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STATEMENT

In support of Application for Retrospective Approval for works at:

33 Warren Street. London W1T 5NQ

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This application is for the Retrospective Approval of the work done in renewing the four windows in the existing openings to the flank wall within the passageway to Warren Mews.

The property is part of a terrace of 18C houses on the South side of Warren Street, all of which are listed Grade 2. Numbers 31 to 33 have had their front elevations painted a dark grey/black. This colour has been continued down both sides of the passageway to the Mews behind, which occurs as part of No. 33.

The window openings were made in 1988, and were introduced presumably to give some daylight to the ground floor. They are therefore a recent alteration, and do not add to or enhance the character of the existing historic building. The earlier timber frames have been renewed with a good quality aluminium frame, colour coated, with obscured glass double glazed panes, and the frames being painted dark grey to match the adjoining wall colour.

The intention of this solution is to draw as little attention as is possible to the windows within the passageway, but clearly expresses the fact that these openings are of recent date and not part of the original historic building. In the particular circumstances of the design of this building, a solution which tries to minimise the impact of these elements, rather than drawing attention to them, seems to me to be a sensitive and appropriate response to the character of this historic building.