

Ref: 23/1959/LBC

Heritage Impact Statement:

The Building has a cement render which was added around the time of the building's listing. I do not know when it was added or by whom, as I was not the owner until April 2011.

The Cement render covers the original concrete walls of both gable ends, and the render is failing and falling away.

The proposal is to remove that render, which will expose the original wall on both gable ends and will, in fact, also expose the original detailing of the building, and original features currently obscured by the cement render.

The sister building to The Old School is The Old School House, which was never rendered, and has the original walls exposed over the whole of the building. They are both grade II listed and were built in the same way using river gravel concrete. As far as I understand, the Old School House has not suffered from not ever having cement render.

The works would aim to make the building safe, but with minimal impact to the outward appearance of the building, except to expose the original wall and features.