

Regarding the requirement of condition 3 to include details of the use and extent of bricks from the existing building in the new front elevation.

An assessment was made by AVV Solutions of the suitability of the existing bricks for salvage, see adjacent letter dated 7th November 2023.

During the demolition best efforts were made to carefully salvage the existing outer leaf bricks. The contractor was instructed to take the existing outer leaf down brick by brick and for the existing mortar to be removed to ensure the bricks were suitable for reuse.

However, it was found that they were set within a hard cement mortar making it impossible to keep the bricks intact. The below photo shows a pallet of the salvaged bricks and it is clear that the arris has been knocked off, meaning that the bricks no longer have crisp corners, and the brick face is damaged with remnants of the cement mortar.

The Material Specification document details the new brick specification and shows that great effort has been taken to find the best match for the existing brick blend. Traditional hand-made bricks have been specified comprising of a bespoke blend of 4 bricks to exactly match the existing. Mixing these damaged salvaged bricks with the new would look unsightly and it is proposed to use only new on the front elevation to give the best visual appearance to the street.

Inner leaf LBC common bricks

Outer leaf facing bricks



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Reclaimed Bricks

Dear Mr Hashi,

Further to our site meeting with regards to the salvaged bricks saved from the demolition of the exist building.
The original building was built with the outer leaf in a facing brick and the inner leaf in an LBC common flettons.

This being the case the risk of the salvageable quality of the bricks would be a lower percentage. Over and above this, many of the outer bricks are not original stock bricks due to the extensions, modifications and repairs made to the previous dwelling. In particular the right wing of the front façade was an extension built using poor quality imitation bricks which were not of sufficient quality to merit salvaging.

We have therefore confirmed that approximately 1,000 facing bricks have been suitable to be salvaged.

The proposed new development front elevation is approximately 82 m2.
Therefore, it is necessary to obtain blend approximately 4,500 bricks to match the existing bricks.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards

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