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49 Doughty St, WC1N 2LX

Proposed New Front Area Stair

Design & Access Statement

49 Doughty St is a four storey terraced house built in the early 19C. Its use is as the Charles Dickens Museum. It is listed Grade II, and sits in a street of similar houses used for generally office and residential purposes.

The proposed development is demolition of the existing stone and concrete stair and metal gate which give access to the front 'area', and construction of a new steel stair and gate which will conform more closely with current building regulations.

Design Intent

It is hoped that the stone elements of the existing stair can be stored for record purposes. The intention of the new design is that it complements the original building and employs a style which is common elsewhere in Doughty St.

Form

The proposed stair is designed to permit retention of the existing railing brace and minimise changes to the front area. Changes to the design of the railings to accommodate a new gate are in a style which appears on the adjacent property, 50 Doughty St, and elsewhere in the street.

Streetscape

The proposal new stair is below street level and is only visible from the street at close quarters. The new gate and associated hoop are part of the streetscape and in the materials and style of adjacent properties.

Materials

The proposed materials are steel finished with black paint to match the existing railings and adjacent buildings.

Access

Disabled access to the property is unchanged.