

APP/15/00146 – Warblington Lodge Cottage, The Gardens, Havant PO9 2HX

I have had detailed discussions as a pre-runner to this application – see GEN/14/01148 for full details. The windows are a very strong component of the building's architectural interest and character. Repair has been fully examined but is not feasible due to the extent of decay. Replacement in facsimile is therefore the next best option. I am satisfied with the joinery information submitted in support of this. In practice the joiner will take templates. I am satisfied the two windows should use the same moulding profiles as referred to on the submitted drawings.

Part of the character of the existing windows is the survival of historic glass. The imperfections compared to modern sheet glass give movement in the glass which is important to reflect in the new work. It should be possible to fit historic glass (which is still manufactured) in the main top opening sections which fall above the height needing safety glass.

I am suggesting the following condition to cover this, but request the agent/applicant is made aware of this in advance.

CONDITION

Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the local planning authority, where possible the existing historic glass shall be salvaged for re-use and any deficiency made up with replica glass in the top upper opening section of the windows.

Reason: To reflect as accurately as possible the character of the existing windows.

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