

3 ROTHWELL STREET NW1 8YH
HERITAGE STATEMENT
July 2024

I.0 - INTRODUCTION

This Heritage Statement supports an application for the installation of timed external wall lights on the pilasters flanking either side of the front door of a Grade II listed building. The proposal aims to enhance the safety and accessibility of the property without compromising its historic and architectural significance.

2.0 - HISTORIC ENGLAND LISTING FOR ROTHWELL STREET

Name: NUMBERS 1-7 AND ATTACHED RAILINGS

List entry Number: 1130400

Location

NUMBERS 1-7 AND ATTACHED RAILINGS, 1-7, ROTHWELL STREET

The building may lie within the boundary of more than one authority.

County	District	District Type	Parish
Greater London	Authority	Camden	London Borough

National Park: Not applicable to this List entry.

Grade: II

Date first listed: 14-May-1974

Date of most recent amendment: 11-Jan-1999

TQ2783NE ROTHWELL STREET 798-1/74/1400 (South side) 14/05/74 Nos.1-7 (Consecutive) and attached railings (Formerly Listed as: ROTHWELL STREET Nos.1-7 AND 8-15 (Consecutive))

GV II

Terraces of 7 houses. c1862. For the Marquess de Rothwell. Yellow stock brick with rusticated stucco ground floors; No.1 with rusticated stucco quoins. 3 storeys and basements. 2 windows each except No.1 with 3. Nos 1, 4 & 5 slightly projecting. Stucco doorcases with pilasters carrying entablature; doorways with pilaster-jambs carrying cornice-heads, fanlights and panelled doors. Tripartite sashes to ground floor. Upper floors with architraves sashes; 1st floors with console bracketed cornices, Nos 4 & 5 with pediments, No.8 with cast-iron balcony and No.1, central window with pediment and cast-iron balcony continuing to left hand window. Stucco cornice and blocking course, Nos 6 and 7 retaining console brackets. INTERIORS: not inspected. SUBSIDIARY FEATURES: attached cast-iron railings with urn finials to areas.

3.0 ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

The building is listed as Grade II, indicating it is national importance and special interest, warranting every effort to preserve it. The property's listing ensures its preservation, acknowledging its architectural merit and historical value. The significance of the property lies in its:

- Architectural design and detailing typical of Victorian terraces
- Historical context within the development of the area
- Contribution to the overall streetscape and heritage of the neighborhood

3.1 FRONT ELEVATION



Front area showing modern infill to understairs area. Existing basement window has been enlarged.



Doors to under pavement vaults.

4.0 THE PROPOSAL AND THEIR IMPACT ON THE HERITAGE ASSETS

The property is located on Rothwell Street, a street known for its similar historical residences. The area suffers from insufficient lighting due to reliance on primarily a single street lamp. Several neighbouring properties have addressed this issue by installing external lighting, creating a precedent for such enhancements.

The proposed lights will be installed on the pilasters flanking the front door. These will be low-intensity LED wall lights controlled by an automated timer. The fixtures are designed to harmonise with the building's architectural style, and the timer will ensure the lights operate during the evening and early night hours.

Improved lighting will enhance safety for residents and visitors, reducing the risk of trips and falls. The installation will be non-intrusive and reversible, preserving the building's fabric.

The selected lights are in keeping with the historic character of the property, ensuring minimal visual impact. They are discreet and designed to complement the building's style, minimising visual intrusion. Qualified professionals will carry out the installation carefully to avoid damage to the historic fabric, using minimal and reversible fixings. Regular maintenance will ensure the fittings remain in good condition and any wear is promptly addressed. This enhancement will improve the immediate setting by providing better illumination without detracting from the overall historic streetscape.

The proposed installation of timed external wall lights on the pilasters flanking the front door of this Grade II listed building is a necessary enhancement that balances modern safety needs with respect for the building's historical significance. The design and installation will preserve the architectural integrity and character of the property.

The accompanying design and access statement outlines the fixture specification and examples of similar installations on neighbouring properties.