

The Slatch
50 Hickmans Lane
Lindfield
RH16 2PX

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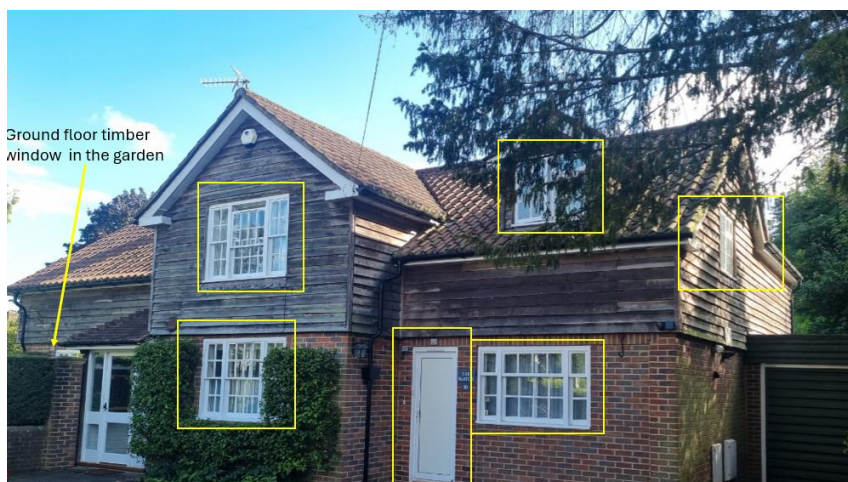
Dear Deborah and the Conservation planning team,

I would like to add this letter in support of my application for the proposed renovations to upgrade and improve the windows and kitchen door. Firstly, I'd like to say that Lindfield is very dear to me. I have been a resident at Lane House, 37 Denmans Lane, RH16 2JR for 48 years and I am delighted to have moved to The Slatch which is another delightful house in Lindfield.

Before expanding, it might be worth noting that the previous owners have already carried out repairs and works to the property. Therefore, the proposed work will involve no alteration to the external appearance of the property with colours and materials closely matched and replaced on a like for like basis.

The application is being made due to necessary repairs which are required in order to maintain the fabric of the house in good condition. As a long-standing resident of Lindfield and the new owner and applicant, I understand the importance of improving and maintaining the building, whilst preserving the character of the house ensuring, as would be expected, that it is sympathetic to the conservation area in Lindfield.

Please note that the rear and the side of the house already have plain white pvc windows, doors and a pvc conservatory. I am upgrading all windows to a much more attractive upvc window with a white wood grain finish which will maintain the look and feel of actual timber frame windows. The double glazing will prevent drafts and condensation whilst keeping in the heat, reducing bills and the house' carbon footprint. Currently, the windows on the front of the house facing Hickmans Lane are the original timber frame windows. They have secondary glazing inside. Sadly, these windows are in poor repair. They cannot be opened. I also struggle to open the secondary glazing in order to clean the inner windows. In winter, there is condensation between the exterior window and the secondary glazing, which is not ideal especially when in the kitchen which runs along the ground floor at the front of the house.



Logistics: front & side facades have timber windows - :

Ground floor

- Kitchen x 2 (Front)
- Lounge garden x1 (Front)

1st Floor

- Bedroom x 1 (Front)
- Bathroom x 2 (Front & Side)
- Bedroom 2 x1 (side)

The front Kitchen door is discoloured and unsightly. It is pvc and has a very small key which makes it very difficult

to open. This is not useful, especially, as a dog owner going on wet muddy walks, it is the door that I will use most. Therefore, I would like to replace this with a white wood grain upvc door which will also marry in beautifully with the proposed new windows. Many thanks to Deborah Lynn for her time in responding to my initial, unofficial online application and subsequently for speaking to my daughter Joanna who has helped me with the online application. I very much hope that the Lindfield conservation planning team will agree that these changes will marry in well with the character of the house and guarantee that the property will remain in good condition for many years to come.

Kind Regards,

Anna Kerr