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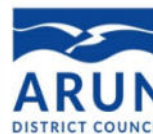
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Hi,

Windows are widely recognised as one of the most important elements in defining a building's character, through their size, proportions and detailing. Guidance makes clear that materials and craftsmanship are critical, and that changes to windows can significantly affect character and appearance.

The property forms part of a modern terrace designed in a vernacular style which reflects the conservation area and helps enclose Norfolk Place, which is an attractive historic space. As such, it is important to ensure that the detailing and materials of the building are appropriate in order to maintain that character. The use of uPVC windows would be harmful in this context. uPVC cannot replicate the quality or detailing of traditional timber joinery, typically having thicker sections, flatter surfaces and poorly defined profiles. Features such as applied glazing bars appear flat and unconvincing, resulting in a loss of the finer proportions and depth that give traditional windows their character. This would detract from both the building and the conservation area. Further, modern materials such as uPVC are hard to recycle and not considered to be sustainable.

Although there may be some examples of uPVC windows in the area, these do not set a precedent. Allowing further use would incrementally erode the special character of the building and the conservation area.

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