

# Heritage Statement for 23 West Hampstead Mews, London NW6 3BB

## Project Overview:

This heritage statement outlines the proposed alterations to 23 West Hampstead Mews, London NW6 3BB, within the South Hampstead Conservation Area.

The project involves:

- **Roof Replacement:** Replacing the existing slate roof with a Zinc Patina standing seam roof to create a usable third floor while maintaining the building's overall form and height.
- **Chimney Demolition:** Removing the existing chimney to facilitate the roof alterations.
- **Rear Extension:** Adding a single-story flat-roof extension to the rear of the property, clad in vertical cedar cladding.

## Conservation Area Context:

23 West Hampstead Mews is situated within the South Hampstead Conservation Area, a designated area recognised for its distinctive architectural and historical character. The conservation area aims to protect and enhance the area's built heritage.

## Existing Building Assessment:

The existing building is a purpose built, Victorian Mews flat situated in a terrace of similar properties, constructed of brick with a slate roof. The current roof height does not provide sufficient headroom on the third floor to allow for any habitable room to be situated there.

## Proposed Alterations:

- **Roof Replacement:** The proposed replacement of the slate roof with a Zinc Patina standing seam roof will provide a more durable and visually appealing roofing material. The standing seam design will allow for a smoother and more contemporary appearance while retaining the overall form of the building.
- **Chimney Demolition:** The removal of the chimney will simplify the roof alterations and improve the building's overall aesthetic.
- **Rear Extension:** The single-story flat-roof extension will provide additional living space to the rear of the property. The vertical cedar cladding will complement the existing brick façade and create a modern and visually appealing addition.

## **Impact Assessment:**

The proposed alterations have been carefully considered to minimise their impact on the conservation area and the character of the building. The following measures will be taken:

- **Preservation of Existing Fabric:** The existing front brick façade elevation will be retained, preserving the building's identity and contributing to the character of the conservation area.
- **Sensitive Design:** The rear extension will be designed to complement the existing building and blend seamlessly with the surrounding context.
- **Material Choice:** The use of high-quality materials, such as Zink Patina and cedar cladding, will ensure that the alterations enhance the building's appearance and longevity.
- **Roof design:** The roof design has been carefully considered to maintain the overall building height while providing sufficient head space on the third floor to make it usable.

## **Conclusion:**

The proposed alterations to 23 West Hampstead Mews will improve the building's functionality and appearance while respecting the character of the conservation area. The project will contribute to the ongoing preservation and enhancement of the built heritage of South Hampstead, while increasing the number of habitable rooms within the property.