CAST STONE DATA SHEET 1 — STEEL SUPPORTING LINTEL DETAIL
RECOMMENDED FOR TWO PIECE OR MORE DECORATIVE HEADS

For all Forticrete Cast Stone Products compressive grade (M2) designation (iv) mortar should be specified, but in no case should anything stronger than a designation (iii) (M4) be used. We would like to point out that this is likely to be different from that used in the surrounding brickwork. It is preferable that mortars containing lime be used as these can best accommodate movement within the structure and eliminate cracking of the Cast Stone. It is recommended that mortars are obtained from a reputable supplier e.g. CPI Euromix, Cemex and Tarmac Ltd who can supply matching coloured mortars for the majority of Forticrete products.

Helpful Hint: A recommendation to eliminate stress and differential movement is to provide bed-joint reinforcement for two courses above and below all openings which should extend no less than 600mm either side of the opening. The dpc slip plane should be extended up the ends of the lintel to keep the lintel separate from the surrounding brickwork. A soft joint is advisable between each lintel section to accommodate any deflection of the steel lintel.