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Heritage Statement For Proposed Window repair To No. 1 Doughty Street & No. 1 Roger Street, WC1

Schedule of the Work

The existing windows of both No 1 Doughty Street and No 1 Roger Street are in a very poor state, and it is therefore proposed to undertake the repair and or replacement of all the windows in both buildings bearing in mind that Doughty Street is a Listed Building under control of the English Heritage which exists to protect and promote Englands spectacular historic environment and to ensure that its past is researched and understood. It is with this in mind that the windows will be repaired or replace to look exactly the same as they are now.

History of the Building and its Location

Doughty Street is a broad tree lined road in the Holborn District of the London Borough of Camden. The street as a whole contains many Grade 1 and Grade 2 listed Georgian buildings built between 1790 and 1840. Most of the property is now used as offices with the later addition of flats, which is the case of No 1 Doughty Street with Offices on the Ground and First floor and residential flats on the Second and Third floors

No. 1 Doughty Street is on the corner of Roger Street and it is possible that the extension at the back was added at some time after the Doughty Street building, although there is no record of this.

In years gone by Doughty Street was a very private road and was at one time closed off to would be vagabonds, and Charles Dickens lived there for a short time at No 48 from where he wrote Oliver Twist.

Unfortunately there is no listed history relative to No 1 Doughty Street but with all the notable Judges, writers and professional medical personnel still living there it is a street of great history.

The present day situation

Many of the Basements of the houses in Doughty Street have had their Windows replaced, and new entrances formed to what would appear as flats, with a number of houses converted back from offices to residential

With regard to the Heritage Statement I will try to uncover some relative history to the subject building, but in answer to the items I should address I would comment as follows:-

- Detail about the character and Architectural/historical interest of the associated property or structure

The character of the building is captured on the Ground Floor Front and part Side Elevation only which has Stucco Rendering which dates it by its design, the remainder of the building being straightforward brickwork in a very long Terrace where a number of the properties have been altered over the years particularly with regard to the windows. No 1 is on the corner of Roger street and Doughty Street, with Doughty Street being very high in its historical content over the years

- An explanation of the principles behind and the justification for the replacement Windows

The justification is simple, the existing windows are warped, corroded and rotten in part and in a very poor condition overall.

- Details of the expected impact that the replacement windows will have on the special interest of the listed building or structure and its setting (and adjacent listed buildings)

Other than the fact that the windows will be repaired or renewed, they will have little if no impact on the remainder of the adjacent properties as they will look the same as they do now.

- * An outline of the steps taken to avoid or minimise any adverse impact on the significance of the building

A General Foreman will be on site throughout the course of the work to ensure it is done in the most diligent and expert manner possible, with as little disruption either to the existing occupants other property or indeed to the building itself.

- An explanation of the sources considered and the expertise consulted in the formulation of the associated application.

We have sourced the name of one Mr Derek Fawke who is possibly one of the best carpenters one could wish to employ, he is City and Guilds qualified comes from Canterbury with over fifty years experience in both Architecture and Joinery.

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