sash and case or not affordable and continuing to paint our 23 year old windows is no longer practical and is ecologically unsound.

Since installing uPVC at the rear of the house our energy consumption has dropped considerably. Our £100 a month standing order has been reduced to £70. I fully understand that we are in the Summer months but our standing order has never been less than £85 per month.

REASON FOR SITE VISIT

The new style uPVC windows are far advanced and I firmly believe that a site visit to compare those windows already at the rear of our property with the new wooden windows installed by neighbours in Creel Court would give the planning authorities cause for thought.

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PHOTO B.

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