

## Heritage Access Statement

**Address:** 11 Hill Street Court, Trowbridge, Wiltshire, BA14 1JQ

**Proposal:** Replacement of existing single-glazed timber window with slimline double-glazed timber window (with glazing bars retained)

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### 1. Introduction

This Heritage Access Statement has been prepared to support an application for Listed Building Consent for works to a Grade II listed property at 11 Hill Street Court, Trowbridge, Wiltshire. The proposal involves the like-for-like replacement of a deteriorated timber-framed window with a new slimline double-glazed timber-framed window, maintaining the existing design (with slight adjustment in proportion of glazing) and visual character of the original.

### 2. Heritage Significance

11 Hill Street Court forms part of a listed historic building located within the historic core of Trowbridge. The building contributes to the town's architectural character through its traditional materials, proportions, and detailing typical of its period. The existing timber sash/casement windows are a key feature of the property's heritage significance, contributing to its visual coherence and historic integrity.

### 3. Condition and Need for Works

The existing window is in poor condition, with significant timber rot and general deterioration that render it no longer fit for purpose. Repairs are not feasible due to the extent of the decay, and replacement is necessary to ensure weather-tightness, safety, and continued usability of the residential apartment.

### 4. Proposed Works

The proposal is to replace the existing rotten single-glazed timber window with a new **slimline double-glazed timber window**. The replacement will:

- Replicate the original window's design, and glazing bar;
- Use traditional timber framing with matching mouldings and detailing;
- Incorporate **slimline double glazing**, chosen for its minimal visual difference compared to single glazing;
- Retain the historic appearance of the elevation while improving energy efficiency and occupant comfort.

### 5. Impact on Heritage Significance

The proposed replacement will have **negligible visual impact** on the listed building or its wider setting.

- The appearance, materials, and detailing will be consistent with the existing heritage fabric.
- The use of slimline double glazing maintains the same sightlines as single glazing and is visually indistinguishable at normal viewing distances.
- The proposal preserves the building's historic character while enhancing sustainability through improved thermal performance and reduced heat loss.

Overall, the proposal represents a **sympathetic and reversible intervention** that balances conservation of historic character with modern energy efficiency standards.

### 6. Access Considerations

The proposed works do not alter the building's access arrangements or physical layout. There will be **no impact on accessibility** for residents or visitors. The works are confined to the replacement of one existing window and do not affect circulation, entrances, or levels.

## **7. Conclusion**

The proposed replacement of the existing rotten window with a like-for-like timber-framed slimline double-glazed unit respects the character, appearance, and historic value of the listed building. It is a necessary and proportionate repair that will secure the long-term preservation of the property while providing improved environmental performance.

The works are considered to comply with the requirements of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 and are consistent with the conservation principles set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), particularly paragraphs relating to sustaining and enhancing heritage assets.