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Dear Chae,

**Re: Site Address 55 Preston Street, Geelong West**  
**Application number 281/2026**

I refer to the above application and your letter dated 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026 requesting further information.

In response to that request, please note the following:

1. The request to remove the paint is no longer sought, and instead the existing painted surface will be repainted. No planning permission is required for external painting and the schedule of materials and finishes has been updated to reflect the change.
2. The plans had incorrectly annotated existing materials and again this has been updated to reflect the galvanised roofing and gutter of the existing dwelling, therefore eliminating concerns about galvanic reaction.

In response to the merit issues, please note the following brief responses:

1. As noted above the painted brick will be repainted rather than risking deterioration of the brickwork.  
The plans incorrectly noted aluminium posts to the verandah which was not intended, and this has been updated to timber.  
We note the comment about mortar repairs and a note has been added to the plans as suggested.  
We note the concerns about dampness and mould, however the original timber floor has been removed at some stage prior to our clients ownership and replaced with concrete. The mould noted in the correspondence is expanding foam.
2. The SBO referral requested annotations to the plans regarding minimum clearances or minimum openings, and the plans have been updated to confirm minimum 25% openings within the lower 450mm fence height.

Attached are the following documents:

- Updated plan set;
- Updated planning report;

We trust the additional information is satisfactory and the application can now proceed to public notification. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,



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