

Cladding and rendering

If you live in a conservation area, you will need to apply for planning permission before cladding the outside of your house with any of the following:

- insulation
- stone
- tiles
- artificial stone
- plastic
- timber
- render
- pebble dash

Outside of a conservation area planning permission will be required if the materials used in any exterior work are not of a similar appearance to those used in the construction of the exterior of the existing dwellinghouse.

As an example, putting cladding and render on the exterior of a house faced with bricks may well require planning permission.

If you live in a flat or listed building the rules are different and planning permission/listed building consent are likely to be required.

You are advised to seek professional advice on this **before** installing any cladding to the exterior of your property.

If you require formal confirmation from the Council, as to whether planning permission is required, then you should submit a **lawful development certificate for a proposed use or development**.

To apply please go to:

www.bedford.gov.uk/planningforms and www.bedford.gov.uk/planningformsinfo .