MANCHESTER METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY

External Signage Project – Building Entrance Tray – Repair of Façade

Bellhouse

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Title	External Signage Project – Repair of Bellhouse Façade					
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1.0 Overview:

This report is to review and provide a recommendation for the repairs (local to the entrance tray) to the façade of Bellhouse, existing picture below.



Existing Picture – Bellhouse Façade

2.**0 Background:**

Surrounding the location of the entrance tray there are several existing holes in the wall where historic fixings have penetrated the brick façade. It was agreed at the walk around with Manchester City Council that whilst we swap the building tray (size to be like for like) that we would repair the surrounding damage.

3.0 Agreed Option for Repairs

We have been in touch with a building conservation specialist who has visited site and together we are recommending the following option.

Targeted Repairs:

This would be undertaken via a magic man to the clay common brick. Brick repairs can be made to an exact match using and the product used would be MM Stone Repair Mortar by Masons Mortar. The contractor has done this on several occasions and provided the following photographs of the finished result:



Before



After



Before



After

4.0 Recommendation

Due to the extent of the fixings our recommendation is to undertake localised repairs around the new tray, we feel that this will preserve the look and feel of the façade as opposed to trying to match bricks.

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