

From: Tim Murphy - Historic Environment Manager
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Subject: RE: Apologies

Date: 25 Jun 2021 at 08:18:41

To: alanjohnstone [REDACTED]

Good morning,

Thank you for your email. It seems you are doing the right thing replacing the cement mortar. Because the mortar is different this will not be like-for-like. I recommend you apply for a 'certificate of lawful works to a listed building' with TDC (instead of listed building consent) and with this attach a scope of works.

Kind Regards

Tim

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-----Original Message-----

From: alanjohnstone [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 June 2021 16:43
To: Tim Murphy - Historic Environment Manager
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Apologies, as I have just sent a partially completed message whilst adding pictures.

It seems likely that this 6 by 1.8. mts long wall is early Victorian as the property became an Inn at that point. I have lived here 7 years. In recent months the condition of the wall has deteriorated in some areas and I became concerned about future stability. I have now been advised that the problems have been mainly caused by incorrect use of cement mortar rather than lime over earlier decades, worsened by further use of cement pointing likely to have been undertaken 20 + years ago. The interface between the two has come apart in places and damp has probably got in.

I now propose that a wall builder with considerable experience in working with old walls cut out the mortar joints around each stone, pug each joint in mortar and finally repoint in a recess style using a traditional lime mortar. The work will ensure that the wall will retain its historical appearance, but with the correct mortar hopefully ensuring improved longevity. Any existing stones (hopefully very few) that become dislodged would be replaced by similar material available in the garden, as remnants of a similar boundary wall were reused as decoration during major work in the early 1930s.

As indicated, my intention is to undertake necessary repair and restoration which, is beyond a 'patching up' but is still 'like for like' in nature.

If you require further information, please let me know.

Thank you
Alan Johnstone

Sent from my iPad
