

Waterlow Park Highgate House - Gate Refurbishment Design and Access Statement

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Introduction

Wynne-Williams Associates were approached by the London Borough of Camden to provide an accessible entrance into Waterlow Park via the existing gates along Highgate High Street. The works are to provide a flush access from the public highway along with refurbishment of the existing gates and associated railings.

Context

The site is located to the north of Waterlow park, off Highgate High Street within the London Borough of Camden, and is situated between Channing Junior School and No. 3 Highgate High Street.

The site forms part of the boundary to Waterlow park, a 29 acre public park with terraced gardens, ponds, a nature conservation area, children's play areas, and tennis courts.

The site consists of a set of pedestrian iron wrought gates and associated railings that run between the two adjacent properties. A stepped natural stone entrance with surrounding pedestrian asphalt provides the current access into the site. The surrounding area to the site is well maintained with mature trees and shrubs on either side.

The gate and associated path provide access to the tennis courts as well as the northern section of the footpath network that runs through the park.



Aerial view of the site and surrounding area. Red line indicates area of works



Street view of existing gates to Waterlow Park off Highgate High Street

Proposal

The proposal for the works is to primarily provide a flush access into the park via the existing gates on Highgate High Street.

To achieve this the existing natural stone paving will be lifted and re-laid to match the levels of the public footpath. Additional stone paving to match is proposed to give a uniform entrance with the threshold to the park having a new conservative edging unit.

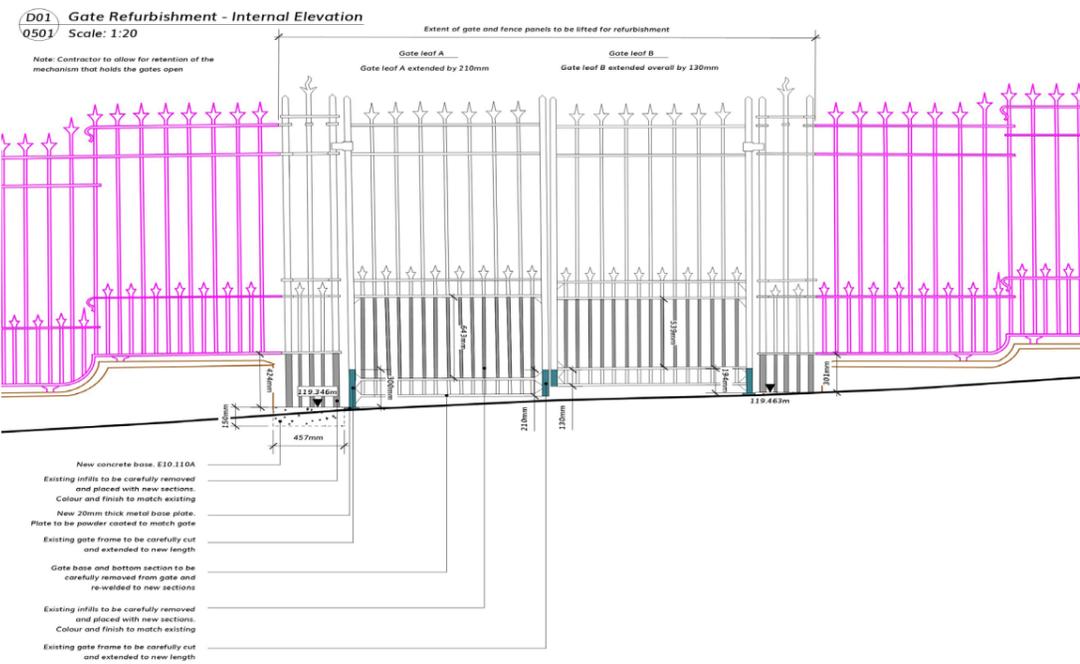
A section of the current asphalt footpath within the park will be laid to the new proposed levels providing a constant gradient from the entrance way. Along with this the edging to this section of path will be reworked to give a more consistent edge with the existing litter bins and park signage being relocated to new positions at the entrance.

The existing gates and adjacent fence panels are to be lifted and extended to accommodate for the new flush access into the park. The existing concrete plinth upon which the railings are currently sited upon is to be cut back and new plinth created to accommodate the extended railing sections.

The sections of railings that are retained on site are to be sanded to remove areas of rust and loose paint before being repainted insitu to match the existing railing colour.



-  Natural stone flags to match existing. Allow for drop bolt sleeves to open and closed positions. Hatch is indicative. Lifting equipment to be used due to size of reused paving flags. Refer to detail 0501/D02
-  Pedestrian asphalt paving. Build-up to match existing. Refer to detail 0501/D03
-  Pedestrian asphalt over lay to match into existing asphalt path Q22.115A
-  New concrete hardstanding to bins and end fence panels. Refer to E10.110A
-  Conservation centre stone kerb 145x145mm. Refer to 0501/D03
-  PCC flat top path edging unit 50x150mm. Refer to 0501/D02
-  Existing manhole cover and level to be retained and protected
-  Existing signage to be lifted, stored and relocated to new position
-  Existing bins to be lifted, stored and relocated to new position
-  Existing gates to be lifted and extended to allow for new access levels. Note: Contractor to allow for retention of the mechanism that holds the gates open. Gate cleaning procedure to be confirmed. Gates to be painted to match existing fence line. Contractor to allow replacing/making good any elements damaged in removal, restoration and extension. Refer to 0501/D01 & D02
-  Existing fence panels to be lifted and extended to allow for new access levels. Fence panel cleaning procedure to be confirmed. Panels to be painted to match existing fence line. Contractor to allow replacing/making good any elements damaged in removal, restoration and extension. Refer to 0501/D01 & D02
-  Existing fence panels to be cleaned insitu. Fence panels to be sanded to remove rust and loose paint work. Contractor to inform client if sections of metal work need to be replaced. Panels to be painted to match existing fence line. Contractor to allow replacing/making good any elements damaged during restoration and cleaning.
-  Line markings to be repainted Q10.390
-  119.15m Existing level based on topographical information provided by others
-  119.41m Proposed level
-  1:80 Gradient and direction of fall



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