

Alterations to Lunnon Cottage extension (windows in West elevation):**Re proposed window and changed window in West elevation:**

1. Change in bathroom window (1st floor)
2. Additional window above stairwell (1st floor)

**1. Bathroom:**

We are governed by two constraints:

a) head height in the bathroom and b) the stairs.

Because of head heights and building regulations it has been necessary to reverse our stairway. This change has resulted in a smaller bathroom area. This in turn has resulted in a smaller area of headroom in the bathroom.

Due to the overall height of the extension (the ridge height not to exceed that of the existing Cottage), the internal height at the eaves is low. While causing few problems elsewhere, the diminished area of the bathroom together with the low headroom on the North side of the bathroom means that the only available area for a shower (for headroom) is the South wall over the bath. Unfortunately this results in the window originally planned being in front of the shower. To have a shower immediately in front of a window is not practical or acceptable.

To move the window a short distance along the wall (towards the North) and away from the shower area therefore seems to be a sensible solution to the conundrum.

2. Additional window:

We would like to add an extra window in the first floor of the Southern end of the West elevation of the extension. This would, very importantly, give extra light to the stairwell, the landing and the downstairs corridor. We are concerned that these areas will be dark; an extra window would help to alleviate this, and would be most helpful.

The positions and shapes of the windows:

The windows are positioned at the same height above the ground. However it is impossible to give any further symmetry by making the windows equidistant from the centre line of the elevation (because of the positions of the bathroom and the stairwell).

For similar reasons it is also impossible to make them the same shape.

As noted, moving the bathroom window places it towards the eaves, and this results in a not unattractive and interesting asymmetrical window shape.

So we have suggested that the window above the stairwell is also asymmetrical. While not being exactly the same as the bathroom window, it would be similar in appearance, each of the windows having one diagonal corner shape.

We hope these changes are acceptable and will be approved.