

9<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Our Ref: LS/ JN

Mr Mark Hill  
North York Moors National Park Authority  
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YO62 5BP

Dear Mr Hill

**RE: NYM/2021/0983/CVC- Application for approval of details reserved by condition**

Further to the various pieces of past correspondence that have come from the applicant and his agent Ursula Bradwell Architects, please find set out below further proposals relating to the approval of details reserved by condition. These specifically relate to the wall construction to the lower half of both the recycling/sorting shed and the crushing and screening shed.

In summary the North York Moors National Park want to see fair faced concrete blocks that have 9-inch coursing. The above application was submitted with these lower wall areas to be made up of large concrete blocks. A number of pictures with a tape measure were submitted. These were received by the North York Moors National Park on the 8/12/2021 as part of the public supporting information.

The blocks measure approximately 600mm in height and vary between 600mm, 1200mm and 1800mm in length to offset the vertical perpendicular joints adequately (bonding pattern).

The North York Moors National Park have expressed concern that the proposed concrete blocks are not the external finish that is desired. Correspondence already sent from the applicant and Ursula Bradwell Architects that the large concrete block walls are an essential part of the scheme due to the activities. A copy of the letter from Steve Gilman Design Ltd is attached. It is also noted that these blocks are already utilised on the applicants existing North York Moors National Park site at Ruswarp.

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Phone call conversation on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March to determine whether a compromise could be reached in terms of the external aesthetic of the building so the proposed large concrete blocks could be used as opposed to coursed 9 inch concrete blocks. A number of options were discussed. Your primary concern was that from a distance that the walls should look better than the large concrete blocks do and try to achieve a stone wall type finish.

As a result of the above it is proposed that the large concrete blocks be modified and refinished to achieve the North York Moors National Park objective. This is as follows-

- The concrete blocks are cast in steel moulds where features can be applied to the mould to modify the external appearance of the blocks. The blocks have a height of 600mm therefore it is proposed to create two horizontal lines on the external face of each block spaced 200mm apart. This will therefore imitate 8 inch block or stone coursing.
- The external surfaces of the blocks as specified would be subject to a Sandtex 'Ivory Stone' fine textured masonry paint application. Both the marks and the application of the paint from a distance would undoubtedly give the appearance of sandstone walling which is better than grey faced 9 inch coursed concrete blockwork. This would be far more practical and safer for the use of the site.
- As you are aware not all the elevations of each building can be seen from outside of the site. It is proposed to use the blocks as specified above to the full perimeter of the crusher and screener shed however to the recycling and sorting shed these blocks would only be used to the North, East and South elevations. The West elevation can not be seen from the wider area given this is shielded from view by the large Yorwaste shed that runs parallel.

Attached herewith is a picture illustrating where the lines could be cast into the blocks to imitate coursed stone and product details for the Sandtex 'Ivory Stone' fine textured masonry paint.

I would be grateful if you could review this revised proposal and let us know at your earliest opportunity if it would be acceptable. I look forward to your response. If you should have any queries or require any further information please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours Sincerely

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## Existing proposed concrete block specification



## Revised concrete block specification

- horizontal lines cast into surface and stone coloured paint applied



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