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Dear Sir/Madam

Discharge of Condition

Application No:	PL/2023/11155
Proposal:	Discharge of Conditions 3 and 4 of PL/2023/05812 (Reconstruction of partially collapsed wall of Grade II Listed Pondtail Bridge).
Site Address	Bridge On Estate Drive East Of Pondtail Lodge, Bowood Estate, Bowood, Calne, SN11 0LZ
On Behalf of	Bowood Estate (The Reversioners Trust)

Thank you for your recent request to discharge conditions related to the above.

After consideration of the information you have provided we are pleased to agree that the following conditions are discharged:

Condition No. 3 seeks samples of the any new replacement stone to be used for all the external surfaces to be made available on site for Inspection by the Local Planning Authority and the details of the stone submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

The applicant has provided a series of 4 No. photographs with the proposed sample stone in various context locations with the existing bridge. The photographs were taken with new stone matched on like for likely basis against faces of the bridge. The stone sample was not cleaned. The stone sample has been made available to the Conservation Officer.

Based on the photographic information provided for the sample stone this is considered sufficient to discharge the Condition No. 3.

Condition No. 4 seeks a sample panel 1 m square of repointing, to show the details of the proposed mortar composition and colour, and the method of pointing, has been prepared on site, inspected and the details of the mortar mix submitted to approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The works shall thereafter be carried out to match the approved sample.

The applicant has provided the following information in respect Condition No. 4

A mortar disaggregation report by The Lime Centre – for the Upstream Face sample and Downstream face sample.

The sample is a medium strength, pale brown lime mortar. The sample is made up of approximately 1-part lime binder and other calcareous material such as chalk to 3.88 parts aggregate by weight. The aggregate is made up of relatively fine pale brown sand graded from 0 to 3 mm. The aggregate makes up 79% of the sample by weight.

From this report the applicant has provided a specification for Mortar Mix and Method of pointing proposed for use in construction.

A compatible repair mortar can be made with a volumetric mix of 1 part NHL3.5 to 2 ½ parts well graded Morestead 3mm sand. Morestead Mortar / 3mm / NHL3.5 is considered a close match in colour, strength and texture to the clean edge.

The method of pointing is for the stone to be brushed with stiff naylon brush to remove loose particles. Poultice (a stain cleaner) is applied to the stone for several days to ensure it is fully saturated. The lime mortar mix is specified following the disaggregation report for a compatible site repair mortar (as above). The stone is poulticed upon completion and kept damp for two weeks.

Additional information provided:
A Photograph of the Bridge in January 2023.
Photographs PH01 and PH02 of prepared Sample Panel.
The sample panel has been made available on the Site for Inspection by the Conservation Officer.
The applicant confirms that no works have been undertaken on site.

The sample panel shows the pale brown/cream-coloured mortar as per specification submitted and is brushed back behind the stone arras. The appearance and bonding of the rubble stone walling sample panel corresponds closely to the existing Bridge photograph stonework.

Based on the sample panel photographs and the comparison photograph of the bridge prior to the damage and mortar mix and method information provided this is considered sufficient to discharge the Condition No. 4.

This letter acts as official confirmation and should be retained with your Decision Letter Ref. PL/2023/05812.

List of conditions discharged by this request. (2)

3 No development shall begin until samples of the any new replacement stone to be used for all the external surfaces the have been made available on site for Inspection by the Local Planning Authority and the details of the stone submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.
REASON: In the interests of preserving the character and appearance of the listed building.

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4 No works to repoint the external stonework shall be undertaken until a sample panel 1 m square, to show the details of the proposed mortar composition and colour, and the method of pointing, has been prepared on site, inspected and the details of the mortar mix submitted to approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The works shall thereafter be carried out to match the approved sample.

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Yours faithfully

Head of Development Management