

This Heritage Statement is submitted as part of and in support of the planning application and design and access statement for the works at Hamilton House, Mabledon Place.

## **Conservation Area**

Hamilton House is located in the Bloomsbury Conservation area.

## History

Hamilton House was designed by W H Woodroffe and constructed between 1913-14 as the headquarters of the National Union of Teachers, which still occupy it today. The Bloomsbury conservation area has been extended and as a result Hamilton House is located within it.

Originally built as the NUT headquarters incorporating office and conference space the property remains to fulfil this role and is very much still operational.

The main entrance to Hamilton House has always been located off Mabledon Place. The entrance steps have become worn. The proposed will compliment the York Stone which surrounds the property on all three sides at ground floor level.

The doors to the side entrances on both Hastings and Bidborough Street do not match and as a result detract from the property's overall appearance. This indicates these have been changed over time. The side entrances are now used for deliveries and access, as they were intended to be originally.

## Amount

The works proposed to the entrance steps will make it easier for public access by having integral nosing strips and the addition of handrails to the railings to the main entrance steps.

The glazed canopy to the disabled access entrance located on Hastings Street will be minimal in design to compliment the building. The canopy will be self supported and will involve minimal disruption to the facade.

The western door on Hastings Street and the eastern door on Bidborough Street are to have a glazed top and bottom panel with obscure glass, to allow light into the stairwells. The Eastern door on Hastings Street is to have solid timber panel. The western door on Bidborough Street also to have solid timber panels in the door. The doors are to be Oak with a varnished finish.