
From:**Sent:** 13 January 2022 16:25**To:** Nick Hirst <Nick.Hirst@kirklees.gov.uk>**Cc:****Subject:** RE: King James School, Almondbury: 2021/93535: Discharge of condition 9 (materials) of previous permission

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Hi Nick,

Apologies for the delay in responding to your query below but we wanted to ensure that all aspects had been explored and that the imported stone could be fully justified.

Firstly, the change from brick facades to stone was a late variation to the tender and, as such, the timescales involved were tighter than what can usually be expected. The contractor ordered the stone through their supplier who confirmed that they could provide the product to meet the programme via a local quarry however, due to the aforementioned time constraints, it became apparent that the supplier needed to supplement the local stone with imported stone; in this instance we are told that the split is circa 60% imported.

Whilst this is not the ideal situation, as our preference is to use local materials wherever possible, it was a necessity to ensure that the project can be delivered on time without delay. It certainly wasn't the intention to use imported stone.

In addition, for clarity, all stone, whether imported or local, was sawn, dressed, coursed and delivered from Huddersfield. We hope this minimises both the environmental and economic impact of importing the stone.

For a little background as to why there is a shortage of stone, we have been told the following by the supplier:

“Due to the current market we have experienced over the past two years, both cost and availability of building products have become an increasing problem. The demand for materials such as stone and other facing materials have become sort after with the rise in extensions and new builds throughout the UK and Yorkshire.

Local stone quarries are an important source for the Yorkshire (Huddersfield) area and continues to be the main supply of stone in this part of the UK. However the demands on the local quarries are such that this source does need supplementing and blending from alternative sources outside the UK .

API sources stone sustainably from outside quarries and has been providing sandstone to Yorkshire for 13 years to both aid the stream of natural stone supply in the area and continue to display the traditional sandstone appearance.

Whilst local quarries have been hit with supply issues API does not have such issues as the market where stone is sourced has not been as strong as the UK.

This in turn gives API the ability to supply the correct sandstone aesthetic to Huddersfield on short lead times and not be disrupted by the market demand/supply issues.”

Please let me know if you have any questions or want to discuss this further.

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