HERITAGE STATEMENT

RELATING TO

EXTERNAL STAIR NOSINGS

AT

10 DUKE'S ROAD, LONDON, WC1H 9AD

FOR

UCL

Contents

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Potter Raper Ltd (PRL) have been appointed via the UCL Estates to implement stair nosing to the steps of 10 Duke's Road, London, WC1H 9AD.

This Heritage Statement is to be used to accompany the Planning Application. Its aim is to briefly set out the history of the building and its historical development and the background to the proposals.

10 Duke's Road is a Grade II* Listed Building and is located within the Bloomsbury Conservation Area, **Sub Area 13: Cartwright Gardens/Argyle Square.**

2.0 REASONS FOR THE PROPOSED WORKS

Inclusive Design – Implementing stair nosing's to meet with DDA Compliance. UCL seek to improve access for the partially sighted UCL Staff members who use this entrance as access to the building.

3.0 DESCRIPTION OF LISTED STATUS

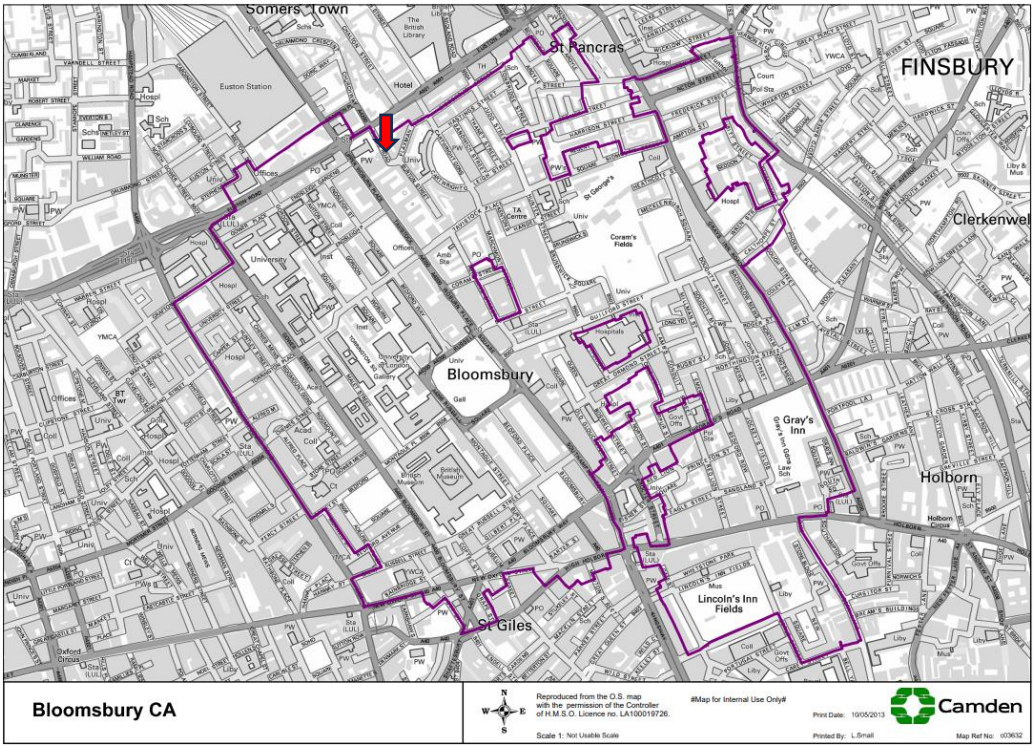
3.1 The Site

The building is located on the Duke's Road and sit to the rear of the UCL Central House Building.

The nearest over ground and underground station is Euston Station, both of which are located approximately 0.2miles from the site.

Bloomsbury Conservation Area

The Bloomsbury Conservation Area is in central London and covers an area of approximately 160 hectares extending from Euston Road in the north to High Holborn and Lincoln's Inn Fields in the south and from Tottenham Court Road in the west to King's Cross Road in the east.



History and Development of the Bloomsbury Conservation Area

Bloomsbury Conservation Area's initial designation in 1968 was sought to protect elements of development from the Georgian and prior eras. Events such as the plague of Black Death (1665) and the Great Fire of London, created momentum for the initial development. The building of Covent Garden was a key architectural development which massively influences the form of Bloomsbury. In 1630, the developer the Duke of Bedford and his architect, introduced Palladian architecture to England in the form of a public square, addressed by a church and terraces of houses and surrounded by grids of streets.

Characteristics of Bloomsbury Conservation Area.

The conservation area has been sub-divided into a series of character areas that generally share common characteristics. 10 Duke's Road lies with the Sub Area 13: Cartwright Gardens/Argyle Square. The interest of this sub area forms from the early 19th century uniform street pattern and layout of open spaces, and the intact surviving terraces of houses. This sub area was one of the later completed areas within Bloomsbury, developed mainly by James Burton.

Woburn Walk is a very distinctive and small-scale shopping street designed by Thomas Cubitt in 1822. The grade II* listed three-storey townhouses with stucco fronts and first floor balconies retain original, purpose-built, bay windowed shopfronts of a uniform nature. It is understood the identical terrace on the west side of Duke's Road have been converted and used as office spaces.

Earlier 19th century properties tend to be three or four storeys in height with taller buildings facing open spaces. The properties in the area share other common characteristics such as timber sash windows with slender glazing bars, ground-floor windows with delicate fanlights, intricate iron balconies and roof concealed behind parapets.

10 Duke's Road – Building

External Features

The property is a Stucco fronted terrace property with the ground floors painted in black. The roof is a slate roof with dormers.

4.0 HERITAGE PROTECTION

4.1 Access and Egress

The existing access and egress will not be affected during the works. All entrances will be provided protection.

4.2 External

External Concrete Steps: We propose to implement 55mm x 55mm x 6mm Anti-Slip GRP Stair Nosing, in Dark grey (RAL7043) with standard grit.

4.3 Thermal Performance and Carbon Footprint

Due to the nature of the proposed works, there is no opportunity to improve the thermal performance and reduce the carbon footprint of the property.

APPENDIX A
PHOTOGRAPH SCHEDULE

See Appendix A to the Design & Access Statement for photograph schedule.

APPENDIX B
DRAWINGS

All drawings/plans are appended to the Application.