If you are the proud owner of a Listed Property you are probably aware that you have a special duty of care over it. A Listed property is one which is deemed of special architectural or historic interest and as such is administered by Historic England. If you wish to alter your property in any way that affects its character or appearance, you must first apply for Listed Building Consent (LBC) which is obtainable from your local planning authority, secondary glazing is a reversible adaptation which is generally acceptable to heritage bodies. However despite being a sympathetic alteration with minimal visual impact to a property, secondary glazing requires Listed Building Consent.

Why is it important?

- Failure to obtain consent before altering a Listed property is a criminal offence which could result in a fine or even imprisonment
- An enforcement notice can be served by your local authority and any unauthorised works can require the owners to restore the building to the original condition at their own expense
- Previous owners who carry out unauthorised works can also be served with an enforcement notice

What changes can I make to my property?

- Always check with your conservation officer at your local authority if you wish to carry out any changes and establish if you need to make an application for Listed Building Consent

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