



Berwickshire Civic Society

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Planning Department,
Scottish Borders Council
Newton St. Boswells

14th March, 2016.

Dear Sirs,

Planning Application No 16/00126/FUL
Replacement windows and door
62 Castle Street, Duns

The Berwickshire Civic Society aims to protect and enhance the built and natural environment of Berwickshire, and to this end we comment from time to time on planning applications, particularly those relating to properties which are listed or in conservation areas.

We refer to the above application and note that 62 Castle Street, whilst not a listed building, is in the Duns Conservation Area.

We **object** to the proposal to replace existing timber windows and doors with new uPVC ones. uPVC does not replicate the finer detailing of traditional timber windows and doors and so the essential character of this attractive house will be lost. We recommend instead that the original windows and front door are repaired and made draught-proof, and secondary glazing installed.

There are companies that would do a quick and efficient job of repairing and draught-proofing the windows, and good secondary glazing could provide better sound proofing and nearly the same energy efficiency as double glazing. If well maintained this solution could be more durable than uPVC windows.

Yours faithfully,

Berwickshire Civic Society

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