METHOD STATEMENT
CLEANING OF BRICK/MASONRY

This method statement describes the removal of cementitious and other airborne contaminants from masonry by means of the use of specialist cleaning chemicals and or detergents and high-pressure cold clean water washing.

PREPARATORY WORK
Take all precautions to protect all surrounding paintwork, ground cover and other plant life from the chemicals. Similarly protect building occupants, pedestrians, nearby property and all non-masonry surfaces from chemicals, rinse water, wind-borne mist and fumes.

1. Make sure that the masonry is sound. Thoroughly dry scrape off all areas of heavy contaminations using wooden scrapers.

2. As far as is practicably possible, prepare and mix the chemicals off site under controlled conditions.

3. Thoroughly wet the surface to be cleaned with clean cold water.

4. Carefully apply the chemicals and or detergents, using fibre bristled brushes, to the previously wetted surface.

5. After not less than 10 minutes, and normally not more than 30 minutes, thoroughly brush the surface with fibre bristled brushes and rinse off the chemicals using high-pressure cold water.

6. In areas of stubborn staining it may be necessary to apply the chemicals a second time to obtain a clean surface.

7. When the work is completed the client is invited to inspect the work and sign a satisfaction note.

8. All equipment is thoroughly cleansed after use.

Where applicable the work will conform to BS 6270: Part 1: 1982.

NB Under certain conditions it is advisable to clean a trial area to establish the best methods and materials to be used.