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Application No:	PL/2023/05653
Site Location:	Emwell Cross House, 1 Vicarage Street, Warminster, BA12 8JG
Proposal:	Replacement of ground floor window

Information from Joiner for Planning Heritage Statement

1. **Why Replacement is Necessary.** The Ground floor window to the right of the front door at Emwell Cross House in Warminster is, In my opinion beyond reasonable repair due to extensive rot in the structural elements of the sashes, particularly the bottom rail and the meeting rails. I have been manufacturing sash windows professionally for many years and I appreciate and understand that repair is often preferred over replacement when it comes to listed properties. However, in this case the rot is just too extensive and therefore a replacement is needed. We will ensure that the style of the replacement window is matched to the existing as closely as possible with particular attention being paid to the shape of the horn, the dimensions of the glazing bars, rails and stiles, and the decorative profile on the interior.

2. **How Damage and Impact will be Avoided or Minimised.** All care will be taken when removing the old rotten window sashes so as to minimise any damage to the casement/boxing and the fabric of the building. The sashes will be removed by first prising off the staff beading, carefully removing the nails. The lower sash can then be 'swung out' and the weight cords cut allowing the weights to drop inside the case. The parting beads will then be carefully removed ensuring to cut through any paint that may be holding them in place to avoid splitting, the upper sash can then be removed in the same fashion as the lower. We will then remove the covers from the 'pockets' on either side so as to access the weights, these will be removed initially for a good clean up and will be re-used when re-installing the new sashes, additional weight may have to be added depending on the weight of the new sashes compared to the old.

   I hope this will reassure you that we will take great care whilst on site carrying out these works.