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Background Information / Context

Previous planning reference AWDM/1282/17, the 4 storey Focus House building was designed and developed for Adur and Worthing Council on land south of the South Coast railway line, near-by Shoreham Station. The proposals were approved in November 2017 with a light grey brick slip cladding system and copper colour feature cladding with large format curtain wall windows to both elements.

Intrusive investigations have demonstrated the installed brick slip wall cladding system has suffered from penetrating water ingress in recent years, resulting in the staining to interior finishes and saturation of the wall insulation.

In order to resolve this issue, the brick cladding elements are to be replaced with an alternative brick slip faced, drained and ventilated cladding system, comprising a separating air space between the cladding and insulation sub-straight. During this exercise the interfaces with windows can also be properly reviewed and renewed to ensure no further ingress issues arise.

The proposed replacement slips and jointing mortar will be matched as closely as possible to the existing, approved colour and texture and a physical sample panel will be made available for conditional approval of materials - prior to orders being placed.

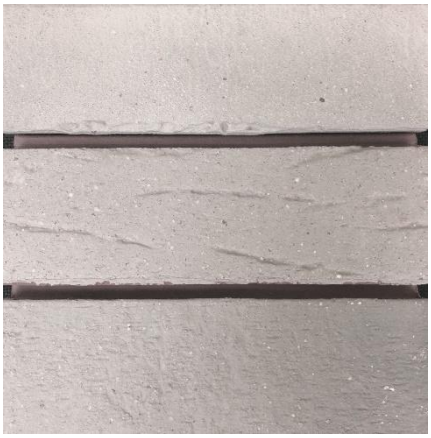
The copper cladding will largely be retained in place, being demounted locally where it interfaces with the brick and will be refitted after the brick re-cladding work is complete. Matching powder coated aluminium picture frame flashings and sills are to replace those removed during the works.

Samples of brick slips have been reviewed on site with the LPA, further samples of grey slips have been sought for conditional approval. Under consideration is a textured slip in a variety of grey shades to closely match the current blend.

The applicant seeks permission for a replacement of the existing brick finishes only.



Existing wall – textured grey facing



Brick slip options under review

See HNW drawings

24052–HNW-ZZ-00-DR-A-1110 – Site Location/ Block Plans

24052–HNW-ZZ-00-DR-A-4200 – Ground Floor Plan

24052–HNW-ZZ-01-DR-A-4201 – First Floor Plan

24052–HNW-ZZ-02-DR-A-4202 – Second Floor Plan

24052–HNW-ZZ-03-DR-A-4203 – Third Floor Plan

24052–HNW-ZZ-04-DR-A-4204 – Roof Plan

24052–HNW-ZZ-ZZ-DR-A-4300 – N&S Elevations

24052–HNW-ZZ-ZZ-DR-A-4301 – E&W Elevations