
REPORT TO:	Development Control Committee	AGENDA ITEM: 7(a)
DATE OF MEETING:	15th January 2002	CATEGORY: DELEGATED
REPORT FROM:	Deputy Chief Executive	OPEN
MEMBERS' CONTACT POINT:	Marilyn Hallard, Design and Conservation Officer, x5747	DOC:
SUBJECT:	Historic Building and Conservation Area Grant Applications	REF: See individual items
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	Melbourne	TERMS OF REFERENCE: DS3

1.0 Recommendation

1.1 That a flat rate grant of £774, this being the remainder of the 2001/2002 budget, be offered to Mr. D. Sutheran for the installation of two sash windows and a door to the front elevation of 40, Derby Road Melbourne towards eligible costs of £1,997.50 (£1,700+ 17.5% VAT) as set out in the estimate from Pete Lewsey dated 4th November 2001 subject to the usual conditions and the following additional conditions:

- i) that the external colour scheme be approved and the windows painted in accordance with the agreed scheme before the grant is paid
- ii) that the door and windows be fitted to the satisfaction of the Council
- iii) that the joinery be glazed with clear glass unless otherwise approved in writing by the Council

2.0 Purpose of Report

To consider an application for grant assistance

3.0 Detail

40, DERBY ROAD MELBOURNE
UNLISTED MELBOURNE CONSERVATION AREA
APPLICANT: MR. DAVID SUTHERAN

REF: 13.13 81

- 3.1 40, Derby Road is a red brick, two storey, terraced house built in about 1840 in the heart of the Melbourne Conservation Area.
- 3.2 This application is for replacing modern joinery on the front elevation, two windows and the front door, with joinery of authentic historic design.
- 3.3 For the purposes of the Melbourne Conservation Area Partnership (CAP), which finished in 1999, this house along with all the others in the row was placed on a 'target list' of badly disfigured properties which were given priority for grant aid. Not a single piece of original joinery on the row had survived. Unfortunately during the course of the Melbourne CAP only one sash window was restored (on the adjoining no. 42). However this established an authentic pattern based on old photographs.

Two further windows of similar design have since been restored without grant aid at no. 46. This followed the installation of plastic windows and enforcement action by the Council requiring their removal.

- 3.4 As a result of these changes the appearance of the row as a whole is improving and this improvement will be further enhanced by the current proposal. The installation of a door to an authentic historic pattern is to be welcomed as this will be the first on the row and hopefully will act as an example for others to follow.
- 3.5 The total cost of the work based on the lower of competitive estimates is £1997.50 (£1700 + £297.50, 17.5% VAT).
- 3.6 These works constitute restoration and therefore fall into a priority category for grant aid and will considerably enhance the appearance of this building and the row as a whole to the wider benefit of the conservation area.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 The budget set for Historic Building and Conservation Area grants this financial year is £5,000. The current outstanding balance is £774. A full 40% grant would give a figure of £799. Should this application be approved the fund would be fully committed. See 'Annexe A'.

5.0 Community Implications

- 5.1 Historic Building and Conservation Area grants contribute towards sustaining the District's built heritage, a valuable and non-renewable resource investment in which promotes tourism and improves environmental quality for all.

6.0 Background Papers

- 6.1 Grant application. 40, Derby Road, Melbourne. Ref: 13.13.82