

### 3.3 SPECIFICATIONS

- a) The proposed plaster repair specifications are of particular concern to us. Hard (1:3 cement:sand) plaster is inappropriate for repairwork to structures built of soft clay bricks, eg the old cottages and church. We understand the Garrison Church had already been damaged by the replacement of its lime plaster in the previous renovation. We will assess this on site with the input of the heritage specialist and provide a specification.
- b) We request that the contractor provide the trade name and product references of the paints he proposes to use, for our approval. The somewhat confusing generic descriptions are not clear enough. The paint quality and appropriateness for each application is of crucial importance. In the instance of the Garrison Church we have to assess whether paint was applied over limewash in the previous renovation.
- c) We wish to assess the advisability of using Plascon Wall-n-All on the external walls, to allow easier washability and dirt removal, without using an impermeable paint.
- d) Eaves closer nail heads must be treated with a rust inhibitor, eg NS4 White.
- e) The heritage specialist has also raised concerns regarding a number of other issues, eg finishes to wood elements, treatment of stone finishes, etc.

### 4. COMMUNICATIONS

4.1 We wish to set up a system whereby we can communicate with the contractor without confusing the line of instruction under your contract with them.

There are two options:

- a) We can provide you or Rivaaj Mahabeer with instructions / specifications we wish to have issued to the contractor. We will require confirmation that the instructions had been issued.
- b) You officially give us delegated powers to issue instructions to the contractor.

4.2 Changes to the scope of works or the specifications may well have cost implications. How do you wish to deal with these ?

We will do everything in our power to assist you on this project, but must note that the preparation time has been extremely short.

In the first instance we recommend that you resolve the situation *vis a vis* SAHRA, as the implication of this may be that the work on site will not be able to start until the necessary permits / exemption is in place.

Yours faithfully

  
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