

Heritage Statement – 40 Meltham Road, Lockwood, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, HD1 3US



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Introduction

This Heritage Statement supports the proposal to replace the existing PVC windows at 40 Meltham Road with traditional wooden sliding sash windows on the South East Front Elevation of the property, aligning with the building's original design as detailed in its listing (List Entry Number: 1287821). As the council, specifically Helen Bowers & Stephen Pickles, have requested for these to be replaced after writing to the conservation design team in October 2024 to ask approval of the current PVC windows, which had been installed in 2008 by the previous owner. The new sliding sash windows are currently in production and will be installed in February 2025. The application for listed building consent is to acquire written consent regarding the reinstatement.

<https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1287821>

Description of the Heritage Asset

40 Meltham Road is part of a Grade II listed terrace (Nos. 34–40) first listed on 29 September 1978. The terrace is recognized for its architectural significance and contribution to the historic streetscape of Lockwood, Huddersfield. Key features include:

- **Construction Date:** Mid-19th century.
- **Materials:** Local stone with traditional detailing.
- **Original Fenestration:** Timber sliding sash windows, characteristic of the period.

Significance of the Building

The property's significance lies in its representation of mid-19th-century residential architecture in Huddersfield. The uniformity of design across the terrace, including the original sash windows, contributes to the area's historic character and aesthetic coherence.

Proposed Works

The proposal involves:

- **Removal:** Existing three non-original PVC windows.
- **Installation:** New three white accoya timber sliding sash windows replicating the original design, materials, and detailing as per the listing.

Impact Assessment

The replacement of PVC windows with timber sash windows is anticipated to have a positive impact by:

- **Enhancing Authenticity:** Restoring original window designs will reinforce the building's historic character.
- **Improving Aesthetics:** The reinstatement will contribute to the visual harmony of the terrace and surrounding conservation area.
- **Historical Integrity:** Aligning with the original fenestration respects the building's architectural heritage inline with the listing title which is currently in breach with the existing windows.

Mitigation Measures

To ensure the reinstatement is sympathetic to the building's heritage:

- **Accurate Replication:** The new windows will match the original sash design, including dimensions, profiles, and joinery details. These are not provided on the listing title and the Council & Historical England cannot source any further detail regarding design.
- **Materials:** Use of highest-quality Accoya timber appropriate for the period and style of windows. To ensure durability.
- **Craftsmanship:** Engagement of skilled craftsmen experienced in historic window restoration.

Conclusion

The proposed reinstatement of timber sliding sash windows at 40 Meltham Road seeks to restore the building's original appearance, enhancing its historic value and contributing positively to the character of the terrace and the wider conservation area as per the Council's request to have these changed within a 9-month time period as advised by Steven Pickles in December 2024. Specific requirements of the windows have been outlined by the conservation design team, which have been fulfilled in the replacements which are in production. The application for listed building consent is to acquire written consent regarding the reinstatement. This approach aligns with best practices in heritage conservation and the principles outlined in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)

<https://docs.planning.org.uk/20210802/49/QVGBHIJELP900/et73itjevt8ei37q.pdf?utm.com>

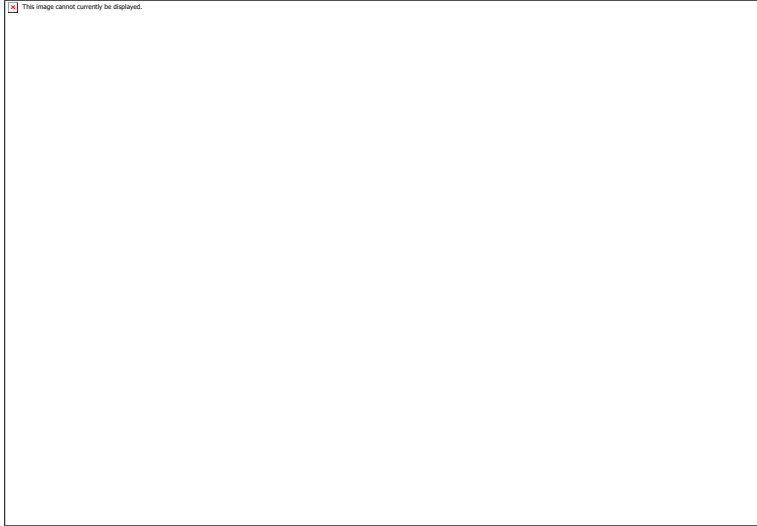
Photographs:

Current elevations and historical images illustrating original window designs:

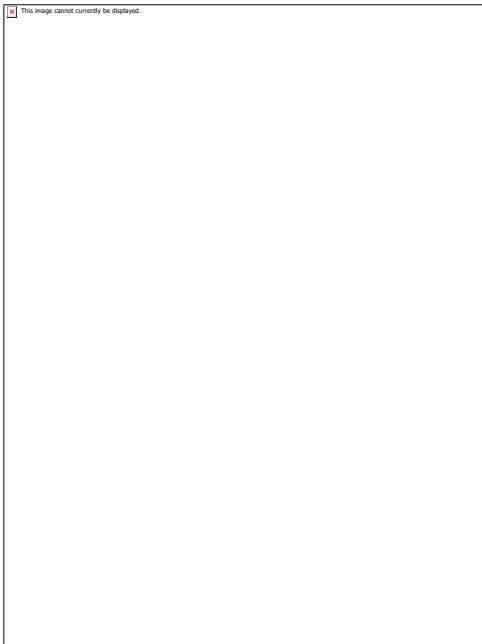
Current View from the front dwelling of the property 40 Meltham Road:



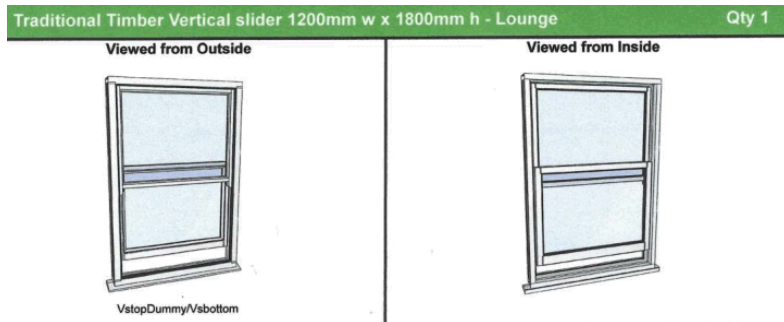
Picture taken on the front dwelling of 40 Meltham Road in 1980 with the original sash windows:



Existing ground floor bottom left window:



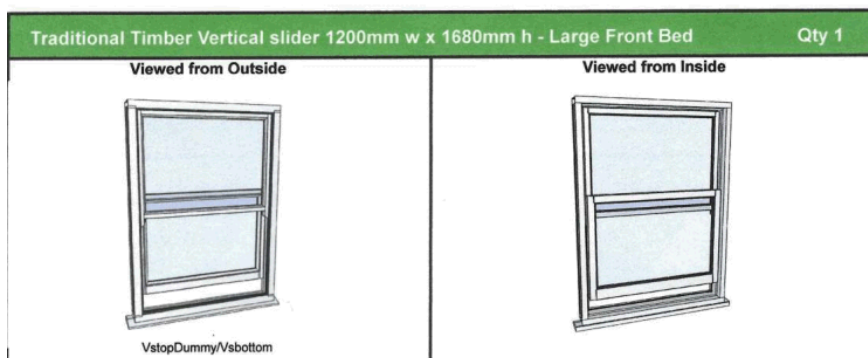
Drawing & Dimensions of replacement ground floor Window:



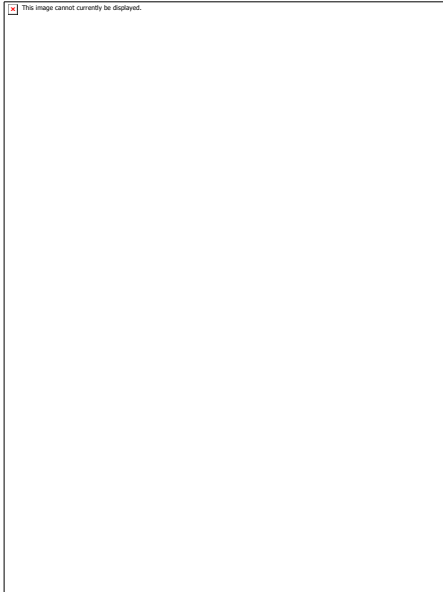
Existing top left Window:



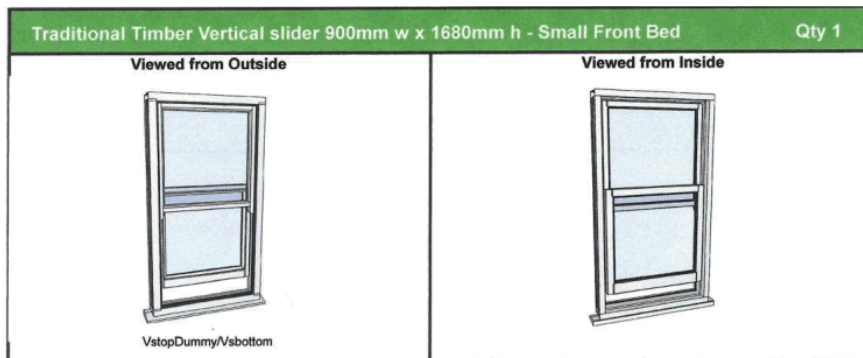
Drawing & Dimensions of replacement top left Window:



Existing top right Window:



Drawing & Dimensions of replacement top right Window:



Supporting Documentation

- **Historic England Listing:** [List Entry Number: 1287821](#)
- **Proposed Window Replacement:** Detailed plans of Design Proposal window reinstatements from Thornton Home Improvements which are currently in production.
- **Official Plan/ OS Map:** TQRQM25030162111362, with arrows pointing to the exact 3 windows that are being replaced.

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