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To: NYMNPA Planning Committee and for publication on your publicly accessible website

RE: NYM/2020/0597/LB

Dear Committee

I put an application in for replacement windows and a door at my Grade II Listed farmhouse on 18th August 2020.

The farmhouse is only listed 'Partly for group value' so NOT historic in its own right.

After 45 days of silence from the Planners, they then asked for extra documents within the 6 working days before the decision date of 13 October. I had no alternative but to ask for a delay.

I have worked very hard to meet all the Planner's demands. They initially recommended refusal on the grounds of there being historic glass and that some of the windows were repairable.

I successfully managed to prove otherwise, but then they wanted me to replace my irreparable windows with new single glazing and then fit secondary glazing. This is a backward step in this day and age of environmental measures to make our homes energy efficient and greener!

The planner then specified that I install "PILKINGTONS SPACIA" double glazing panes.

I am sure you know that normal double glazing is 24mm spacing for regular homes and 12mm spacing is for Heritage slimline and Listed Buildings. But the SPACIA is 6mm spacing and this would put the cost up from the initial £17,000 for Heritage slimline to an uneconomic £30,000. However, the Planners intensions were thwarted when Pilkingtons informed me that SPACIA had been withdrawn from the UK and European market as it was proving too fragile to survive the journey from Japan.

Please see enclosed photo of what SPACIA glass is like – full of black dots and a plug in each pane – far from TRADITIONAL. Aesthetically ugly.

I am only a member of the public who wants to restore my property with good conservation.

I have searched the NYMNPA planning database and cannot find any other properties in the Park with 6mm panes – so why pick on me? I do not want nor can afford to be your guinea pig.

I had hoped for support from the NYMNPA planning team, when I am actually the victim of it.

Please can you see common sense

Thank you

John Barker

Following page – impartial photo of SPACIA 6mm double glazing



