METHOD STATEMENT FOR RENDER REMOVAL

Objective:
To safely and effectively remove the cement render from external walls and surrounding areas, without causing damage to the underlying brickwork.

Procedure:
1. **Preparation:**
   Begin removal at the top level and work downwards, completing the process section by section.

2. **Equipment and Tools:**
   o Cold chisel or sharp bolster chisel
   o Hammer
   o Wire brush or stiff bristle brush
   o Hand-held spray bottle filled with clean water

3. **Render Removal Process:**
   o Using a cold chisel or sharp bolster chisel, along with a hammer, carefully chip away the cement render.
   o Hold the chisel at a slight angle to prevent damaging the underlying brickwork.
   o Where possible, remove the render in the same layers it was originally applied. This will make the process more manageable and reduce the risk of damage.
   o Employ controlled and gentle tapping motions to gradually detach the render from the brickwork. Exercise patience throughout this step to ensure a careful removal process.

4. **Cleaning and Finishing:**
   o After removing the majority of the render, use a wire brush or stiff bristle brush to scrub away any remaining residue and smooth the exposed surface.
   o Rinse the brick surface with clean water using a hand-held spray bottle to remove any loose particles and residue.

5. **Inspection:**
   o Once the render removal is complete, inspect the exposed brickwork for any defects or damages that were previously hidden.

By following these steps, the render will be removed in a controlled and careful manner, minimising the risk of damage to the underlying brickwork and allowing for thorough inspection and assessment of the external walls and surrounding areas.