

HERITAGE STATEMENT FOR REPLACING WINDOWS AT CLITHEROE MOSQUE

Introduction

Historical

The building at 93-97 Lowergate, Clitheroe BB7 1AG, was built in 1884 and constructed with sandstone masonry, wooden windows and a slate roof. It is currently being used as a place of Worship (Mosque) and a part-time, religious school (Madrasah) for children. It was originally, purpose-built as a place of Worship (Methodist church). The building was subsequently modified to be used as a business premises. Two floors were added to the building to accommodate the businesses, thus converting the church into a 3 storey building. In 2012, it was granted planning permission to be used as a place of Worship (Mosque).

Location

The Mosque is located in the southeastern sector of "Character Area 1" of the historic core of the Conservation Area in the town of Clitheroe. Specifically, It's located at the junction of Lowergate and Highfield Road and its car park is accessed from Wilkin Square, off Highfield Road. The building's location is much closer to the residential area rather than the commercial area of the town; it's appearance, as one of a few churches in the conservation area, is immediately recognisable from a pedestrian and vehicular perspective.

Environmental impact of a successful Planning Permission Application

Planning permission is being applied for the replacement of the original, installed wooden windows with uPVC windows. The environmental impact of replacing the windows is twofold; firstly, the erection of scaffolding in Lowergate and Highfield Road will affect pedestrian and vehicular traffic and secondly, the replacement uPVC windows will be manufactured to match the size, shape, pattern, design and colour of the original, wooden windows so as not to detract from the building's current, external appearance. The single glazed, wooden windows will be replaced by environmentally friendly double glazed uPVC windows. Heat losses from the building will be significantly reduced by double glazing.

Submission of Planning Permission Application

The Medina Partnership (TMP) is a registered Charitable Trust (Registration Number: 1120075) which manages Clitheroe Mosque.

The condition and integrity of the forty-five original wooden windows in the building is poor and need replacing; the windows are single-glazed. Therefore, TMP propose submitting a planning permission application for replacing all windows.

The proposal is to replace the wooden windows with uPVC windows fitted with double glazing (environmentally friendly) units. The advantages of using uPVC are its longevity over wood, maintenance free quality, recyclability, and it's significantly cheaper from a Charity's perspective. In discussions with the manufacturer of the uPVC windows, they've advised

that all their windows will match the current windows exactly in every respect so as not to detract from and maintain the Architectural appearance of the whole building.

Justification for applying to replace wooden windows with uPVC windows

It's been observed that a number of buildings in the Conservation Area, close to the Mosque, have had permission to install uPVC or aluminium windows. Photos of these buildings are attached as proof. In fact, St Michael's and St Johns RC primary school, adjacent to the Mosque on Lowergate, has had planning permission, recently, to have uPVC windows installed. The other buildings in the vicinity with uPVC/aluminium windows installed are:

- The abandoned two-storey building that was Piccolino restaurant (uPVC windows)
- The Castle Chippy shop opposite the above building (uPVC shop front windows)
- Clitheroe Reformed Church (Aluminium lean-to windows in Strang Stee)
- Clitheroe Footclinic (uPVC/Aluminium windows and doors)
- Harry Garlick Shop front (uPVC windows)

Photos of the above buildings are attached on Page 3.

From top to bottom

Clitheroe Chippy

St Michael's & St John's RC Primary School

Emporium

Kane & Rawson Furnishers

Ex Piccolino restaurant

Harry Garlick

Foot Clinic.

Clitheroe Reform Church



Clitheroe Footclinic



Clitheroe Reform Church

