

Delegated Report		Analysis sheet		Expiry Date:		11/12/2006	
		N/A / attached		Consultation Expiry Date:		17/11/06	
Officer				Application Number(s)			
Antonia Powell				2006/4715/L			
Application Address				Drawing Numbers			
1 Cumberland Place London NW1 4NA				Refer to draft decision notice			
PO 3/4	Area Team Signature	C&UD	Authorised Officer Signature		Date:		
Proposal(s)							
Removal of existing fireplaces to two rooms and installation of new marble fireplaces.							
Recommendation(s):		To Approve Listed Building Consent					
Application Type:		Listed Building Consent					
Conditions or Reasons for Refusal:		Refer to Draft Decision Notice					
Informatives:							
Consultations							
Adjoining Occupiers:		No. notified	00	No. of responses	00	No. of objections	00
Summary of consultation responses:		English Heritage responded with a letter of flexible authorisation Site Notice – No responses					
CAAC/Local groups* comments: <small>*Please Specify</small>		N/A					

Site Description

Nos. 1-4 Cumberland Place are Grade 1 Listed. The List description reads as follows: Block of 4 houses giving impression of 1 large house. c1828. By John Nash and possibly J Thomson. Stucco with brick rear elevation. Slated mansard roof with dormers. EXTERIOR: symmetrical block with main elevation to Regent's Park but entrances on rear to Cumberland Place. 4 storeys, attics and basements. 7 window range. Returns with 3 windows and projecting semicircular bays rising to main cornice. Main elevation with projecting end bays and central projecting tetrastyle pedimented Corinthian portico, columns rising through 1st and 2nd floors, ground floor forming a podium. Corinthian pilasters to other bays, paired at projecting bays, supporting the main entablature with projecting cornice at 3rd floor level. Recessed sashes to ground, 2nd and 3rd floors. 1st floor with casements and cast-iron balconies.....Interiors not inspected.

Relevant History

9070494 application granted 11/03/91 for alterations and repairs together with an extension at basement level to provide a swimming pool. This work included the installation of the two fire places which are the subject of this application to replace.

Relevant policies

Set out below are the UDP policies that the proposals have primarily been assessed against, together with officers' view as to whether or not each policy listed has been complied with. However it should be noted that recommendations are based on assessment of the proposals against the development plan taken as a whole together with other material considerations.

London Borough of Camden Replacement UDP 2006 Policy B6

Assessment

This application concerns the replacement of two fireplaces which were installed in 1990/01 when the property underwent a comprehensive refurbishment. The property is now being totally refurbished once again.

As, with many of the houses within the Regents Park development designed by John Nash (1752-1835), the interior of this very fine house, has lost much of its original detail. The principal room of the first floor retains the original decorative ceiling plaster and impressive shutters and shutter boxes. The original fire place, mantel and inset, have however been replaced in the early 1990's when a white marble fire surround, with inlaid coloured stone decoration, was fitted. The present fire surround appears small scaled and out of proportion with the very grand proportions of the room while the coloured decoration is in the refined style of Adam (1728-1792) rather than the robust style of John Nash. The proposed replacement is larger and plainer and in my opinion more appropriate to the important setting and scale of the room.

The second fireplace is in the entrance hall. The 1990 replacement is a standard Chesney reproduction of the type seen in many early to mid 19th century houses. The proposed replacement is also in my opinion acceptable.

On the basis that the two existing fire places, one in the hall and one in the back first floor room are not original to the house and that the design of the proposed replacements will be, in my opinion, more appropriate in terms of scale and design, I do not object to this proposal.

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