

17a Murray Street London NW1

Design and Access Statement

accompanying planning application dated January 2009 for the Erection of a single storey roof extension for the creation of a two-bedroomed dwelling.

Design Process

The design is significantly informed by the criteria established by the granting of planning consent ref 2007/5335/P granted on 16.04.08.

The site is currently cleared and was formerly covered with sub-standard shed accommodation of varying materials which were both dilapidated and of poor quality. The effect was one of poor visual amenity which could only be improved by redevelopment.

The planning consent of 16.04.08 is for a comprehensive redevelopment of the site. The development is currently under construction. The site owners would now like to apply for a mansard roof extension to the consented scheme.

Design Context

The site is an island site as it is bounded on 3 sides by Murray Mews, Murray Street and St Augustine's Road (with a small triangular plot in between) and on the fourth side by the railway cutting. The most direct relationship with other buildings therefore is with those opposite in Murray Street.

The site lies within the Camden Square Conservation Area. In terms of appearance, the conservation area is characterised by large semi-detached Victorian villas but along Murray street in particular, more continuous terracing of mid Victorian flat fronted buildings comprising shop fronts with dwellings over.