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Dear Nora,

**Re: Application Ref: 2016/2910/P    317 Finchley Road, London, NW3 6EP**

With reference to the above, we are submitting supporting documents to satisfy the approval of details application relating to the following planning conditions for the planning consented scheme at 317 Finchley Road 2016/2910/P:

*Planning Condition 8. States:*

*A 2m by 2m sample panel of the facing brickwork demonstrating the proposed colour, texture, face-bond and pointing shall be provided on site and approved in writing by the local planning authority before the relevant parts of the works are commenced and the development shall be carried out in accordance with the approval given. The approved panel shall be retained on site until the work has been completed.*

Response to Conditions 8; Please find attached the following drawings:

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The load bearing stone exoskeleton was carefully selected to meet the following requirements:

As stone is a natural material structural tests had to be undertaken by the BRE testing centre to meet structural properties required by the engineer. Due to building being above 18m height (tallest building being ground + nine stories) the stone has to withstand high forces. These have been found to be suitable.

Additionally, buildings above 18 meters are required to meet 90 minutes fire rating to all structural elements. BRE testing centre undertook fire test to two samples with structural load being applied. These have been found to be suitable.

Colour and texture had to echo the colour and appearance of the local streetscape while at the same time providing a rich tactile texture at street level and interior areas. Natural stone extraction method was preferred expressing different surfaces of the natural stone at the same time minimising over working the stone and finishes. An engraved pattern in the stone influenced by neighbouring buildings has been applied by hand carving to the ground floor areas and into the lower parts of the first floor area columns and beams.

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In conclusion, the only stone which met all criteria set out above is basalt sourced from Sicily and from which 2x2 meter sample has been erected to indicate different stone textures, sloping stone, engraved pattern. Of the four stone blocks making up the sample panel three were found acceptable by the visiting planning team. The fourth block at the top of the sample was found too dark and unsuitable especially for the elevations on Finchley Road. Only stone sourced from parts of the quarry that provide the lighter colours will be used with the variation occurring naturally between these providing further textural richness.

If there are any queries raised by the attached, do not hesitate to contact myself for clarification.

Yours faithfully

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