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Dear Mr Dowd,

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Whilst not strictly an archaeological matter, we note the proposals to remove the extant sand and cement render from this property and then re-render it with a new sand and cement coat, with the new render being smooth rather than pebble-dashed. There is no specification for the work, the only details being provided in the text of the Heritage Statement (HS), which fails to give much information on the extent of any defects, investigations that have been undertaken, alternatives considered, etc.

It seems very unlikely that the building will originally have been rendered, although it may have been limewashed, and it is acknowledged in the HS that the extant pebbledash is likely to have been applied in the 1960s or 1970s.

Given the issues with cement render on historic buildings, it would appear appropriate to ask for further information regarding the state of the present render and why a lime-based product and appropriate breathable masonry paint have not been specified here. Indeed, it may be appropriate to recommend that the existing render be removed and not replaced.

We would also suggest that any "necessary fabric repairs" as mentioned in the HE are agreed with you, prior to being undertaken. We note the proposals to photograph any repair work, and to provide copies for your reference.

Yours sincerely

Peter Iles