

HEEL'S BUILDING REPAIRS AND RENEWAL WORKS TO NON ORIGINAL INTERNAL FIRE DOORS AND COMPARTMENTATION WORKS TO OPENINGS



DETAILS OF LISTING

HERITAGE CATEGORY: Listed Building

GRADE: II*

LIST ENTRY NUMBER: 1379023

DATE FIRST LISTED: 14-May-1974

DATE OF MOST RECENT AMENDMENT: 11-Jan-1999

STATUTORY ADDRESS 1: 18 - 26 Torrington Place

STATUTORY ADDRESS 2: Heal And Son Limited Including Habitat, 191-199, Tottenham Court Road

DETAILS

CAMDEN TOTTENHAM COURT ROAD (East side) Nos.191-199 (Consecutive) Heal and Son Ltd including Habitat (Formerly Listed as: TOTTENHAM COURT ROAD Nos.193-199 (Consecutive) Heal & Son Ltd)

14/05/74 GV II* Includes: Nos.18-26 TORRINGTON PLACE. Department store and warehouse. Original central section of frontage five-window bays 1914-17 by Cecil C Brewer and A Dunbar Smith; southern extension of five bays with identical style of elevation 1936-8 by Edward Maufe; northern extension of seven bays in a complementary idiom of 1961-2 by Fitzroy Robinson and Partners. Portland stone facing on a steel frame throughout. Pantiled mansard roof with dormers. EXTERIOR: Four storeys, attic and basement. Central and southern section in stripped Classical style have free-standing octagonal columns with bronze bases and caps to ground floor carrying plain entablature.

Plate glass display windows are set back behind an arcade. On upper storeys, piers rise above columns to abbreviated capitals and deep entablature having enriched cornice and incised Roman lettering with the dates MDCCCX, MCMXVI and MCMXXXVII and the name "Heal and Son" (twice). The voids between the piers in alternating rhythm of single and triple lights divided by stone pilasters and filled with close-paned steel windows for two storeys, and continuous steel windows recessed on the third storey. The spandrels between first and second floors carry cast metal panels in low relief with colour designed by Joseph Armitage and depicting various wares and implements, eg. textiles, sheep shears, a bed, teazle, pottery wheel and vase.

The northern extension has a similar rhythm of bays and identical storey heights with the entablatures ranging through. Entrance in right hand bay with projecting hood bearing the royal coat of arms. Square piers to the ground floor, the set back display windows on the front and return to Torrington Place having curving non-reflective glass. Attic recessed with flat roof and projecting frame for window-cleaning cradle. The windows between piers of larger steel sections, the spandrels between first and second floors here filled with ceramic blue and cream relief panels designed by John Farleigh and made by Kenneth Clark and depicting wares interspersed with large letters "H" for Heals. INTERIOR: notable chiefly for the circular wooden staircase within a well at the rear of the store, built as part of the Smith and Brewer work in 1914-17. Both Heals and Habitat are entered through the 1960s building at ground-floor level and their plans are confusing on the other floors; they have no division corresponding to the periods of the building but over-and-undersail each other.

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IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED WORKS

The proposed works encompass a package of works to address desirable repairs to the fire door, leading from the means of escape from the residential flats, and additionally address compartmentation breaches to the internal areas around the building. These works are proposed to retain/repair the existing fire doors where certification is present and renewing on a like for like basis where no certification is present. Of the 19 doors forming part of this phased works 13 doors are to be overhauled whilst 6 doors are proposed to be renewed. Additionally where breaches to the compartmentation have been identified the proposed works allow to infill the breaches whilst not removing any of the existing building fabric.

The proposed works do not cause harm to the significance and special interest of the listed building. The works are proposed to more modern fire doors to preserve a means of escape from the two residential flats. Similarly the compartmentation works are designed to address opening with minimal disturbance to the surrounding areas.



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