

Heritage Statement

Café Rouge

6-7 South Grove, Highgate, London N6 6BP

This application is for Listed Building Consent for alterations as follows:

Alter existing façade (under clock conservatory roof) of restaurant to have bi-fold glazed doors. Replace existing fixed awning for new, addition of new garland lights, replacement of decorative clock and weather vane for new.



Existing Buildings

The building is a functioning restaurant. It currently has dining space along its ground floor only with trade kitchen and toilets on same level. The external conservatory structure has been added to building over the years and acts as part of the restaurant currently.

- The subject site is located within the Conservation Area.
- The properties are currently in use.

Justification

The decorations and fixed awnings are in need of revival. The first part of the proposal is to replace the awnings and redecorate all render, woodwork and roof of the building front and the protruding conservatory. It is felt that this will enhance the building, retain its character and, using the palette shown in sketch 1129.13.P02, give the building a better presence in the cityscape.

The finer details of the revival of this façade include replacing the weather vane for a new Eiffel tower style metal cutting. This will reflect the French concept of the restaurant. Also the clocks will

be replaced for new with a traditional design in line with the new concept of the restaurant brand, all of which are sympathetic to the building style.

The last proposal is to improve the view from within the restaurant to outside and visa versa. It is felt that the operation is shut away from the busy pedestrian area and would benefit from having retractable glass openings to display the interior, and give diners a more cosmopolitan experience. The existing doors are not considered to be of great historical value given they are part of the conservatory extension and not the original building. The design proposal will further enhance the extended area and give it a better presence in the street benefitting conservation and neighbouring properties.