

Garden Structure - Prince Albert Public House, 163 Royal College Street NW1 0SG: Design & Access Statement
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Design Statement

1.0 Context

The Prince Albert Public House is an end of terrace property that has a prominent corner site at the junction of Royal College Street and Georgiana Street. The Prince Albert Public House has a fine facade of glazed tiles and with the public bar accessed from all sides within the garden helps it has an open and accessible frontage.

The Garden is enclosed by a low picket fence and contains a mature London Plane tree and small areas of planting. Patrons currently use timber bench and table style seating within the garden.



South façade from Georgiana Street



Corner of Georgiana street and Royal College Street

Royal College Street and surrounding streets are a mixture of three to four storey buildings, largely residential with a few commercial properties.



View along Georgiana Street



View looking up Royal College Street

2.0 Proposals

The proposal is to build a garden structure within the boundary of the existing front garden of the public house. The structure will comprise of a simple but well detailed hardwood frame with bi-folding glazing on all three sides. The structure will have a retractable roof with a very small portion of fixed glazing. The footprint of the garden structure sits within the existing picket fence and allows the London Plane tree to be retained and new areas of planting to be created.

The garden structure will provide patrons with additional sheltered space during the winter months and an open garden during the summer. The simplicity of the structure enables it to become a pagoda type structure as opposed to a permanent extension. The garden structure will be designed so that could be removed in future without damaging or making any permanent alterations to the public house. There are no new services or deep footings associated with the garden structure.

Access Statement

1.0 Context

The Prince Albert is an existing public house building that has a public bar and garden on the ground floor and cellar storage within the basement.

2.0 Proposals

It is proposed to create a semi permanent garden structure to provide an additional sheltered seating area for the patrons of the Prince Albert public house. The public house has four existing entrances, one on Lyme Street, two into the garden on Georgiana Street and one on Royal Collage Street. When the bi folding doors are opened the proposed garden structure may be accessed either through the garden directly off Lyme Street or from the bar of the public house via one of two existing doors to the garden. With the bi folding glass doors closed access can only be afforded via the public house. The garden structure will not compromise access to the public house. Thresholds to the garden structure from both the public house and garden will allow for wheelchair access and comply with current building legislation