

DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT

16 COMPTON ROAD
LINDFIELD

The purpose of this application is to seek approval to replace existing single and double glazed windows with lightweight double-glazed sliding sash windows in the same style and appearance of the original single glazed windows with narrow astragal glazing bars.

The original (1907) Edwardian windows (marked A,B,C & D on all enclosed plans) have noticeably slimmer glazing bars than those installed in 2009 under planning approval reference 09/01206/FUL (marked on all plans as E,F,G,H,I, and J). The difference can be seen clearly from the first attached outside photograph showing window D (1907 version) and windows E and F (2009 version).

Lightweight double glazing units of the kind proposed in this planning application were not available in 2009 and the windows installed then required astragal bars of sufficient strength to support heavier double glazed units. There is no intention to remove or alter the size of any of the existing window frames (or openings) but to refurbish them as necessary and install lightweight double-glazed sliding sash windows. These will be wooden white-painted units as existing.

The company undertaking this work is sashwindowheritage.co.uk. Their projects and processes can be viewed on this website. Because we wanted to assure ourselves that the resulting installation of the new units would (unlike those of 2009) faithfully reproduce the detailed appearance of the original 1907 windows, especially when viewed from outside, the company kindly made a mock-up to compare with the old units. The second attached photograph compares them together displaying the appearance from outside and inside. It shows clearly that the new units WILL faithfully reflect appearance of the original (1907) units.

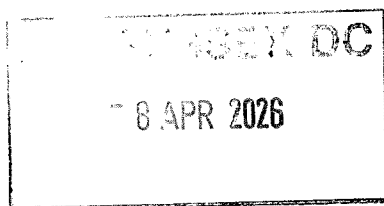
Our Lower Compton Road "What's App" group has been advised of our proposals and, without exception, the responses have been positive. We hope to carry out the work in two stages to avoid too much disruption and subject to planning permission being granted. Phase 1, later this year, will involve windows A to D inclusive. Phase 2 will involve windows E to J inclusive. Window [K] (side elevation) is already double glazed, involves no glazing bars and therefore will remain as now. Windows [L] and [M] are enclosed by the conservatory and effectively triple glazed and will be retained.

In terms of this Design and Access statement we are satisfied that the proposal will restore the authenticity and improve the visual presentation of the property in its traditional environment.



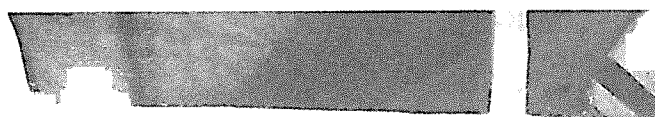
EXTERIOR SHOWING
ORIGINAL 1907 AND 2009
WINDOW VERSIONS
TOGETHER

NB: the individual pane sizes of each new window will of course replicate proportions of originals throughout.





NEW WINDOW MOCK-UP
FROM INSIDE LOOKING OUT -
1907 WINDOW BEHIND



NEW WINDOW MOCK-UP FROM
OUTSIDE LOOKING IN - 1907
WUNDOW BEHIND

