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38-40 Sinclair Street, Helensburgh, G84 8SU

SUPPORTING STATEMENT FOR DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS 4 AND 5

Revision	Date	Description
0	19/11/25	LBC Submission

1.0 Introduction

Consent was obtained for the fabric repair of the tenement at 38–40 Sinclair Street, Helensburgh under the following approvals:

- **Listed Building Consent:** Ref. 25/00643/LIB, dated 17 July 2025
- **Planning Approval:** Ref. 25/00642/PP, dated 15 July 2025

This supporting statement relates to the discharge of the following conditions attached to LBC consent 25/00643/LIB:

- **Condition 4:** Windows – Paint colour required
- **Condition 5:** Rainwater goods – Details required

1.1 Condition 4. Windows – Paint Colour Required.

LBC Condition

Notwithstanding the provisions of condition no. 1, details of the proposed colour paint finish of the sash and case windows shall be submitted to and approved in writing prior to decorating the windows, and all windows above ground level shall be painted in the approved colour unless otherwise agreed in writing by the planning authority.

Reason: In order to integrate the development into its surroundings and to respect the architectural and historic character of this category A listed building and to preserve the character and appearance of the Helensburgh Town centre Conservation Area.

Response

In September 2025, a paint investigation analysis was carried out on the windows to identify the earliest surviving decorative finishes. The work was undertaken by Historic Paint Consultant Alan Ferdinand, using standard surgical scalpels to carefully remove later paint layers and reveal the original scheme. The exposed historic layer was then colour-matched to inform restoration colour scheme.

Testing identified three decorative paint layers on the windows: an outer white layer, a mid-layer of deep brown-red, and the earliest surviving layer, which was a dark green. The earliest colour was compared against the Dulux colour swatch and found to correspond most closely to reference 6030-B90G, although it was noted the colour may have suffered some degradation and may differ slightly from the original tone.

A timber sample finished in Dulux 6030-B90G was produced for review. However, when compared directly to the surviving green paint traces on the windows, it was assessed as a mid-green and did not provide a sufficiently close visual match. Additionally, the tone was considered less compatible with the surrounding stonework.

An alternative, darker shade Dulux 9005-B80G in a satin finish was then produced. This deeper, traditional green was found to more closely match the original colour and offers a richness and depth that complements the red sandstone, providing a strong heritage appearance.

Consent is sought to decorate the windows in a deep green, using Dulux 9005-B80G in a satin finish.

The client will, subject to budget, also change the colour of the first-floor windows from white to deep green (Dulux 9005-B80G) to ensure consistency, so that all windows match and provide a unified appearance.



Sample of colour 6030-B90G. It was identified as not being a good match to the existing colour being more mid green.



Sample of colour 9005-B80G which is a deep green closely matches the surviving green traces.



Sample of colour 9005-B80G to an alternative window test area again showing a close visual match



9005-B80G above, 6030-B90G below. The paint samples were reviewed against the stone to ensure they complemented its tone and achieved the appropriate heritage appearance. The upper sample, 9005-B80G, was considered the most suitable.



The samples—6030-B90G above and 9005-B80G below—were reviewed in a separate location to assess their suitability and determine which provides the best heritage appearance and contributes positively to the streetscape. The lower sample, 9005-B80G, was considered the better choice, offering a richer tone that will enhance the heritage character of the windows and make a positive contribution to the streetscape.

1.2 Condition 5. Rainwater goods – Details Required.

LBC Condition

Notwithstanding the provisions of condition no. 1, details of the proposed colour paint finish of the cast iron rainwater goods shall be submitted to and approved in writing prior to decorating the rainwater goods. The cast iron rainwater goods shall be decorated using the approved colour finish unless otherwise agreed in writing by the planning authority.

Reason: In order to integrate the development into its surroundings and to respect the architectural and historic character of this category A listed building and to preserve the character and appearance of the Helensburgh Town centre Conservation Area.

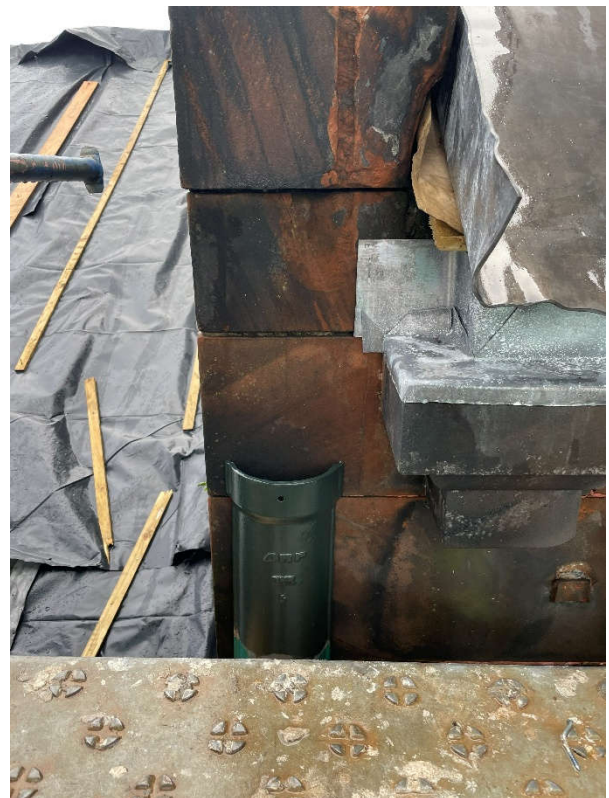
Response

In September 2025, a paint investigation analysis was carried out on the rainwater goods to identify the earliest surviving decorative finishes. The work was undertaken by Historic Paint Consultant Alan Ferdinand, using standard surgical scalpels to carefully remove later paint layers and reveal the original scheme. The exposed historic layer was then colour-matched to inform restoration colour scheme. The rainwater goods consist of hand-crafted lead hoppers and bell and cast-iron rectangular conductors and ogee wall head gutters.

Testing identified that all rainwater goods exhibited a single decorative layer of mid-gloss black. The consultant advised that these elements are likely replacements of the originals. To provide historical context, reports for Scotland Street School, a building of a similar period by the same architects, were reviewed. This indicated that black was not historically used but instead, a series of brown shades were applied to complement the red sandstone and remain visually recessive.

Although black is commonly used for heritage rainwater goods, it can obscure their detailing. Painting the rainwater goods deep green (Dulux 9005-B80G), to match the windows, will create a unified façade, enhance visual cohesion, and strengthen the building's heritage character. The chosen green is sympathetic to the red sandstone, maintains a neutral appearance, and allows the form and detailing of the rainwater goods to be clearly appreciated without increasing their visual hierarchy.

Consent is sought to decorate the rainwater goods in a deep green, using Dulux 9005-B80G in a satin finish.



Sample of Dulux 9005-B80G on cast iron. The deep green elevates the rainwater goods above standard black, allowing their detailing to be more clearly appreciated without making them visually prominent. The colour complements the red sandstone, providing a historically sympathetic and appropriate heritage appearance.