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Date: 24 July 2024

Dear Mr Hitchings,

**Details of Condition: Details reserved by Condition 5 (Brickwork and Mortar Mix) of listed building consent 23/01472/LBC granted 17.08.2023
Great Offley House, Kings Walden Road, Offley, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, SG5 3EA,**

Please quote the following reference: 24/01386/DOC on all correspondence.

I refer to your application received on **18 June 2024**, which seeks approval of works pursuant to Condition 5 (Brickwork and Mortar Mix) of listed building consent 23/01472/LBC granted 17.08.2023. The condition reads in full as follows:

Any new brickwork shall match the existing brickwork in terms of colour, texture and size and shall be pointed using a lime-based mortar, a sample of which shall be made available for inspection and shall be approved by the local planning authority. Thereafter, the brick infill panels shall be formed with existing and new matching brickwork and as per the approved sample mortar mix.

I understand that the Council's Senior Conservation Officer visited site on 10 May 2024 (photographs on file ref: 23/01472/LBC). I am aware that on 4 July the SCO requested a sample panel be prepared to fully address Condition 5 and that attached to your email dated 23 July is a photo of a brick panel (which includes 3 mortar types) and a Product Data Sheet: Natural Lime Mortar. The SCO has assessed these and is satisfied that both the brick type (which is a close match to the existing brickwork in terms of colour, texture and size) and your preferred mortar mix (middle course - NHL 3.5 Bracken) are acceptable. I confirm on behalf of the Local Planning Authority that the sample panel and mortar mix are acceptable and that you may proceed with the brick infill panel work.

Yours faithfully



Shaun Greaves
Development and Conservation Manager

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