

Heritage Statement

Address: 34 Church Road, Bishopstoke, Eastleigh Hants, SO50 6BJ
Proposal: Replacement of existing windows
Location: Within the designated Conservation Area of Bishopstoke

1. Introduction

This statement has been prepared to support the planning applications for the replacement of existing windows at 34 Church Road, Bishopstoke. The property is located within the conservation area, and the proposed windows have been carefully designed to preserve the character and appearance of the building and its setting.

2. Existing Building and Context

34 Church Road, Bishopstoke, is believed to have formed Longmead Farmhouse which was once part of the Longmead Estate, dating to around 1850. The property forms part of the established residential character of Church Road and contributes positively to the appearance of the Bishopstoke Conservation Area.

Some of the existing timber windows maybe original or of historic pattern and have deteriorated over time, three are double glazed and are leaking/broken down. They are all in a state of disrepair and beyond practical restoration due to age, weathering and material degradation.

The existing timber front door is beyond practical repair and no longer weather proof.

3. Proposed Works

The proposal seeks to replace the existing windows and front door with new durable and thermally efficient Upvc and composite materials, while still maintaining the same style, proportions and colour of the originals.

- The windows will be **black flush fitting woodgrain** consistent with the existing detailing. Glazing bar positions and opening style will be like-for-like with existing windows.
- Front door will be oak woodgrain effect composite in a similar style to the existing front door.
- The replacement materials will provide greater longevity, energy efficiency, and weather resistance, while maintaining the visual characteristics of the originals.
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4. Heritage and Design Justification

The intention of the proposed works is to preserve and enhance the appearance of the building and the surrounding conservation area. The replacement of deteriorated timber

windows with high-quality, visually identical alternatives will prevent further decay and contribute to the continued preservation of the property.

The proposed materials and design will not alter the architectural style, rhythm, or appearance of the façade. As such, the proposal respects the historic context and ensures the conservation area's character is maintained.

5. Conclusion

The replacement of the existing windows is necessary to prevent further deterioration and to improve the property's energy performance and sustainability. The proposed replacements will **maintain the existing aesthetic, preserve the heritage value, and ensure the long-term conservation** of the building.
