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**Subject:** RE: Havelock Farm

Hi again

Just double checking the original 2022 permission- the DAS has the following references to materials and finishes:

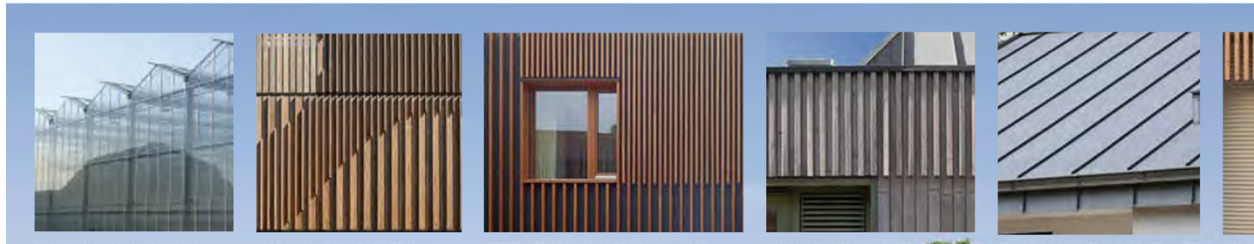
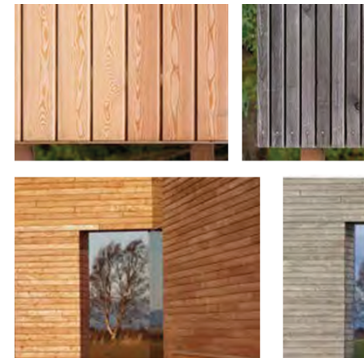
#### MATERIAL PALETTE

Aside from the glasshouses, there are two primary materials, **timber and metal**.

The timber is proposed to be allowed to weather to a silver/ grey colour. This will give it a natural patina that will help it to become a background material in the landscape setting. It is proposed to use a variety of spacing and depths of vertical battens to give it a contemporary appearance.

The roofs of auxiliary buildings will be a metal standing seam, similar to at the Millennium Seed Bank. The metal will have a colour (PVDF) finish rather than a natural one, which will help it longevity, but more importantly will enable the reflectivity to be reduced with a matt surface, and the colour will be darker so that it is more recessive in the landscape than a natural metal finish would be.

Window frames will also have a colour finish, as shown from the colour guide from AONB. The colour chosen is an accent, but still relatively recessive, and sits well against both weathered and treated natural timber.



I note that a PVDF finish is mentioned to the standing seam metal roof and to the window frames, however my understanding is that this is a thin coloured membrane, which seems at odds with the cappings in particular mentioned in the DoC submission. In addition to my initial comments can we please also pass onto the applicants a request for further information and for their commentary as to how the submitted details of coatings and cappings accord with this aspect of the approved scheme? Are they using different terms for the same thing, i.e. the PVDF finish, or they seeking to amend this detail?

Thanks,

Emily

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**Subject:** Havelock Farm

Hi Katherine

Comments on the above discharge of conditions application. My apologies for the delay in getting these to you, which has been caused by pressure of other work.

Condition 1: details of glass house 1

I have no objection to the detailed design of the elevation, but the fairly extensive use of plastic (plastic coated composite roofing panels, plastic cappings to aluminium glazing bars, and plastic rainwater pipes) is a concern as this is not a material I would consider appropriate to this sensitive context.

Condition 2: materials and finishes to external facings

As noted above, there is a fairly extensive use of plastic in the cappings to the glazing bars, sliding doors, rainwater goods, and coating to the roof panels. Although I note the point that this is standard to commercial glasshouses, this is not a commercial site, but a relatively high-profile project located in a highly sensitive location. I would therefore question whether this is an appropriate material and would suggest that this aspect of the proposal is reconsidered.

I have no objection to the colour palette.

Condition 5: historic building survey

The photographic survey is considered acceptable and as noted should be read alongside the previously existing drawings which formed part of the original application. This condition can be discharged.

Thanks,

Emily

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