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Dear Ms Harrison

### **Arrangements for Handling Heritage Applications Directions 2021**

**NORWOOD FARM HOUSE NORWOOD LANE MEOPHAM GRAVESEND KENT  
DA13 0YF**

**Application No. 20260062**

Thank you for your letter of 5 February 2026 regarding the above application for listed building consent. We refer you to the following published advice which you may find helpful in determining the application.

Historic England Advice Note 18: Adapting Historic Buildings for Energy and Carbon Efficiency <<https://historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/adapting-historic-buildings-energy-carbon-efficiency-advice-note-18/heag321-adapting-historic-buildings-energy-carbon-efficiency/>>. Paragraphs 78-82 are particularly relevant to applications for alterations to windows on historic buildings. This states that subject to certain conditions and exceptions:

- the installation of slim-profile or vacuum double-glazing within historic frames will generally be acceptable, (paragraph 81), and
- that replacement of windows which do not contribute to the architectural or historic interest of a building with double-glazed windows of appropriate material and pattern, will generally be acceptable (paragraph 82).

The Advice Note advocates that as historic buildings continue to change and evolve, they need to contribute to a greener future and be fit for purpose for the people who live in, experience and care for them. If done thoughtfully and carefully, changes to historic buildings can achieve the complementary goals of protecting our heritage and adapting to climate change.

Paragraph 81 of the Advice Note states that generally, exceptions to the installation of



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slim-profile or vacuum double-glazing within existing frames include cases where windows retain historic glass of interest, windows of historic or architectural interest whose frames / glazing bars cannot support slim-profile or vacuum double-glazing, and windows with leaded lights.

Regarding paragraph 82, the Advice Note explains that in cases where historic buildings have windows which are relatively recent and do not contribute to a building's special interest, their replacement with double-glazed windows of an appropriate material, glazing bar pattern, and detailing is likely to either have a neutral impact or to enhance significance.

The Advice Note provides further advice, expanding on these broad principles. We also suggest that you seek the views of your specialist conservation adviser.

It is not necessary for us to be consulted on this application again, unless there are material changes to the proposals. If you would like detailed advice from us, please contact us to explain your request.

Yours sincerely

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