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Haringey Council London Borough
Level 6, River Park House
225 High Road
Wood Green, N22 8HQ

Dear Sir/Madam,

New Windows at 11C Shepherds Hill – Planning Application Ref PP-11533125

We are proud to be the owners of Flat C at 11 Shepherds Hill, N6 5QJ. We love the building, its character, and the history that comes with it. We are delighted to be custodians of part of the building. It is with this ethos that we are making a planning application to replace the existing windows.

We are in need of new windows for our flat. The existing windows have blown, leak when there is rain and are inconsistent with the character of the building and area. We have recently bought the flat and knew it would need work, after the previous landlord-owners did not properly invest in the upkeep. The existing timber windows have degraded, and one is aluminium.

Our new windows have been selected because they will improve the character of the building on the front and east side. They will also maintain the character on the rear. Residence 9 have been chosen for all windows, but the kitchen. Residence 9 make fixed and casement windows. These windows have been designed for conservation areas using 21st Century technologies. As explained on the Residence Collection website:¹

The design brief for The Residence Collection was to extract the key principles, shapes and dimensions from Article 4 directions for windows, and integrate market leading technology into the design using virtually maintenance free materials....

It has been specifically designed to aesthetically replicate the documented historical window designs from the 19th Century period and therefore has been approved for use in many areas across the UK.

These windows come with a premium price, but we believe this is money well spent to improve the appearance of the building and bring it in line with materials now available.

The kitchen window requires a different supplier because it is a sash window, there is no Residence 9 sash window. The existing kitchen sash window has degraded and the air inlet is no longer required. We have chosen Perfect Crystal Windows, who make beautiful sash windows that are also sympathetic to the conservation area and heritage style. From the Perfect Crystal Windows website:²

Our uPVC Sash gives the visual appearance of a traditional style timber sash with all the features and benefits that modern technology provides. Narrow sight lines compliment elegant contoured profiles with meticulous thought and consideration given to appearance, performance and durability.

The new kitchen windows have been chosen because they are low maintenance, upvc. The kitchen window is inconveniently located for repairs and maintenance, as shown in the existing windows document. The kitchen windows look out onto upvc top hung windows, which are not heritage or conservation style.

All of the new windows will be double glazed, which will help improve the energy efficiency of the flat. The current rating is “E” and our windows are rated as “Poor”. In the context of the climate crisis, this will help reduce our need to use gas heating.

In summary:

- The existing windows are blown, foggy and degraded.

¹ <https://www.residencecollection.co.uk/planning-and-conservation/>.

² <https://perfectcrystal.co.uk/upvc-sash-windows/#tab-id-1>.

- The new windows are white woodgrain upvc sympathetically designed for heritage and conservation areas. They are also low maintenance, which will help preserve the look of the building and area for a longer period of time. They are also double-glazed.
- A new casement window in the front will replace an aluminium window that does not suit the area.

We are grateful for your consideration.

Please let us know if you require any further information or if we can be of any assistance.

Yours faithfully,

Alexander Ferguson and Rachel Ennis
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