

# Camden Square Conservation Area Advisory Committee

21 Camden Mews

**Date: 11 July 2023**

**Planning application Reference:** 2023/1608/P

**Proposal:** Erection of front boundary wall, entrance door and a roller shutter garage door

**Summary:** Subject to the provision of detailed and satisfactory information on both the heights, levels and dimensions of the proposed development and the colour of materials to be used, we have no objection to this application.

**Comments:**

1. The drawings fall short of what is required.
  - 1.1. Although the drawings and DAS are technically adequate, there are no heights or levels given on the sectional drawings or the elevations in order to determine what is proposed.
  - 1.2. Given that this is the main thrust of the proposal, it is a strange omission.
2. It is impossible to comment on the bulk of the development as the height has not been given
3. The scale and proportion of the development appear sit uneasily with the neighbouring buildings
  - 3.1. The width of the roller shutter is quite impactful.
  - 3.2. Access to the double car parking space might, for example, be better served by 2 x (sliding) gates to reduce perceived scale.
4. The design access statement says that the roller shutter will be dark grey and pedestrian gate "vertical slats to match". The CGI images appear brown in colour, and the material for the roller shutter and gate is not specified. Presumably it will be metal, but this needs to be confirmed.

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5. Whilst the proposal will improve privacy and security for the applicant, without impacting on neighbours, the high level shutter, wall and gate may block light to the property itself.
6. It is also noted that the proposed roller shutter is dominant and ways to mitigate this should be investigated.
7. Although the drivers behind this application – improved security and privacy for the applicant site - are understood, an accurate assessment of its impact is constrained by the lack of adequate documentation. While the elevations, section and CGIs in the Design access statement appear to be accurately drawn, no heights, dimensions or levels have been given for the proposal. Nor has specific information on the materials to be used specified.
8. When considering this application, it is hoped that these omissions are rectified prior to a decision being made, since both height and colour/material will have a significant effect on the way the proposal is perceived in the mews.

**Signed:**

David Blagbrough  
Chair  
Camden Square CAAC

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