

# Design and Access Statement



59 Agar Grove  
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## 59 Agar Grove, NW1 9UE

### Proposed replacement front garden wall and railings

#### 1.0 Site Description

59 Agar Grove is a 19th century semi-detached house which sits on the edge of the Camden Square Conservation Area.

There is a general pattern of front garden walls at Agar Grove, although most of these have been rebuilt in varying heights, materials and styles and some have been lost to parking. The majority of front gardens on Agar Grove are now hard-standing. 59 Agar Grove currently has a 105mm thick front wall which is leaning, unsteady and requires rebuilding or replacement.

#### 2.0 Project Description:

The proposal seeks to replace the existing front garden wall with a new garden wall, gate and railings.



Pattern of front garden walls and railings on Camden Square ©2024 Google Imagery



Proposed cast iron railing by Ballantine Castings

### 3.0 Discussion of Proposed Works

The existing wall is non-original fabric that requires rebuilding in order to stabilise it. The clients are keen to restore the front garden wall to a design more true to the period. The design has been influenced by the garden walls and railings of Camden Square (shown above). It is proposed that the front garden wall be rendered with cast iron railings above, terminating in rendered gate piers. Stone coping and stone pier caps will be used.

“The private front gardens add colour and biodiversity to the residential street scene. The loss of any of these gardens through parking, ancillary structures, hard-standing or neglect severely erodes the character of the streets.”- Camden Square Conservation Appraisal and Management Strategy

The existing front garden is of hard-standing and gravel, and the clients intend to introduce planting, and have recently planted a semi-mature magnolia tree in the existing gravelled area. The proposals to the front wall and the planting of the garden respond to the Council’s Management Strategy for the Conservation Area.

The proposals to 59 Agar Grove will enhance the public view of the existing dwelling and are sympathetic to the wider character of the Conservation Area.

## **6.0 Access**

Access conditions are not altered by the proposals.