Dear Sir

At The Almshouse Association, we recognise that the trustees of almshouse charities have a responsibility to respect and sustain the heritage of the buildings that belong to the charity.

There are, however, situations where there is a need to make changes to provide safe, comfortable homes for the beneficiaries (residents) of the almshouses.

The public benefit, in accordance with the wishes of the original benefactor of the charity, i.e. to provide homes for those in need in the Parish of Lathom (and in this case, the adjoining chapel), should also be taken into consideration when considering the application to make changes to the dwellings.

Whilst care will be taken to replicate the look of the windows from the outside, it would be beneficial to the elderly residents if the mechanism was of a modern hinged affair rather than a sliding one. This would enable them to keep their homes ventilated/warm as necessary.

It would also significantly reduce the energy bills for the vulnerable group of residents we are supporting with affordable housing and have a positive effect on the environment.