PROPOSED ALTERATIONS TO
7 CROMWELL PLACE, SW7 2JN

PP/15/07785  Planning Condition No. 5 (a)
1.0 New Brickwork Method Statement

The following Method Statement refers to two areas of new brickwork required as part of the current proposal;

a. Brickwork infill at second floor level on the rear façade, under the cill of the replacement timber sash window where previously there was a floor level French door.

b. Brick faced single storey extension over ground floor roof of extension to rear of closet wing, currently occupied by a terrace.

1.1 Survey to be carried by suitably experienced conservation brickworker of adjacent brickwork recording;

- Brick size.
- Bond type – Flemish bond with English corners.
- Exact lime mortar mix, aggregate and colour.
- Type of pointing – flush.
- Exact size of joints.

Plate 1: Rear façade showing existing brickwork – bottom of French doors (brick infill area) visible top right, rear of closet wing to left.

1.2 Brick specification - London Stock Bricks - to be confirmed using samples obtained from traditional brickworks. Reclaimed brick samples to be obtained for infill below window as close match unlikely to be found between existing bricks and adjacent new London Stocks. Reclaimed stocks also likely to be chosen for rear of closet wing extension.
1.3 Mortar; specification to be confirmed using sample mixes prepared by Contractor for approval. Lime mortar to be used with well-graded sharp sand and other aggregates that may appear in the original mortar. Samples to be allowed to set before comparing with original mortar. Mortar to be mixed in large enough quantities for the whole job to ensure consistency of colour. Mixture to be stored in sealed plastic bins to mature for min. 6 weeks. Immediately before use, the mixture should be ‘knocked up’ by thorough chopping, ramming and beating until it becomes workable and cohesive.

1.4 Pointing; Mortar should be applied cleanly to the mortar joint, avoiding contact with the face of the brickwork and packed firmly into the back of the joint. A pointing key with a blade narrow enough to fit into the joint should be used. Newly placed mortar should be protected from rain, wind and direct sun with suitable covers and kept slightly damp for several days to avoid cracking. Do not repoint if there is a risk of frost. In the case of the French window infill, the pointing should be made to match the weathered texture of the neighbouring mortar by firm stippling with a brush onto the semi-set mortar.

1.5 Scaffolding to be erected to rear with appropriate protection for safe working. Contractors and tradespeople employed should be competent and experienced in working to the required conservation standard.

1.6 Work should be carried out in suitable environmental conditions.

1.7 Soot wash may be used to aid with blending of new brickwork with old. Trial area to be first approved.

1.8 Infill; half bricks either side of window to be carefully removed using chisel, new bricks to be stitched in, new mortar joints to match adjacent in height and colour. Bond to be Flemish to match.

Extension; Half bricks at corner of existing closet wing to be removed carefully by hand and new bricks to stitch into existing corner. Existing brickwork of south facing closet wing wall painted white, see plate x, new brickwork wall of extension to be painted white to match. Rear (west facing) wall of new extension, brick to remain unpainted. All flashings to be lead, all new parapets to match existing. Window arches to new windows to be constructed in brick sizes to match existing.
Plates 2; exterior side of first floor landing of closet wing and existing terrace, showing painted finish and Flemish Bond brickwork