

Whatever You Do – Don't Trim This Way!

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Take a look at the attached photographs here No 1 & 2, writes Don Waterworth. Installers need to understand that there are no circumstances when trims beyond the elevational face of the building is acceptable.



It is vitally important that the rainwater is shed off the facade and that there are no trims or projections which will hold or direct water into the fabric of the structure. We must get water away from the building facade and not allow any unnecessary

trims to hold water against the facade.

Cills

The only projections beyond the face of a facade should be the projected cill or drip section, and these elements are specifically designed to shed water off the elevations of a building.

Purpose of trims

External trims should be seen as a suitable addition to the waterproofing capabilities of the frame and not a lazy attempt to cover over an area that should be suitably filled and sealed.

Professional and Legal Fees

The detailing shown in the photographs does not exist in any acceptable standard and therefore when I was working on this case, the window company found themselves facing a large bill in

Professional and Legal Fees – and the replacement of several windows.

Keep a check

It is important that you keep a check on your installers (however the professional ones would never leave a job like this in any event) and ensure that this type of practice is not allowed to occur. There is no defence in a Court of Law for work of this type and ultimately of course, the consumer deserves better. **■ Don.**



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