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In designing our proposal we have sought to carefully consider the historic fabric and original plan layout (where known) of the listed building. In trying to understand the original plan layout we have consulted numerous sources including:

Camden Planning Applications (web) 1936 – present (reviewed all available plans of each house in the Gloucester Crescent)

Camden Environment Department Drainage Plans (microfiche) 1856 - present

Camden Local Studies and Archives Centre

British History Online (web)

English Heritage - National Monuments Record, Enquiry and Research Services

but have been unable to find a definitive source of the original plan layout of any of the houses on Gloucester Crescent. We have made forensic investigations into the partitions that we are proposing to demolish (see drawing S2 Photos) and have found them to be not original.

Since there are no definitive sources that show the original plan layout of the building, and specifically the first floor, we understand that there is no way of knowing what the original plan layout would have been and in terrace houses one would most often find a single front room and rear room, with the spine wall between, as proposed in our plan. This lack of information combined with the evidence that the partitions we are proposing to demolish have been shown to be not original, have lead us to a proposed layout that maximises the usefulness of the space for the family, while showing great respect for all historic material.