Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas

Introduction

This guide is for advice only, to help potential customers understand the restrictions and limitations which may be placed on them, with regard to work on their windows and doors, when living in a listed building or conservation area.

If there is any doubt about the need for planning we recommend that you speak with your council directly.

Listed Buildings

Any change to the external fabric of the building in principle will require consent from the Planning office. This includes the window joinery and glass.

It is the aesthetic appearance and materials used in the windows which the Council will be most interested in. They will rarely allow change in any form, if permission for work is granted it will almost certainly be on a like for like basis.

Conservation Area under Article 4 Preservation

Enforced by the local council to either an area or a specific building, Article 4 direction forces a restriction to the ‘Permitted Development’ rights on the property. This makes formal planning consent a legal requirement for any changes to windows and doors.

There is more flexibility in what can be done with properties in Article 4 areas, compared to listed buildings.

Conservation Area

Properties in Conservation areas generally retain their ‘Permitted Development’ rights. The distinctive change in terminology means that new windows can be fitted if they are ‘in keeping’. They do not have to therefore be ‘like for like’. The key here is that the general appearance of the house or the area must be retained within reason.

There is no legal requirement to seek permission to carry out work to windows, including the installation of double glazing.
Glazing Options

**Single Glazed**

Single glazed profiles are generally used for replacement in listed buildings, they are often glazed with historic glass for added authenticity.

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**Heritage Double Glazing**

Heritage windows allows for double glazing in listed properties using a slim profile double glazed unit. The system is limited to minimum glazing bar thickness of 24mm.

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**Conservation Double Glazing**

This method of glazing allows us to use a single double glazed unit, without the need for a narrow profile double glazed unit. This will extend unit life.

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**TSWW Classic Detail**

This is our most common glazing platform used on 90% of the windows we make including those fitted in normal conservation areas.

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* Bars available in varying widths.
** Bars available to match existing exactly.
Planning Applications

Clients of The Sash Window Workshop must be responsible for their own planning applications. In order to carry out work, The Sash Window Workshop requires proof that Planning Permission has been granted.

We can supply technical drawings of proposed windows to support an application once an order has been committed to us.

The Sash Window Workshop has many years of experience with windows in these areas of special interest, and will do everything we can to guide you correctly and assist with any required application where we can. Do speak to your Sales Surveyor if you have any concerns.

Contact The Sash Window Workshop

If you have any additional questions regarding timber windows in listed buildings and conservation areas, or would like to obtain a free, no obligation quotation, please contact us.

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