

Heritage Statement for 5 Talacre Road, NW5 3PH, London

1. Introduction

This Heritage Statement supports the planning application for 5 Talacre Road, located within the West Kentish Town Conservation Area. The proposal involves:

- Replacing the existing uPVC front door with a wooden panel front door.
- Replacing the existing uPVC window in the front entrance with a wooden window.
- Replacing a worn patio with new porcelain or ceramic tiles.

2. Site Description

5 Talacre Road is a residential property situated in the West Kentish Town Conservation Area, designated in 2005 to preserve the area's architectural and historical character. The conservation area is characterized by its Victorian terraces and uniform architectural features.

3. Significance of the Property

The property contributes to the conservation area's character through its traditional architectural elements. However, previous installations of uPVC doors and windows have diminished its historical integrity. Restoring these elements to their original materials will enhance the property's contribution to the area's heritage.

4. Proposed Works

- Front Door Replacement: Remove the existing uPVC door and install a wooden panel door designed to match the original Victorian style common in the area
- Window Replacement: Replace the uPVC window at the front entrance with a timber window, reflecting the traditional design and materials typical of the conservation area
- Patio Replacement: Replace the patio with porcelain or ceramic tiles

5. Impact Assessment

- Front Door and Window: Replacing uPVC elements with timber alternatives will restore the property's historical appearance, aligning with conservation guidelines that discourage the use of non-traditional materials like uPVC.
- Patio: Upgrading the patio with sympathetic materials will enhance the property's aesthetic without negatively affecting the conservation area's character.

6. Compliance with Conservation Guidelines

The proposed changes adhere to the West Kentish Town Conservation Area's guidelines, which emphasize the importance of preserving original architectural details and using appropriate materials.

7. Conclusion

The proposed replacements aim to restore and enhance the property's historical features, contributing positively to the West Kentish Town Conservation Area's character. The use of traditional materials and designs ensures compliance with conservation objectives, preserving the area's architectural heritage for future generations.