

## **INVERNESS CITY HERITAGE TRUST – DOUBLE GLAZING POLICY**

Inverness City Heritage Trust offers repair grants for work to properties in the Riverside and Crown Conservation Area; these grants are intended to encourage and support homeowners living in older property to fund the difference between the higher costs of traditional materials as compared with modern day equivalents. Inverness City Heritage Trust does not offer building improvement grants – for these types of grants, please see the Contacts section below.

This policy applies to unlisted buildings within Inverness Riverside and Crown Conservation Areas only. It may also apply to Category C(s) listed buildings provided that the owner has received the appropriate Listed Building Consent and Planning Permission from The Highland Council Planning and Development Service. It should be noted that any change to the glazing pattern or materials in an unlisted building in the Conservation Area will also require Planning Permission from The Highland Council and building owners should have this in place before any work begins.

### Double Glazing Policy

Where the windows are the originals or are of original style and opening method then we continue to wish to see them retained or replaced on a like for like basis only. We will not offer grants for double glazing where an original timber window exists, even if it is in a poor condition. This is required in the interests of the character of the Conservation Area and or listed building. Planning Permission is not required for repair or replacement on a like for like basis.

Inverness City Heritage Trust can only fund double glazing where it is replacing inappropriate\* windows subject to the following parameters:

- Timber windows are constructed to a tradition pattern and opening method.
- Glazing bars/astagals are part of the sash construction.
- Glazing elements are fitted/mounted with putty or modern equivalent. Dry glazing would not be supported.
- Moulding detail reflects local patterns or examples from surrounding buildings.

*\* Inappropriate windows are classified as those which are not in keeping with the style and period of the property. This may include the materials of the existing windows, the opening method of the existing windows or the overall design or subdivision of the window opening. It does not relate to the condition of the existing windows.*

We will offer grants of up to 50% for repair or replacement on a like for like basis to encourage owners to carry out this type of work.



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