Design, Access and Justification Statement

15B THURLOW ROAD, LONDON NW3 5PL





Use:

The property is a four storey semi-detached building. Most of the properties in the local area are made from the same materials with similar brick work with white timber single glazed windows.

The existing windows in question are a mixture of white painted timber sash and casement windows and one aluminum windows on the side elevation. We are proposing to modify 7 existing windows on a like for like basis apart from the windows being double glazed which are similar materials as the current installation.

Scale:

As for scale, in terms of additional space, there will be no change to the footprint of the property in any way.

Layout and Landscaping:

There will be no changes to the layout of the property. This will of course not affect conservation in any way.

There will be no changes to the landscaping of the property.

Access:

There will be no overall infringement on access to and from the building as the new doors will allow for fire exit etc.

Appearance:

The appearance of the building will largely remain identical to its current state. The products are indeed very similar to the existing design. The proposed products are however, of a much higher quality than the existing install and far more aesthetically pleasing that the current design. The new windows are more energy efficient than the older design and will significantly decrease energy loss and subsequently reduce energy bills.

Whilst the new windows are built on a new technology which includes energy saving qualities, designed around a style that replicates older windows so as to blend naturally into the existing property.

In terms of environmental conservation, the proposed new windows will only have a positive impact on the environment as the reduction in energy bills will only serve for a more environmentally friendly installation.

Justification:

Whilst the windows currently part of this installation are not out of character with the existing property, it can be suggested that the new windows will have more of a positive impact on the property that the existing. To try and preserve the current windows the owner will have to apply wood filler or other maintenance techniques over a long period of time which may ruin the aesthetics of the property.

Modern times call for more careful consideration of our environment and how we look after it. One main problem that is common in all aspects of life is energy loss. It's expensive, unnecessary, wasteful and damages the environment. By improving building techniques, using higher energy rated products and creating higher quality installations, we can reduce this loss.

The new proposal contains products which fall in a much higher band of energy conservation than what was previously achievable. This will obviously only have positive effects, not only for the environment but also for financial savings on behalf of the property owner.

To conclude, I feel that the new proposal will only serve to enhance the property both visually and economically, blending naturally with the surroundings.