

Design & Access **STATEMENT**

2 Sunnyside
Windmill Street
Gravesend
DA12 1LG



INTRODUCTION

This Design and Access Statement has been prepared in support of a householder planning application for the replacement of existing dwelling and garage timber windows and doors with uPVC units at 2 Sunnyside, Windmill Street, Gravesend.

The property is located within a designated Conservation Area, and therefore careful consideration has been given to preserving the character and appearance of the surrounding area.

SITE DESCRIPTION



The application site comprises an existing residential dwelling forming part of a terrace along Sunnyside, Windmill Street. The property is of traditional appearance with painted timber windows and doors. The surrounding properties display a mix of original and replacement fenestration, including both timber and uPVC units.

The building fronts directly onto the street and contributes to the overall character of the Conservation Area. The proposal relates solely to the replacement of windows and doors and does not involve any structural alterations to the building.



PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

The proposal seeks to replace the existing timber windows and doors with new uPVC units. The replacement windows and doors will replicate the existing design, proportions, and opening style wherever possible. The intention is to ensure that the visual appearance of the property remains consistent with its existing character.

The proposed uPVC units will:

- Match the existing window and door openings
- Replicate the existing glazing pattern (where applicable)
- Maintain similar frame dimensions and sightlines
- Be finished in a colour appropriate to the character of the building (e.g. white/woodgrain – to match existing)
- Retain the same opening method (casement/sash as existing).

No changes are proposed to the size of openings or the architectural detailing of the façade.

DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

The design approach has been to preserve the overall appearance of the dwelling while improving functionality and energy performance. The proposed uPVC units have been selected to closely match the appearance of the existing timber windows and doors in terms of:

- Proportions
- Profile
- Glazing layout
- Colour finish

The replacement units are considered sympathetic to the host dwelling and will not detract from the visual quality of the street scene.

The proposal is limited to a like-for-like replacement of windows and doors. The scale, form, and detailing of the building will remain unchanged. The use of modern uPVC units will improve thermal efficiency and reduce maintenance requirements while maintaining a similar visual appearance.

Given that:

- The openings remain unchanged
- The design replicates the existing features
- No additional alterations are proposed

It is considered that the development will preserve the character and appearance of the Conservation Area.

CONCLUSION

The proposed replacement of timber windows and doors with uPVC units has been designed to respect the character and appearance of the existing dwelling and the wider Conservation Area. The development is minor in nature, maintains the existing proportions and detailing, and will not result in harm to the visual amenity of the area.

The proposal is therefore considered acceptable and planning permission is respectfully requested.