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Design and Access Statement and Heritage Statement

30 Redington Road, London NW3 7RB

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1. Introduction

This Design and Access Statement and Heritage Statement forms part of a planning application that seeks to extend to the side on the ground floor. The application has previously been consented by LB Camden in 2000, 2005, 2015 & 2019 (2019/3915/P) and a 2023 application to 'renew' this consent is currently awaiting determination. This application's design remains exactly the same as that previously consented, except that a roof terrace is proposed on part of the extension's flat roof, and the previously consented rooflights are re-positioned to avoid 'peppering' the proposed roof terrace.



Above: Aerial photograph showing street context

2.0 History

2.1 The development of the Redington/Frognal Conservation Area as a whole, as well as Sub Area Four, in which Redington Road lies, are well described in the Conservation Area Appraisal. On page 14 & 15, describing the Conservation Area as a whole, it reads:

"Redington Road, Templewood Avenue, Redington Gardens, Templewood Gardens and West Heath Road, form an area containing some of the larger and more generously spaced houses in the Conservation Area set in a mature landscape. Whilst this gives the sub area a general theme, the period over which the area was developed has resulted in a mix of architectural styles. Despite this, parts of Redington Road and the majority of Templewood Avenue are of consistent character and appearance. There are a number of examples of mid and late-20th century houses and flats occupying parts of the former grounds of adjoining properties. These are, with a few notable exceptions, of a more modest scale than their neighbours and generally do not overly detract from the character of the Conservation Area.

Redington Road was laid out in 1875 and developed slowly staring from the Frognal (southern) end. It is the longest road in the Conservation Area and features a wide range of primarily early 20th century domestic architecture along its length. Whist there is no consistent architectural architectural style, red brickwork, clay tiles, dormer and sash windows are common elements to Arts and Crafts, Queen Anne, Edwardian and neo-Georgian houses alike.

The relationship between buildings and the street varies along the length of Redington Road. For example, Nos. 7-15 are with ten metres of the back of the pavement, whilst Nos. 16-28 are set back behind dense vegetation. Redington Road rises and falls a number of times along its length with its lowest point being at the junction with Heath Drive an highest point close to its north-eastern end. There are limited views between houses on the lower part of the road towards west London and longer distance views across roof and treetops can be gained from its northern end."



Above: Aerial photograph showing Redington Road

3.0 Context

3.1 The following are of particular interest on Redington Road:

-Nos. 2&4 (listed) designed by Phillip Webb in 1876 - rural Arts & Craft

-Nos. 16 (listed) One Oak, designed by Arthur H. Mackmurdo

-Nos. 35-37, designed by Horace Field

-No. 39, designed by W.W. Bull

-No. 66, The Wabe, designed by Dr William Garnett

-Nos. 54&56 (listed) designed by Quennell

3.2 The Conservation Area Appraisal mentions the application site when describing "Buildings and features that detract from the character of the area and would benefit from enhancement.

-Roadside garages and parking forecourts at Nos. 15, 24, 26 and 30 Redington Road."



Above: Aerial Front Elevation photograph showing neighbouring properties

Below: Aerial Rear Elevation photograph showing neighbouring properties



4.0 Planning history

4.1 The house remained single occupancy until 1956 when it was converted into three self-contained flats, the formation of a garage in the basement and a new means of access to the highway.

4.2 09/01/1967

The provision of a single garage and pavement crossover at 30 Redington Road, Camden. ref. CTP/E5/5/2/3067 - *Permission*

4.3 09/01/1967

The provision of a double garage and pavement crossover at 30 Redington Road, Camden. ref. CTP/E5/5/2/3068 - Conditional

4.4 16/11/1982

Change of use involving works of conversion and extension including the erection of a 2-storey rear extension and a 1st floor side extension to form 5 self contained flats ref. 35264/R3 - *Conditional*

4.5 08/09/1983

ref. 36867 -revision of 35264(R3) - Conditional

4.6 13/02/1984

Approval of details of landscaping and car parking pursuant to condition of consent No.36867 for the change of use involving works of conversion and extension to form five self-contained flats ref. 8400164 - *Granted*

4.7 05/09/1986

The erection of a part one and part two storey side extension to an existing ground floor flat with roof terrace over for the flat above. ref. 8601665 - *Granted*

4.8 10/06/1988

Erection of a conservatory extension at the rear in 1988 ref. 8804060 - Withdrawn

4.9 25/08/1988

Flat 1/30 -1988 - The erection of a single storey side extension to existing ground floor flat. ref. 8804360 - *Granted*

4.10 20/10/2000

Flat 1 - Erection of a single storey side extension at ground floor level. ref. PWX0002470 - *Granted*

4.11 26/10/2005

Flat 1 - Renewal of planning permission ref. PWX0002470 ref. 2005/4439/P - *Granted*

4.12. 27/01/2015

Flat 1 - Planning permission ref. 2014/5962/P - Granted

4.13. 27/08/2019

Flat 1 - Planning permission Ref. 2019/3915/P - Granted

4.14. 17/05/2021

Alterations to bin store - Planning permission Ref. 2021/1328/P - *Granted*

With the exception of applications regarding works to trees, there is no further planning history attached to No.30.

5.0 Proposal - an overview

- 5.1 The proposal involves the following:
 - a. The erection of a single storey side extension at ground floor level to provide additional accommodation for the existing flat (as previously consented by LB Camden in 2000, 2005, 2015 & 2019 (2019/3915/P) and a 2023 application to 'renew' this consent is currently awaiting determination;
 - b. Plus: a roof terrace is proposed on part of the above extension's flat roof;
 - c. Plus: the previously consented rooflights are re-positioned to avoid 'peppering' the proposed roof terrace.

6. Proposal - detailed description

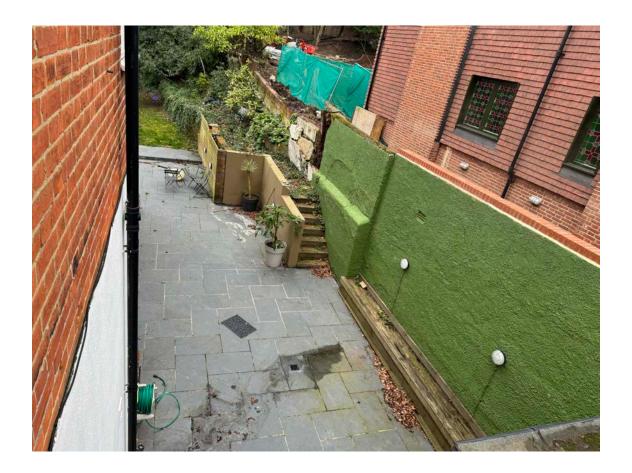
- 6.1. a. the erection of a single storey side extension at ground floor level to provide additional accommodation for the existing flat:
 - 6.1.1. The previously consented addition of a single storey rear extension is a modest one that fills in the enclosed-feeling space that is left between the existing building and the boundary (currently partly filled by a garden shed) see photographs below (shed shown outlined in Red). All of the neighbouring buildings already have similar extensions. The proposed extension is of brick to match the existing and features (secure) painted timber French doors in keeping with the style of the building.
 - 6.1.2. Its purpose is to replace the existing redundant shed and outdoor area with a revised layout allowing better light into the bedrooms and a new kitchen and eating area that faces onto the garden. The existing rooms are old-fashioned and pokey and contribute to negative space both internally, and when viewed from the garden.
 - 6.1.3. The proposed single storey extension will have no impact on the amenity of either neighbouring properties.
 - 6.1.4. No.28, the detached neighbour on the right when viewed from the front, is unaffected as there is already a wall which abuts the party wall (higher than the proposed extension) which we propose to remove. Furthermore the view of the proposed extension when viewed from the windows of the upper storeys of No.28 will be much tidier.
 - 6.1.5. The closet wings of the neighbouring properties on Redington Road (that are in the same group of detached houses) are considerably larger (taller and deeper), as shown on the application drawings and the photographs below.



- 6.2. b. a roof terrace is proposed on part of the above extension's flat roof:
 - 6.2.1. The proposed roof terrace will provide useful outdoor amenity space to the first floor flat.
 - 6.2.2. The proposed roof terrace has no effect on the amenity of others or the conservation area.
 - 6.2.3. It cannot be seen from the street by virtue of being set back by 6.75m from the front of the extension upon which it sits, and because No.30 Redington Rd sits one storey above street level. The photograph below demonstrates this.



- 6.2.4. The proposed roof terrace overlooks the garden of No.30 itself only, however this is mitigated by setting back the roof terrace by 1m from the rear line of the extension upon which it sits. Additionally, the kitchen/diner which it serves already has a roof terrace overlooking No.30's garden (the reason to propose this new roof terrace is the small size of the existing one which is on top of a bay window and provides very little outdoor amenity space to the flat).
- 6.2.5. The proposed roof terrace will not overlooks the garden of No.28 (to the right had side) as No.28 is set at a higher level, as Redington Road slopes steeply at this point.
- 6.2.6. The proposed roof terrace will not effect the privacy of the flank windows of No.28 as these are obscured (stained glass) as shown in the photograph below.



Above: a photograph showing the subject property to the left, and No.28 to the right. The proposal extends (at ground floor level) over the paved area leaving a side alley. The obscured (stained glass) windows to No.28 can be seen and their privacy would therefore be unaffected by the proposed roof terrace. In the background the difference in level between No.30 and the neighbouring No.28 can be seen (approximately a full storey). Construction works are currently underway at No.28 but, once complete, the boundary treatment will prevent any overlooking from the proposed roof terrace into No.28's rear garden.

- 6.3. c. the previously consented rooflights are re-positioned to avoid 'peppering' the proposed roof terrace:
 - 6.3.1. The number of rooflights remains the same; the change in arrangement has no material effect, other than the purpose of the amendment: to move them from the area of the flat roof where a roof terrace is proposed.

7.0 Materials

7.1 The proposed materials are all traditional: brick to match the existing and secure painted timber French doors. They are in keeping with the building and the Conservation Area.

8.0 Sustainability

8.1 The extension represents a significant upgrade in sustainability terms, notably by adding

substantial levels of insulation and draught-proofing, these being the most efficient forms of energy efficiency measures. The measures will be in line with latest building regulations.

- 8.2 The construction will endeavour to minimise embodied carbon by recycling extracted materials where applicable and sourcing materials locally where possible.
- 8.3 New windows are limited and proportionate to the room sizes and function. All windows should be thermally efficient and in keeping with the existing character.
- 8.4 Energy efficient lighting and appliances to be used within the extended property.

9.0 Trees

9.1 As shown on the site plan on the application drawings, the proposal would have no impact on trees. Please refer to Tretec's Arboricultural Method Statement dated August 2023 and their accompanying Tree Protection Plan dated August 2023.

10.0 Access

- 10.1 The proposal has no effect on the existing entrance to the property.
- 10.2 The property is served by bus stop CD, and the Nos. 13 & 82 bus routes that run along Finchley road (A41).

Local tube and train lines include the Northern Line stations at Hampstead and Golders Green and the Overground station at Hampstead Heath. Furthermore the Metropolitan and Jubilee lines at Finchley Road are within 20 minutes walking distance.

The property lies within a Controlled Parking Zone and by car the A1 and A406 (the North Circular) are easily accessible. It is well served in terms of schools in the area. Local shops and supermarkets are found in Hampstead and Finchley Road.

11.0 Planning Policies

The proposal is in line with the NPPF July 2021 and complies with the adopted Camden Local Plan 2017, particularly policies:

- H3 Protecting existing homes
- H7 Large and small homes
- C5 Safety and security
- A1 Managing the impact of development
- A3 Biodiversity
- A4 Noise and Vibration
- D1 Design
- D2 Heritage
- CC2 Adapting to Climate Change

The proposal is also in line with the London Plan 2021, particularly policies:

• D12 (A) Fire Safety

12.0 Conclusion

11.1 The proposal seeks to improve the property without negative impacts on the amenity of neighbouring properties. It both enhances and preserves the Conservation Area. On this basis it is considered that the proposal should be granted planning permission.