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To: Cc: Jill Bastow Planning

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Our Explorer consultation has disappeared so responding by email.

- 4: fine
- 5: the pointing in the Western chimney stack looks generally sound, with only a few mortar-hungry joints. I would recommend only repointing the receded joints, and using a 1:1:6 mix or a natural hydraulic lime mix in order to minimise damage to the brickwork. However, in terms of character the only stipulation would be that mortar should be neatly pointed and slightly recessed to reveal the arris of the bricks.
- 6: Window details generally acceptable however the airgap is currently very wide at 16mm which will be highly noticeable and I would request that it is reduced to no more than 10mm and that the aluminium spacer is coloured black or matched to the paint colour of the window in order to minimise its visibility (i.e. not silver).
- 7: fine. We would welcome the use of contrasting colours for the window frames and sashes as suggested which is characteristic of the coastal villages.
- 8: the use of Velux conservation rooflights is regrettable because they are poorly-detailed timber units with a "conservation" fitment. Where proposed to replace existing Velux windows we could accept Velux conservation providing they are no larger, but where the rooflight is newly-approved we should require a more authentically-detailed top hung metal framed fixture, available from e.g. the Rooflight Company or Lumen roof windows.
- 10: I am concerned that the proposed method of fixing the handrail will damage or break up the flagstones forming the surface of the platform as some are already fragmented. They possess an attractive patina of wear that clearly reflects centuries of use which could not be replicated were they to require replacement. In would recommend that the posts of the railings are bolted into the wall of the platform and steps rather than drilled into the surface of the platform. The general design approach is sensitive and acceptable in principle.

thanks

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