

# RICHARD BELL ARCHITECTURE

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Front (South) Elevation

## 1.0 Application Particulars



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- 1.1 **Site Address**  
22 Heath Hurst Road | London | NW3 2RX
- 1.2 **Agent Details**  
Richard Bell RIBA  
Richard Bell Architecture Ltd.  
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N8 8AR
- 1.3 **Local Authority**  
London Borough of Camden
- 1.4 **Conservation Area**  
Hampstead Conservation Area
- 1.5 **Listing**  
Not Listed
- 1.6 **Flood Risk**  
The application site sits within Flood Zone 1 and the site area is of less than one hectare. As such, no flood risk assessment is required.
- 1.7 **Description of Proposals as stated on application forms:**  
*"Installation of air source heat pump and acoustic enclosure in rear garden. New timber slatted fence to rear of garden."*

*This document to be read in conjunction with the application forms and all drawings submitted with this application*



Front (South) Street Elevation

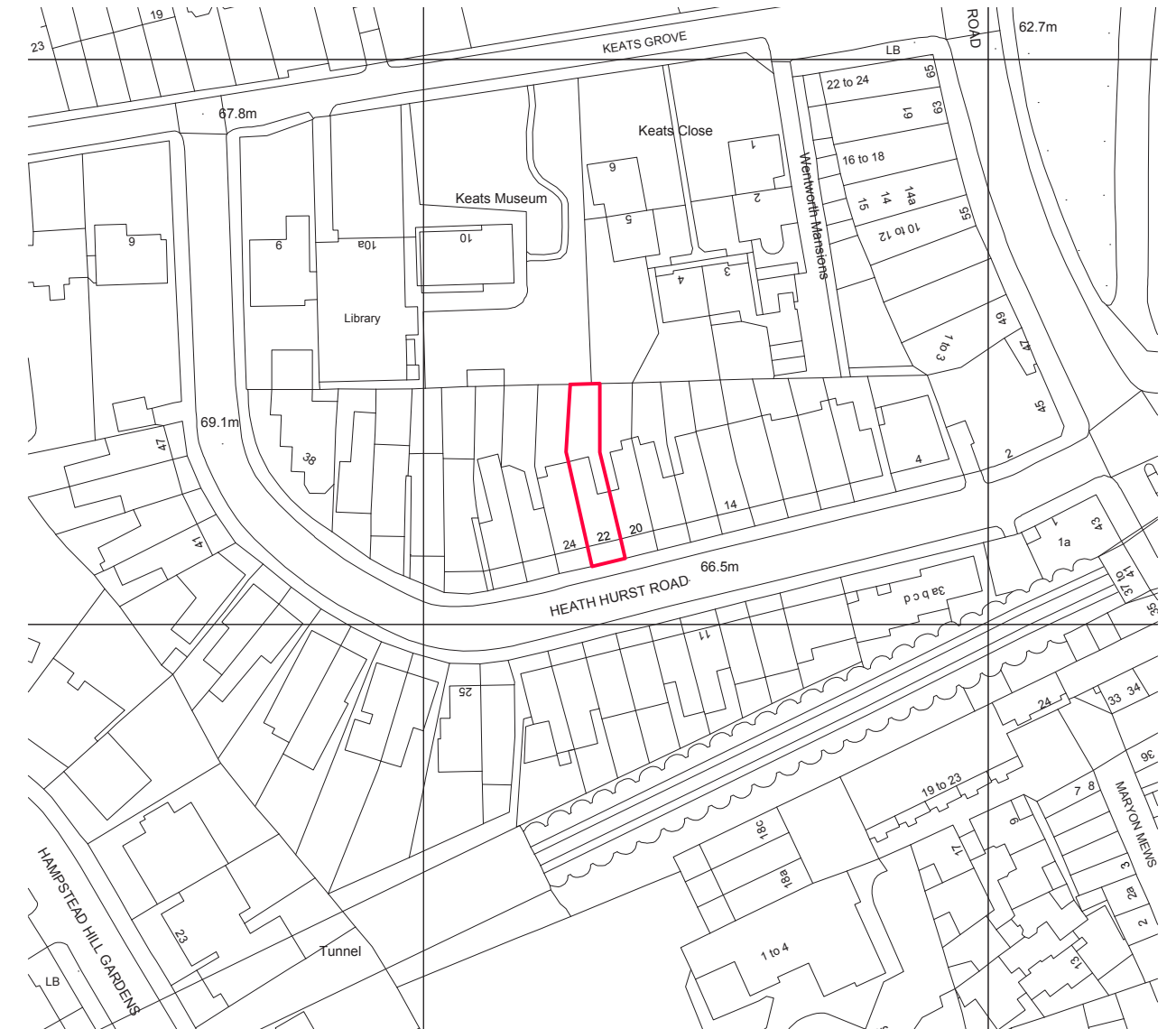


## 2.0 Site Location

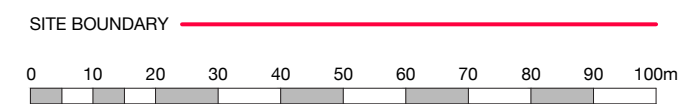
## 2.0 Site Location



Aerial Photograph



Site Location Plan



## 3.0 Site Photographs



### 3.1 Front (South) Street Elevation

Notes:

- None



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### 3.2 Rear Garden

Notes:

- None



North-East corner of rear garden

## 4.0 Planning History



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### Householder Application

Ref: 2023/0773/P

*Replacement of all windows and door on the front elevation, installation of 4 roof lights (2 on the main roof and 2 on the extension), replacement of windows to the third floor rear elevation, replacement of metal balustrade and new screen and decking on the 2nd floor rear elevation.*

GRANTED Decision Date: 08 | 08 | 2023

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### Certificate of Lawfulness (Proposed)

Ref: 2023/0785/P

*Replacement of rear windows and windows on East elevation of first floor.*

GRANTED Decision Date: 07 | 07 | 2023

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### Householder Application

Ref: 2023/0929/P

*Erection of single-storey rear/side infill extension.*

GRANTED Decision Date: 11 | 05 | 2023

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### Householder Application

Ref: 2023/3281/P

*Erection of single-storey rear/side infill extension. Associated exterior alterations.*

GRANTED Decision Date: 18 | 09 | 2023

**Note the above application consolidates the 3 applications listed to the left.**

## 5.0 Description of Proposals

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This application is for consent to install an air source heat pump to cater for the heating and hot water needs of the property at the application site. A new free-standing timber fence to the rear boundary is also included in this application.

The applicant is keen to move away from fossil fuels on environmental grounds and an air source heat pump has been judged the most efficient way to do this.

The environmental benefits of an air source heat pump are clear. However air source heat pumps can produce a degree of background noise when in use. Whilst one could contest that a degree of perceptible sound is a small price to pay for the environmental benefits, policy guidance with regard to noise impact has been followed. The relevant policies are set out within the submitted Noise Impact Assessment.

The first step in noise mitigation is to locate the air source heat pump as far away as possible from the nearest receivers (windows). An appropriate location has therefore been chosen at the rear of the garden, as shown on the submitted drawings.

An assessment of the noise impact at this location was conducted and the recommendation is to locate the ASHP within an acoustic enclosure to further attenuate noise levels.

An enclosure designed to meet this attenuation criteria has therefore been proposed and is shown in the application drawings.

A new free standing timber fence to the rear boundary (to sit in front of the existing low wall) provides additional visual screening.



## 6.0 Access Statement

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### 6.1 Pedestrian Access

Main entrance onto Heath Hurst Road remains unchanged.

### 6.2 Vehicular Access

There is no vehicular access or off-street parking. This remains unchanged.

## 7.0 Heritage Statement



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This Heritage Statement is brief in nature given the extent of the proposals

Heath Hurst Road sits within the Pond Street/South End Green area at the south-east tip of the Hampstead Conservation area.

The road loops between South End Road and Keats Grove, on a slight gradient up towards Keats Grove. It is a densely built group developed in 1900 and lined with four storey red brick terraced and semi-detached houses typical of the period.

The proposed air source heat pump is positioned at the end of the garden and remote from the main building at the application site. This location is also intentionally remote from other buildings on the adjoining sites.

As such, the impact on the built forms on the application site and the wide conservation area is considered minimal.

The new slatted timber fence to the rear of the garden will provide additional visual screening.

In practice the air source heat pump will be largely concealed by planting - though spaced away from the unit to ensure sufficient air flow. This planting is not shown in the application documents as it is not defined as 'development' but it will nonetheless bring added benefit.

## 8.0 Summary

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The applicant's desire to embrace clean energy via the use of an air source heat pump has been thoughtfully considered with potential noise impacts mitigated.

The proposal should therefore be considered a positive contribution to this application site, the conservation area and the wider borough.



