

HERITAGE STATEMENT
32 AND 33 DUKE ST., WHITEHAVEN

The block of which nos 32 and 33 comprise a part, were constructed in the 1980's following the demolition of the original 18C buildings. They are of modern concrete block construction with some care given to the treatment of the front and rear elevations, preserving the scale and form of the original architecture.

1. The proposal to replace the 4 sliding timber sash windows belonging to the ground floor flats of nos 32 and 33 on the **front elevation** is in keeping with similar replacements on other frontages in the town. The proposal does not involve any change in the masonry openings. There will also be no discernable impact in the appearance of the frontage. Please see the manufacturer's specification which accompanies the application, for more detail.

2. The second part of the application asks for retrospective permission for four windows on the **rear elevation**. The two larger windows have been replaced with uPVC sliding sash windows, and the two smaller windows with uPVC casements. The rear elevation is mostly hidden from public view and from public access. The use of uPVC material, on the rear elevation has been used with other properties in the block, and unless viewed from a very close distance it would generally not be possible to discern a difference from timber construction. The two casement windows are of a size that would not have been constructed as sliding sash in the 18C.