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Dear Sirs,

I am planning to replace the guttering to my house in Tarrant Street. The present guttering is cast iron, 112 mm simple half-round gutters supported on 'functional' brackets attached to the brickwork. In places the gutter is cracked and is leaking, and I am advised that the attempt at removal and replacement of just the damaged sections is very likely to lead to the damage of further sections, owing to the age and brittle nature of the material. The safest option is to replace all the guttering. This is on three sides of the building, the fourth side drains into a 'valley' gutter between my house and the adjoining property. It is only the gutters that need replacing. The hoppers and downpipes are still serviceable.

I am seeking permission to replace the cast iron version with 'cast iron style' in plastic (I attach some illustrative literature). This is much lighter than cast iron and will therefore not exert so great a stress on the brickwork, which is in places rather soft. It will also be a much cheaper option (this appeals to me, as my only income is a state pension). I have been quoted a price of £3,672 for cast iron, as against £1,439 for the plastic. It also has the advantage of requiring no painting - an important consideration on a house that is three storeys high at the front, and four storeys at the rear.

As you will be able to see from the photograph, the guttering hardly constitutes an 'architectural feature' of the building, the details being scarcely visible from street level. Many listed buildings in Arundel have been fitted with standard plastic guttering, presumably without consent, which is probably more architecturally 'honest', but at least with the 'cast iron look' the change of material would be undetectable without climbing a ladder and inspecting it at close quarters.

Yours faithfully,


Rev David Clifton