

# Peter Hitchen Architects

**Peter Hitchen Architects Ltd**  
Marathon House  
The Sidings Business Park  
Whalley  
Lancashire  
BB7 9SE  
16 April 2024

**PROPOSED CHANGE OF USE FROM SUIS GENERIS TO USE CLASS E  
& APPLICATION FOR LISTED BUILDING CONSENT  
35B KING STREET, WHALLEY, LANCASHIRE**

**STONE REPAIR/REBUILDING METHOD STATEMENT**

Agree extent to which existing stone is to be retained for re-use in other than its existing location. Remove all such stone; clean, overhaul, protect and store on site until required.

Take great care when reconstructing stonework to save as much as possible of the original fabric and to retain the character of the masonry. In particular, strictly maintain the existing pattern of jointing. Take extreme care not to disturb, move or damage any masonry however humble, unless instructed otherwise.

Where stones are to be removed keep area of removal to minimum. Remove stones in their entirety, irrespective of size, unless instructed otherwise.

Set stones for re-use aside with care and mark them as necessary on unexposed faces to ensure their replacement on their proper beds and in their proper locations. Use manual tools only.

Power tools will not be permitted.

Cut stones to full dimensions so that: - Bond is maintained with both facework and with backing (blockwork). - Bond is maintained with facework and back face of stonework is flush with outer

Masonry ties to be copper or stainless steel as defined in Table 1 of BS 5390.

Start stonework not less than 150mm below finished level of external surface, except where shown otherwise. Keep stonework clean during construction and until completion. Ensure that no mortar encroaches on face when laying. Rubbing to remove marks or stains will not be permitted. Set mechanical fixings in mortar as clause 442D. Dampen stones and well wet existing stonework and lay stones on a full even bed of mortar with all joints filled. Lay stones in random format to replicate the existing pattern of the wall

For repointing work begin from top of wall. Immediately before re-pointing flush out joints with water to remove all dust and to control suction. Wet surface until it remains wet. While damp fill joint with specified mortar. Thoroughly compact mortar to fill all voids and to ensure it adheres firmly to each side of joint. Iron mortar in with appropriate pointing tool (not trowel) of width to suit joint width, keeping finished mortar face back from damaged and weathered arises and to width of original joint. Allow sufficient time for the re-pointing to be done without hurry.