

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/m²K), 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.