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Re: 12 Nightingale Street, Abercanaid, Merthyr Tydfil, CF48 1DX

Application Ref. [P/21/0267](#)

Thank you for consulting us on this application. We have reviewed the documents available on your website and the AMS objects to the proposal.

We consider the replacement of all the existing window frames and door with UPVC frames on this Grade II listed terrace house would be contrary to Paragraph 5.9 and 5.13 of Technical Advice Note 24: The Historic Environment (TAN 24, May 2017) and the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 which require planning authorities to have special regard to the desirability of preserving listed buildings or their setting or any features of special architectural or historic interest which they possess.

The argument that other listed buildings in the street have benefited from listed building consent for a similar alterations is not suitable justification in this case, given the examples provided are from the early 2000s and predate the existing heritage regulations in Wales and Merthyr Tydfil's current Local Development Plan.

While listed as part of a terraced row of houses, the listing description does specifically note the windows at No. 12 (restored in 1975) and the 'stuccoed thin surrounds to windows'. Not only is the use of UPVC entirely inappropriate on a building dating from the 1850s purely on conservation grounds, it is also unclear from the information provided if or how the stuccoed window surrounds would be affected by any repaired or replaced windows.

We do recommend the application is withdrawn until revised heritage-led plans can be submitted.

I would be grateful if the AMS could be informed of the outcome when this becomes available.

Regards,

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