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Method Statement

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Introduction:

This method statement outlines the procedures for re-opening an existing doorway that has previously been blocked up. The work will be performed to a standard that will ensure that no undue damage to stone fabric is incurred during works.

2. Scope:

This method statement is applicable to the re-opening of a blocked doorway. It covers the steps to be taken for the removal of the blocking material using hand held tools.

3. Safety Precautions:

Before commencing any work, ensure the following safety precautions are in place:

All personnel involved in the work must wear appropriate personal protective equipment, including safety goggles, gloves, and dust masks.

The work area should be cordoned off to prevent unauthorized access and to protect others from falling debris.

All tools should be in good working condition and regularly inspected for safety.

4. Tools and Materials:

The following tools and materials will be used for this task:

Stihl Cut Off Saw

Hammer

Bolster

Pry bars (if necessary)

Dustpan and brush

Waste rubble sacks for debris disposal

5. Procedure:

Safety Check: Ensure that the work area is safe and secure, and all safety precautions have been taken.

Preparation: If necessary, provide shoring to support the structure during removal.

Marking and Measuring: Measure and mark the exact dimensions of the doorway opening to ensure precise cutting.

Stihl Saw Setup:

a. Ensure the Stihl saw is in good working condition and equipped with a suitable diamond-tipped blade.

b. Start the saw and make sure it is running smoothly and safely.

c. Place a straightedge or guide in line with the marked opening to ensure a straight cut.

Cutting:

a. Begin the cut by guiding the Stihl saw along the marked lines.

b. Cut the stonework, ensuring the cut is straight and precise.

c. Use the hammer and bolster to carefully break away any remaining stonework, working from the top down.

d. Remove any debris generated during this process and place it in the waste containers.

Removal:

a. All stone is to have all excess mortar removed and is to be re-used for the internal party wall.

b. All dust created from the saw and the breaking of excess mortar is to be collected and disposed of.

Clean-up: Continuously clean up dust and debris using a dustpan and brush, ensuring the work area remains clean and safe.

6. Conclusion:

Creating a doorway opening using a Stihl saw, hammer, and bolster can be done while minimizing damage to the existing stonework by following this method statement. Safety check and, precise measurements are essential to ensure the work proceeds without incident. Always adhere to local regulations and guidelines.