

To Camden Planning Office,

Kingswood Court (KWC), built 1935, is in one of Camden's conservation areas. KWC has 249 windows and doors, The vast majority of the steel windows that remain have been in situ for over 80 years, are significantly rusted as they are not galvanized, described as being 'life expired' by a 2015 survey commissioned by the board. The gross dilapidation of these windows and their timber frames allows water ingress, which is compromising the fabric of the building.

We total 41 units. Heating is via a communal gas system. Our elderly residents often complain of feeling cold in the winter months. Single glazing means we lose up to 70% of the heat we generate. Heating the building is both expensive and inefficient, the cost is rising sharply in the current market, resulting in the lessening of the reserves desperately needed to renovate our building.

The KWC lease dictates that each leaseholder is responsible for their windows. The high cost of like for like steel replacement has proved prohibitive to replacement and has led to the declining condition of our fenestrations. Alitherm Heritage is not a low- cost window, currently priced circa 20% lower than steel. With the cost of steel exceeding £31,000 for a 2 bedroom flat with a balcony, this saving is significant. This high-performance window gives us an excellent platform to enable owners to secure their investments and the life of the building.

To date 24 applications for the installation of Alitherm Heritage at Kingswood Court have been accepted by Camden Council. The aim is for full replacement and uniformity, this application is for the remaining flats.

Alitherm Heritage is an aesthetically sympathetic window. Conceived and manufactured as a direct replacement for steel windows. Alitherm Heritage has been approved for period building projects in several local authorities including Camden and Tower Hamlets. The windows are green and high performance compared to steel - click for info  
<https://yesglazing.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/smart-heritage-brochure.pdf>

We are passionate about Kingswood Court and future-proofing it for the coming decades. The shareholders strongly feel that Smart Systems Alitherm Heritage is the best alternative to our steel windows and doors. The slimline profile of this high-performance window blends perfectly with the Art Deco features that we are so lucky to have, and the excellent insulation will help us to conserve energy and lower our impact on the environment.

Best Regards  
Chris Gamble (Director)