

Planning Statement for Window Alterations at 68-70 Peach Street, Wokingham, RG40 1XH

Introduction

This planning statement has been prepared in support of the proposed window alterations at 68-70 Peach Street, Wokingham, RG40 1XH. The purpose of the proposal is to improve the building's appearance, enhance natural light, and address functional requirements for the property, while being sensitive to the local context and preserving the character of the area.

Site Context

The site is located within the town centre of Wokingham, within a mixed-use area of residential and commercial properties. The building is a prominent structure with a traditional architectural style, which is an integral part of the street scene. The proposed alterations to the windows are designed to complement the existing aesthetic, while meeting modern performance standards.

Proposed Alterations

The proposal involves the following:

- Additional window openings to increase natural light to the internal spaces.
- The introduction of more energy-efficient glazing to improve thermal and acoustic performance.
- The design of new windows will be in keeping with the character of the building, including the use of traditional sash or casement designs, where appropriate.

Design and Appearance

The new windows will be designed to respect the traditional character of the building and the surrounding area. The proportions, materials, and detailing will be consistent with the original window openings, ensuring the alterations blend harmoniously with the building's aesthetic.

Impact on the Surrounding Area

The alterations are not expected to result in any adverse impact on the surrounding area or neighbouring properties. The window changes are modest and do not involve any significant extension or alteration of the building's footprint. As such, the impact on the street scene and the local character will be minimal.

Sustainability Considerations

The proposed window alterations will enhance the building's energy efficiency, improving insulation and reducing heat loss. The use of double glazing will also provide better acoustic performance, contributing to a more comfortable internal environment for future occupants. These measures align with sustainability goals, reducing the building's overall carbon footprint.

Conclusion

The proposed window insertions at 68-70 Peach Street, Wokingham, are considered to be a positive improvement to the building, enhancing both its functionality and appearance while respecting the architectural character of the area. The design has been carefully considered to ensure that it will not harm the visual amenity or historical significance of the property. We respectfully request that planning permission be granted for these proposed works.