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Variation of Condition
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N/E 2007/1585/P

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Dear Mr Carter,

Re: 7 Spring Place, London NW5 3BA
[Application Reference. 2006/4905/P]: Variation of Condition 2 -
Materials .

Prior to the issue of the permission for the above on 5th March 2007, you informed us that your department required the building's facing bricks to be altered from Laybrook Sevenoaks multi bricks to London stock bricks. This was because the planning department held the view that London stock bricks were more appropriate to the proposed building's location due to the amount of variation of tone and texture present in these types of bricks. We reluctantly conceded to this requirement as we were informed that permission would not be granted should the Laybrook brick remain as the facing brickwork proposed, and permission was subsequently issued earlier this month.

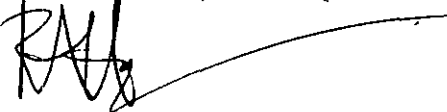
Accordingly, we have researched alternative London stock bricks but can find none that are appropriate to the building as these types of bricks are by their very nature rough and often burnt in appearance. Having reviewed the Laybrook Sevenoaks brick for comparative purposes, we are still strongly of the view that this is the appropriate brick for both the building and site and that there is enough variation in the brick colour and appearance to be appropriate to the site's location. It is self evident from the photographs attached to the original planning submission that there is no single type of brick common to the neighbouring buildings in the vicinity of the site as they are faced in many different types of yellow and red bricks, as well as having rendered and painted elements.

Previously, we had provided your department with a small sample of the Laybrook brick attached to our letter dated 20th October 2006, but our concern is that your department might not have appreciated the amount of variation in the brick that is self evident in the attached large sample board. We would therefore be most grateful if you would please reconsider the Laybrook brick as a minor amendment. We have previously used the brick

on buildings on several sites in London including award winning schemes in Fulham and Shepherds Bush as well as in Camden with similarly diverse neighbouring buildings and have always found this type of brick extremely successful with both our buildings and with local Councils due to its ability to both complement the architecture of the new buildings while simultaneously sitting comfortably in its wider context. The brick for the Camden scheme called Green Dragon House in Covent Garden was in part chosen by your department and the Laybrook brick was considered very suitable being a London stock. Moreover illustrations of the scheme were used as chapter headings of the Council's UDP (under 'Development Standards' and 'Housing' - see the attached extracts), so presumably it was considered a highly appropriate brick!

I would be most grateful if you could please contact me as soon as possible to discuss the above as we will need to instruct the building contractor of the final choice of facing brick in the very near future.

Yours sincerely

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Robert Hopkins

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cc: Judith Raymond: Community Housing Association
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