

Gravesham Council
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RE: Planning Application for Installation of Velux Windows at 97a Windmill Street.

I am writing to provide additional information regarding my planning application to install three Velux windows at 97a Windmill Street, within Gravesham Council.

As part of my commitment to preserving the architectural and historical integrity of my home, I have sought the services of a professional manufacturer specializing in Conservation windows, which are designed to replicate the appearance of traditional single glazing while offering the thermal benefits of double glazing. The manufacturer's description, as outlined below, elucidates the unique features of these windows:

"The original Conservation window was single (and not double) glazed. Our Conservation windows have a 'stepped edge' glazing, where the outer glazing hangs over the inner glazed leaf. This design is an original feature of the Conservation window, intended to give the appearance of single glazing."



I understand that the local regulations require single glazing for windows within my property, and I acknowledge the significance of maintaining the aesthetic character of my residential area. However, I would like to bring to your attention the practical necessity for double glazing in this

particular case, primarily driven by the need to meet modern energy-efficiency and u-value standards while preserving the visual continuity of the surrounding area.

Given the historic character of my home, it is essential to maintain its original design and aesthetics. However, traditional single-glazed windows do not meet the current u-value requirements necessary for energy-efficient living. The use of modern materials and technology is crucial in striking a balance between preserving the historical aspects of the property and ensuring a comfortable, energy-efficient living environment.

The Conservation windows I intend to install not only preserve the appearance of single glazing but also deliver the insulation benefits of double glazing. This innovative approach combines the best of both worlds, ensuring that my home meets contemporary thermal performance standards while preserving its historical charm.

I kindly request that you consider this solution for my Velux windows, as it will enable me to achieve the required u-values within my property while keeping the external appearance in harmony with the surrounding architectural context.

I am committed to maintaining the rich heritage of my property, and I believe that the proposed Conservation windows strike the perfect balance between tradition and modernity. I kindly ask for your understanding and support in this matter.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to any further discussions or requirements regarding my planning application.

Many thanks

Chris Barnard (Homeowner)

Lloyd Day (Plan It UK)