

Earthborn gives new lease of life to listed cemetery lodge

Products - Ecopro Silicate Masonry System

Project - The West Lodge at Paddington Cemetery

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The West Lodge at Paddington Cemetery has been given a new lease of life following years of neglect.



A listed building, the lodge was in a very poor state, but new owner Peter Dow could see its potential as a spacious, four bedroom detached home on the verge of a peaceful green space near the busy Kilburn High Road.

Peter was attracted by the lodge's Victorian, semi gothic styling and set about a sympathetic programme of restoration.

He said: "The lodge is built mainly of stone and had always been painted, but over the years the walls have been poorly repaired using conventional cement and paint. It also had a 1970s red brick extension which looked out of place and we wanted to blend that into the original building as much as possible.

"We used a hot pressure steam wash to remove all the old paint, removed all the cement repairs and added in new sections of stone as necessary. It is important that masonry walls are allowed to breathe, rather than locking in damp using conventional materials, so we specified putty based lime mortar and Earthborn's Ecopro Silicate Masonry System."

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The Ecopro Silicate Masonry System is ideal for all mineral based surfaces such as stone, brick, concrete, plaster and render. It offers a high performance alternative to lime wash and conventional masonry paints. It has strong environmental credentials and dries to a classic matt finish that will not yellow over time.

The system comprises a water based primer and topcoat that chemically bonds to the underlying mineral substrate. This creates a hard wearing, water and weather resistant barrier which allows the masonry to breathe.

Peter added: "Ecopro Silicate Masonry Paint and Primer have a lot of body, so they provide

excellent covering power. We just needed one coat of primer and two coats of paint to give complete cover across both the stone and brick. We chose the Portland shade of paint and it works really well in unifying the extension with the main lodge building."

It is available in a range of popular shades; colour cards are available from Earthborn stockists such as Celtic Sustainable of Cardigan, which supplied the paint for West Lodge.

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Front page - The semi Gothic styling of West Lodge appealed to its new owner. Treatment with Earthborn's high performance Ecopro Silicate Masonry Paint will maintain its appearance for many years to come.

This page (left) - The lodge is built mainly of stone and had always been painted. Ecopro Silicate Masonry Paint and Primer have given it a long lasting, water and weather resistant barrier which allows the masonry to breathe.

This page (below) - The covering power of Ecopro Silicate Masonry Paint unifies the lodge's original stone building with its brick extension to the rear.

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