

Plaque Site and Access

Parnell House is a 5 storey apartment block situated in central London, a stone's throw away from New Oxford Street. The façade of the property can be seen from both Dyott Street to its west side elevation, and Streatham Street which has the entrance to the south side of the building. The entrance is designed as a stucco doorway surround with architrave, console-bracketed cornice and pediment.

The property exterior is decorated with reddish brown brickwork with magnolia stock and rusticated stucco on the outside of the first and second floors and stucco dressings.

Throughout the building there is fireproof construction of brick load-bearing walls and arched hollow-brick floors.

Looking at the property's exterior walls from either Streatham Street or Dyott Street, each side elevation has six bays with 5 windows each floor from the ground level up.

The (ten) windows on the ground floor and first floor are square-headed recessed sash windows, with stucco lintels in form of gauged flat arches. They are also designed with stucco recesses. The windows on the 2nd 3rd and 4th floors are framed by bracketed brick cornice and there are end Stucco sill bands. Both exterior walls have thirty windows i.e. six on each floor/storey from ground level to the top floor.

In the interior courtyard there are open galleries and balconies, supported by brick piers which span 2 floors, give access to flats comprising kitchen and scullery, living room and mostly with 2 bedrooms. The internal features of the property were redesigned and refurbished in 1985.

Installing the commemorative blue plaque paying tribute to Billy Waters on Dyott Street will have a number of benefits for the local and wider community. Firstly, it will generate a sense of local pride and celebrate the borough's cultural diversity and history. Equally, with 2023 marking the 200th anniversary since Billy Waters passed away in St Giles, the plaque will serve as a reminder of his presence in the area, generating significant interest from the local community and media.

As such, the plaque will be an important heritage marker for schools and other educational and heritage institutions and organisations throughout the UK, enriching the cultural heritage of the capital and in particular the borough of Camden.

Attach is the for an 18in Blue Plaque i.e 45.72 centimetres to be place on the outside wall of Dyott Street at the side of Parnell House.

