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The application is concerned with discharging conditions related to proposed materials. I note that information has been supplied related to the roofing and the cladding.

Having reviewed the details of the roofing material, it is considered that they are acceptable, and capable of support.

On the other hand, the proposed cladding material is more of concern. This element of the design will have a significant impact on the appearance of the building, and the materials must be carefully considered. In a conservation area, such as Craigweil, the preferred approach is to use traditional materials wherever possible in order to reflect their status. However, I note that the intention is to use a material that is made from Wood Plastic Composite (WPC).

It is suggested in the application that the cladding has the appearance of a wood grain effect. However, having seen a sample, I am not sure if it would be suitable when used in the context required.

Further, it is not clear from the information provided how such material will age/weather over time, and therefore what the medium/long term affect this will have on the appearance of the building (and therefore the character of the area).

As a consequence, it is considered that the Wood Plastic Composite cannot be supported, and that a more traditional material should be considered.

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