Site Address: W H Davie and Son,

Angel Lane,

Mere, Warminster,

BA12 6DH

Planning reference: PL/2023/08558

Discharge of condition 3 of the planning approval.

Requirement of the condition:-

> Notwithstanding the approved drawings, no works shall commence on site until an investigatory report removing a section of the existing render from the front wall of the building to be no more than one square metre in size is submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The report shall demonstrate the methodology and any works required to further reveal, expose and maintain the remaining existing stone within the front wall of the building and or a schedule of remedial works. Should the condition of the exposed stone be unacceptable to remain exposed, all adjoining surfaces which have been disturbed by the works (including any brickwork, plaster or render) shall be made good with materials and finishes to match those of the existing undisturbed areas within a schedule of remedial works provided within the submitted report.

Investigation:-

> The render was removed from the test area to find the wall behind was natural stone. The only problem being because the render was cement/sand, when it was removed the face of the stone came with it leaving a poor stone faced finish.

Proposal:

> Remove the whole section of the wall completely and rebuild the wall in cavity construction to current building regulations using stone salvaged from demolitions in other areas of the building and using lime mortar.

Summary:-

The above proposal was put forward to both the planning officer and the conservation officer, with the following positive response from the conservation officer ;
"Joe

This note from Terry accords with my recollection of the conversation.

I would love to see a stone wall reinstated (as opposed to a rendered one). So if reclaimed stone can be used from the site to building a new street-facing wall, that would be a significant enhancement I think to the conservation area.

Jocelyn

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Wiltshire Council

This information was submitted as part of the application to discharge this condition.