

# 10 Essential Questions to Ask Before Choosing Your Windows

A comprehensive guide to making the right decision for your home

## 1. What Material Should I Choose?

Timber windows offer superior aesthetics, longevity, and thermal performance. Modern Accoya timber comes with a 50-year anti-rot guarantee and requires minimal maintenance while providing authentic character.

## 2. How Long Will My Windows Last?

Quality timber windows last 60+ years with proper care. uPVC typically lasts 20-30 years before discoloration and warping become issues.

## 3. What About Energy Efficiency?

Modern timber windows with double or triple glazing achieve excellent U-values (0.8-1.2 W/m<sup>2</sup>K), often outperforming uPVC. Wood is a natural insulator, reducing heating costs and improving comfort.

## 4. Will They Add Value to My Home?

Timber windows significantly enhance property value, especially in period properties and conservation areas. They're considered a premium feature that buyers actively seek.

## 5. What Maintenance is Required?

Modern timber windows need repainting every 5-8 years. Accoya timber requires even less maintenance and resists rot naturally.

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### 6. Are Timber Windows Eco-Friendly?

Yes! Timber is a renewable resource. FSC-certified wood ensures sustainable forestry. Wood also stores carbon throughout its life, unlike plastic or aluminum which require energy-intensive production.

### 7. What About Security?

Modern timber windows meet PAS 24 security standards with multi-point locking systems. They're as secure as any alternative when properly specified and installed by professionals.

### 8. Can I Get Planning Approval?

Timber windows are often required in conservation areas and listed buildings. They meet planning requirements where uPVC may not be permitted. Always check local regulations before proceeding.

### 9. What Glazing Options Are Available?

You can choose double or triple glazing, acoustic glass, Low-E coatings, and various glass types (clear, obscured, decorative). Your installer can recommend the best option for your needs.

### 10. How Much Should I Budget?

Timber windows are a premium product. Expect to invest 20-40% more than uPVC, but you gain superior longevity, aesthetics, and property value. Most projects range from '£8,000-£25,000 for a full home replacement. Individual sash windows start from '£2,500.

### Ready to Get Started?

Contact us for a free, no-obligation quote. Our expert team will visit your property, take precise measurements, and provide a detailed specification tailored to your home and budget.

# **What to Expect: The Installation Process**

## **Step 1: Initial Consultation**

We'll discuss your requirements, style preferences, and any planning considerations. This helps us understand your vision.

## **Step 2: Site Survey**

Our surveyor takes detailed measurements and assesses the condition of existing frames and masonry. Photos and notes ensure we capture every detail for accurate manufacturing.

## **Step 3: Design & Specification**

We'll provide samples of timber finishes, glass options, and hardware. You'll receive a detailed quote with drawings showing exactly what you're getting.

## **Step 4: Manufacturing**

Your windows are hand-crafted by skilled joiners using premium materials. Lead time is typically 8-12 weeks depending on project size and current workload.

## **Step 5: Installation**

Our experienced fitters install your windows with minimal disruption. Most installations take 1-3 days. We ensure proper weatherproofing, correct alignment, and smooth operation.

## **Step 6: Aftercare**

We provide care instructions and maintenance tips. Our 50-year guarantee covers timber against rot. Annual checks are recommended to maintain optimal performance.

## **Questions? Get in Touch!**

Call us today for expert advice and a free quote.