

PROJECT:

Old Post Office, Shorne

LISTED BUILDING CONSENT REFERENCE: 20220446**CONDITION 5:**

Prior to any of the existing render on the front of the building being removed a method statement detailing the method of removal of the render shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The render shall be removed in accordance with the approved details.

Method Statement for the Removal of Render to the Front Elevation:

It is believed that the current render on the front elevation of the property is a cementitious render. The render has formed into sheets, and is likely not adhered to the brickwork backing in many locations, so care must be taken when removing the render, as it may come off in chunks, once a section is removed. Where possible this should be anticipated, through understanding the existing cracking lines.

The cement render is to be hacked off using hand tools (chisels and hammers). This is to ensure maximum control of the removal process and minimal disturbance to any of the brickwork behind. Where there is existing cracking lines these should be followed, in order to reduce the risk of large sections of render falling.

The render should be removed from the top down. A small area should be identified to be removed, and then using a chisel an outline of the area should be chiselled into, to form a break line for the render, reducing the risk of larger sheets falling. Then, from the one side the render area should be gently hacked away using chisels and hammers. The dust and debris should be collected and disposed of suitably. Once the area has been removed, the next area can be removed. The contractors should move across and then down the building until all render has been removed.

The brickwork should then be brushed down with a soft bristle brush to remove any final dust.