

11 CHURCH ST. RIBCHESTER NEW WINDOWS – DESIGN STATEMENT

Existing windows:

- The existing 3 timber windows in the front of the house facing onto Church St. were new windows put in back in 1990. They are top-hung and double-glazed. They replaced the then existing timber windows of a similar format. (see photos attached to the application)
- The 5 other windows in the property, to its rear, are timber top-hung single-glazed windows and have never been replaced during the 43 years of our ownership.
- All the windows are in a poor state of repair and need replacement.

Historic windows in Church St. Ribchester:

- Historic photos of Church St. Ribchester (see photo attached to the application) show that the traditional windows were vertical timber sliding sash windows.
- These photos suggest the traditional form of sash windows in Church St. Ribchester at that time were either 'two-panes-over and two-panes-under' or 'six-panes-over and six-panes-under' vertical sliding sashes.
- To maximise the light inside what are dark cottages, it has been decided to use 'two panes over and two panes under' sliding sash windows for the intended replacement windows.

Existing windows in Church St. properties in Ribchester:

- There is a wide variety of replacement windows in Church St.. I think there is only one real traditional window left in the street (a one-pane-over and one-pane-under window – though it looks as if the central vertical glazing bars may have been removed at some time in the past!).
- Many of these replacement windows are 'fake' sash windows that are actually top hung which when open look distinctly odd!
- Most if not all are double-glazed using standard size double glazing.
- Many of these replacements have been implemented quite recently

The type of window replacements:

- All windows will be made in timber and the 3 no. windows to the front of the dwelling will be painted white on the outside.
- All windows will be traditional vertical sliding sash windows (corded and weighted) with as narrow as possible central glazing bars as per traditional single glazing bars.
- The new glazing in all the windows is intended to be double-glazing for energy saving reasons. However, the double-glazing units to be used are to be 'Slimlite' or equivalent, which are much thinner than the standard double-glazing units and accepted by the planning authorities of historic towns and cities as being suitable for use in listed buildings (see: <http://www.slimliteglass.co.uk>).