



FAO: Planning Department,
Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council

Ref: 6/2021/2583/LB
Date: 19/10/2021

HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION ADVICE

Dear Sir / Madam,

RE: 10 Fore Street, Hatfield, AL9 5AH

The application is for the insertion of 13 x glazing panels to the interior of the dwelling.

The property is a Grade II listed building located within the Old Hatfield Conservation Area.

The proposal is to install secondary glazing units within the property. The existing windows are a key feature of the building and an important element of its significance, even if later replacements. The proposed secondary glazing allows the preservation of the windows whilst upgrading the thermal performance and sound insulation of the building. The details submitted, including photographs, demonstrate that the proposed units can be accommodated within the existing reveals and within the width of the existing window frames (and meeting rail), thereby largely concealing the frames of the units from external view (other than the deeper reflections caused by the additional glazing). The proposed units are also a reversible addition.

The installation of secondary glazing is recognised by Historic England (in their guidance *Traditional Windows: Their Care, Repair and Upgrading*, 2017) as a sympathetic solution to thermal and noise insulation issues. There are no objections to the proposal as the special interest of the listed building is preserved and there is no harm to its significance as per Section 16 of the NPPF and Section 16(2) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.

Yours sincerely

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