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I have checked the DCO submission and consider that all proposals are acceptable.

Condition 3 – Method Statement

Condition 4 – Mortar material specifications

Condition 5 – Masonry repairs specification

Condition 6 – Parapet extension masonry sample

I note the Crosland Hill quarry, Huddersfield sample has been submitted and is acceptable provided that the 'rock faced' finish is used to match existing as closely as possible (in accordance with the Option 1 proposals submitted with the application Ref. 2022/90508 and the Officer report comments below).

Option 1 - Stonework: this would involve extending the parapet with **rock faced sandstone** in a similar material to the existing structure. The sandstone material will weather and would be in keeping with the existing appearance and sympathetic to the structure's historic character. Stone can be locally quarried in Huddersfield and transported to a local stone cutting yard where the material would be cut to size and delivered to site.

Option 1 (stone): Use of stone would reflect the structure's existing (and historic) physical character. Although it may not be an exact like-for-like match, as matching the original stone is highly unlikely due to changes in quarrying, it would still provide an integrated appearance post-weathering while showing a sympathetic honesty regarding the intervention. The use of stone would not impact on the contribution of the aesthetic value of the structure to its overall significance as much as the use of GRP (Option 2).

Kind Regards,

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