

DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT  
43 CANFIELD GARDENS, London, NW6 3JL

1.0 INTRODUCTION AND CONTEXT

- 1.1 Scenario Architecture have been instructed by the clients Anthony and Emma Wainer to prepare architectural designs for a their home at 43 Canfield gardens, London
- 1.2 43 Canfield Gardens is a 4 story terrace house in the Swiss cottage conservation area and is subject to article 4 direction. It is a single dwelling house.
- 1.3 The house had been converted into two flats during the late 1940's (planning application reference TP44797/9764 dated back to December 1948) and had since been converted back into a single dwelling. When the applicants purchased the house in 2006 It was a bought as a single dwelling.
- 1.4 The road itself, consist of few different types of houses at different proportions and sizes. The main architectural features which give the road its distinct character are the red bricks, gabled roofs (at the south side of the road), front terraces and mostly unbroken run of boundary walls to green front gardens.
- 1.5 No.41; 43 and 45 form an identical row of 3 houses. No. 45 is semi detached. No 39 is of different style. No 47 is as well a different style house.



2.0 PROPOSED DESIGN –GENERAL APPROACH

- 2.2 The main purpose of the proposed design is to allow more natural light into the lower ground floor front of the house and to make the lower ground floor entrance and patio a more attractive space and of higher quality materials and design as this is most often used as the main entrance to the house by occupants and guests. .
- 2.3 The door and windows at the LGF level are not historic. The entrance to the house at this level has been altered as part of the conversion (see item 1.6).
- 2.4 The general design approach is in keeping with the area and the current planning legislation.



Existing Door and windows at LGF level light well.

### 3.0 USE

The house will remain a single dwelling house and the main residence of Mr and Mrs Wainer and their family.

### 4.0 AMOUNT

A new wooden frame sash window is proposed at the first floor front bedroom which will become a children's bedroom, thus requiring more natural light. As a similar window already exists at the attached house (no.45) the new window will create symmetry and the appearance of the 2 houses from the road will improve.



Existing window at no45 First floor level

### 5.0 LAYOUT

At the front garden ground floor (street) level. A new 1100mm height cement rendered wall is proposed in order provide an organized space for the rubbish bins which are currently simply positioned in the front garden and are unsightly. An additional rendered cement storage 1100mm height and 1400mm length 735mm deep including 4 Interior compartments and fronted by deck wood doors is to house the recycling boxes.

### 6.0 SCALE

The proposal is in keeping with the scale and proportions of the existing house.

### 7.0 LANDSCAPING

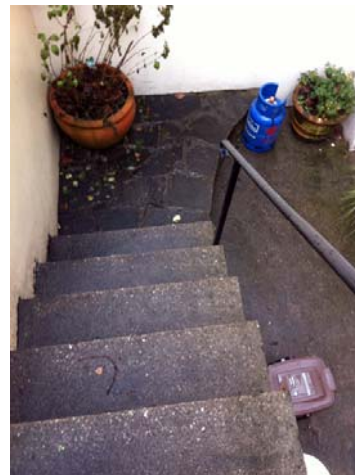
Additional planting at ground floor level, will add to the garden's green appearance, and create a more attractive front garden. which is in line with the Swiss Cottage conservation area design Guide and objectives.

## 8.0 APPEARANCE

- 8.1 The proposed design greatly improves the appearance of the front garden and façade of the house both on street (GF) and light well (LGF) levels.
- 8.2 At street level: The current un- tidy positioning of the rubbish and recycling bins deters from the appearance of the house and the street. Allocating a semi concealed permanent bin storage allows for additional green/planting garden space and keeps the bins out of sight
- 8.3. At the LGF level, the current front wall comprises of 2 wooden framed white painted windows, different in size and proportions and a black painted wood/ glass door. The proposal seeks to create a single proportion of natural wood and glass door and windows which will greatly enhance the appearance of the house.
- 8.4 Frosted glass at the top of the proposed door and windows, as well as additional planting near the railing will both enhance the appearance from the street level and preserve the privacy of the occupants from pedestrians on the road.
- 8.5 The light well floor is currently made of concrete screed and is in poor condition. The proposed hardwood decking will enhance the appearance of the light well and front entrance and create a more pleasant entry to the house.



Existing Front Garden at GF level



Existing Front Light well

## 9.0 SUSTAINABILITY

The new wooden frame glazed doors and windows at LGF level are to be double glazed and match U values of current building regulations and will improve day light and thermal performance.

## 10.0 ACCESS

Pedestrian and Vehicular access are not changed or affected.

We thank you for your consideration. Should there be any questions or should you require more information, Please do not hesitate to contact us.

We look forward to hearing from you soon,

Sincerely,

Maya Carni