Patio doors/windows are a large element which can greatly affect the appearance of a dwelling but its visual impact can be reduced by placing it in a lower building attached to the main dwelling.

- **In gable**: Destroys symmetry
- **Too dominant in small cottages**: Locate in rear or side of both new and existing buildings
- **Use under single storey eaves and not in two storey high walls**: Patio door/window should be located on a southern or western wall for optimum solar gain