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15 GLOUCESTER CRESCENT, LONDON NW1 7DS

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DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT TO ACCOMPANY PLANNING AND LISTED BUILDING CONSENT APPLICATIONS FOR INSTALLATION OF NEW GATES TO FRONT YARD

Existing Building

15 Gloucester Crescent is a Grade II Listed house in a terrace of houses built by Henry Bassett, an architect, between 1840 and 1845. The existing building is 4 storeys, with a paved front yard with parking for a single vehicle. The house sits in the Primrose Hill Conservation Area. For a detailed description and history of the property refer to Heritage Statement.

The Proposal

This proposal seeks to install new gates to the front yard between existing brick piers. The gates would provide an improved sense of enclosure to the front garden and improve the security to the front yard for the storage of bicycles and the occasional parking of an electric vehicle.

Design

The front boundary treatments along the street vary from house to house, though most houses have brick piers. 15 Gloucester Terrace has brick piers at each corner of its front boundary. These would be retained.

The proposed new boundary treatment would comprise a single hinged gate on the left hand pier providing pedestrian access and a pair of bi-fold gates on the right hand pier which could open inwards, full width, to allow vehicular access.

The gates would be black painted steel with vertical cylindrical bars and finials to match those on the existing front railings.

Planning

See accompanying Heritage Statement

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Accessibility

Accessibility would be unaffected by the proposals.

Materials

In general materials will be used which are sympathetic to the existing, original construction:

1. Existing brick walls and piers retained.
2. Existing paving retained.
3. Proposed gates black painted steel.

Summary

The proposed gates would improve the security of the subject property whilst re-establishing a front boundary.

The proposed alterations can be carried out with little impact on the character and appearance of the subject property and its surroundings.