TYPE G - CHIMNEYS AND FIREPLACES

See the method statements at the back of this document for details of making good of chimneys and fireplaces.

Existing boarded up fireplaces (pictured below) on the principal ground and first floor levels to be opened up.

Existing chimney flues to be swept and new ventilated terracotta caps to be fitted to all existing chimney pots.

A flue balloon is to be installed at the base of the flues that are not being used. Take care not to block the base of the flue entirely.

'A balloon and cap is the simplest solution. However, some warm air will continue to be lost up the flue and draughts and wind noise will not be completely eliminated.' (ref: Historic England: Energy Efficiency and Historic Buildings-Open fires, chimneys and Flues)

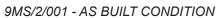
Any historic inserts that are revealed will be retained and made good. Should any have been removed, the opening will be redecorated accordingly.

Care is to be taken to protect the retained fire surrounds and any historic inserts that are revealed whilst works are carried out in close proximity.

Remove any loose dirt and debris using a dry dust mop or clean towel. Useplain water or neutral cleaner and let sit on surface for several minutes to dissolve dirt. Rinse surfaces thoroughly with clean water, or use a wet vacuum or squeegee to remove the dirty water. When dry, buff with non abrasive machine or clean towels to restore shine.

If uncovered, we would suggest that the chimneys are swept, a ventilated cap is fitted to the chimney if not already present, and an inflatable device is fitted at the base of the chimney to prevent draughts and dirt from entering the rooms.







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