

## Planning Application Advice Note No. 7

### WINDOW REPLACEMENT in CONSERVATION AREAS and in LISTED BUILDINGS

The appearance of a building and the impressions of a street and area can be impacted greatly by detailed features such as windows. Where windows are replaced in a piecemeal manner, resulting in a variety of different materials, profiles, colours and methods of opening, the quality of the building can be significantly reduced.

The Council seeks to ensure that the general quality of Inverclyde's built environment is improved to the benefit of all and is required to introduce policies and practice aimed at improving and enhancing the quality of Conservation Areas and Listed Buildings. Planning

Permission is required for replacement windows in a Conservation Area unless the replacement is an exact replica with reference to materials, proportion, method of glazing and method of opening. Listed Building Consent is required if it is proposed to replace windows in a building listed as being of Historical or Architectural Interest.

This Advice Note provides a guide to the issues that are considered in determining applications for planning permission.

Proposals which accord with the following principle will be recommended for approval.

#### Listed Buildings (Category A and B):

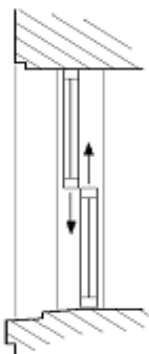
- Replacement windows should match the design of the original windows. For example, if the building was originally fitted with sash and case windows, traditional timber sash and case

windows (top and bottom sashes should slide vertically to open) should be used in all elevations.

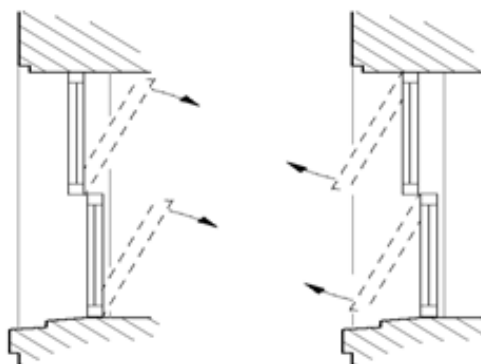
- Windows should be painted to accord with the original colour.
- Where appropriate, glazing bars should match the original in position and size.
- If sash and case windows are required, the bottom sash should be capable of opening inwards.

#### Listed Buildings (Category C):

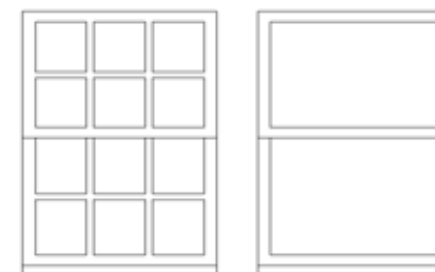
- Replacement windows should match the design of the original windows, although variations to the method of opening will be considered. For example, if the building was originally fitted with sash and case windows,



Sliding sash & casement window



Tilting sash & casement:  
Acceptable for Category 'C' Listed Buildings  
and in Conservation Areas



Glazing bars:  
Important to match original

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traditional timber sash and case windows (top and bottom sashes should slide vertically to open) or tilting sash windows manufactured in either timber, uPVC or aluminium with a plasticated wood grain effect finish are acceptable options.

- Windows should be painted to accord with the original colour.
- Where appropriate, glazing bars should match the original in position and size.

### Conservation Areas:

The following replacement windows are acceptable :

- Windows should match the design of the original windows, although variations to the method of opening will be considered.
- Traditional timber sliding sash and case (painted in the original colour).
- uPVC sliding sash and case (finished in the original colour).
- Aluminium with a plasticated wood grain effect finish sash and case (finished in the original colour).
- Tilting sash windows in timber, uPVC or aluminium with a plasticated wood grain finish (finished in the original colour).

- Stepped windows with a combination of sliding, tilting or side opening in timber, uPVC or aluminium with a plasticated woodgrain finish (finished in the original colour).
- In all cases glazing bars should match the original in position and size. Bars inserted into double glazed window units are inappropriate.