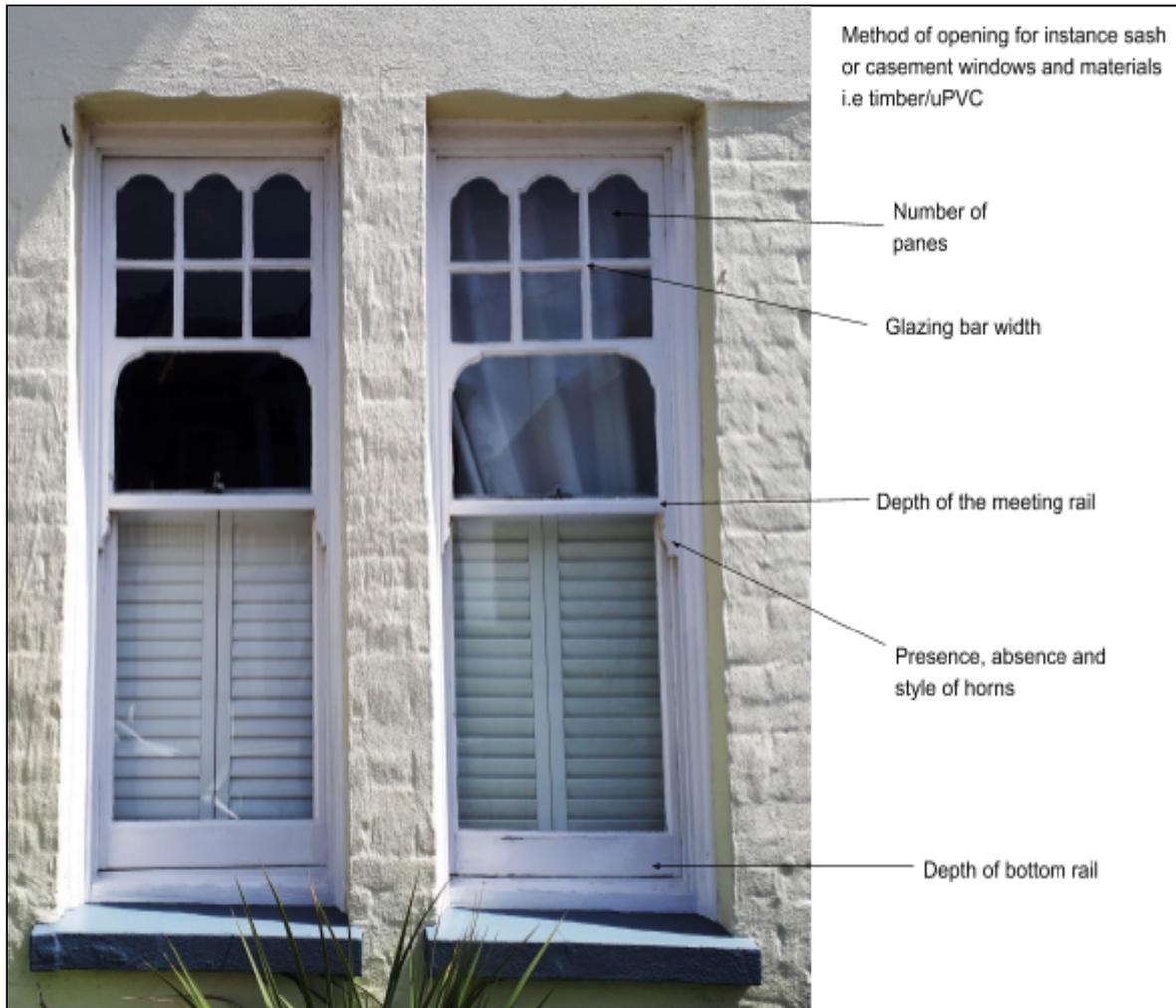


In Canterbury, an Article 4 direction covers changes to the whole house, both front and back. In other parts of the district, directions apply to works to the front of properties and those areas facing onto a highway or open space.

## Replacing windows

### Features that should be matched



## Dormer windows

Existing dormers should be carefully repaired to their original design. In some cases new dormers are acceptable, although predominantly on rear roof slopes in order to retain the character and original appearance of the building. Traditional dormers were usually lightweight and relatively small because the sash box, or casement frame, formed part of the structure. There was no requirement for the additional 'structural' frame, which can make modern dormers look heavy and poorly proportioned. Detailing should be appropriate to the age and style of the building, its facade and the design of existing windows.

The following design rules apply for window alterations on properties in Herne Bay and Whitstable.

<b>Proposed window alterations</b>	<b>Planning permission needed</b>	<b>Likely approval or refusal</b>
Replace traditional timber sash windows with timber sash that are an exact copy or replica.	No	N/A
Replace traditional Victorian/Edwardian one-over-one or two-over-two vertical sliding timber sash windows (windows with one or two panes, not Georgian style which are divided into six or eight small panes) with similar uPVC unit.	Yes	Approve subject to choice of manufacturer and detailing - ensure that vertically sliding sashes are proposed.
Replacement of timber vertical sliding timber sash windows to post 1920 dwellings with uPVC framed windows.	Yes	Approve subject to choice of window style. In many cases the uPVC replacements can match the appearance of original joinery.
Replace modern windows to pre-1920 houses with timber or uPVC frames.	Yes	Approve subject to choice of style of replacement unit. The replacement should attempt to match the appearance of traditional sliding sashes as far as possible.
Replacement of traditional vertical sliding timber sash windows with standard uPVC units (side hung, top hung, bottom hung, horizontal pivot, vertical pivot or louvre)	Yes	Refuse as proposal would not preserve or enhance the character and appearance of the area.

In the case of replacing small pane traditional sash or casement windows (glazed with six or eight panes per sash) it is difficult to replicate the glazing bars in uPVC. The solution therefore may be to replace the window in timber and/or install secondary double glazing.