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Our Ref: 24/02554/DOC
Your Ref: BIBB 2 TP 16
Date: 6 December 2024
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FAO Mr M Longworth

Dear Mr Longworth,

**Details of Condition: Details reserved by Condition 4 (Repointing South-West Corner Brickwork) of listed building consent 22/02290/LBC granted 14.11.2022
Bibbsworth Hall Farm, Bibbs Hall Lane, Kimpton, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, SG4 8EN,**

Please quote the following reference: 24/02554/DOC on all correspondence.

I refer to your application which was received on 1 November 2024, and which seeks approval of works pursuant to Condition 4 (Repointing South-West Corner Brickwork) of listed building consent 22/02290/LBC granted 14.11.2022. Condition 4 reads as follows:

Once the vegetation is cleared from in front of the west elevation of the farmhouse, the brickwork where the repointing is to be undertaken shall be photographed and the images submitted to the Local Planning Authority. When undertaking the brickwork repairs to the south-west corner, the mortar joints shall be raked out by hand or by tools held in the hand and under no circumstances whatsoever are powered tools (for example, air-driven tools; electric angle grinders and so forth) to be used to cut back masonry joints prior to repointing. Thereafter the repointing shall be carried out using a lime-based mortar of a similar texture and colour to the mortar that is removed.

With reference to your letter dated 31 October 2024 it is noted that when exploratory investigations of the footings were undertaken, it was found that the building had previously been underpinned but the walls had not been repaired. There are no obvious signs from the photographs provided with your letter that the mortar joints to the brickwork in the south-west corner of the building has been adversely affected and the repointing appears to have been undertaken in a sympathetic manner (texture and colour) although no commentary is provided confirming that this was undertaken using a lime-based mortar. Having said that, the Council's Conservation Officer considers the repointing to be acceptable. I confirm on behalf of the Local Planning Authority that the repointing is considered acceptable and hereby approved.

Yours faithfully



Shaun Greaves
Development and Conservation Manager

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