

## **ST STEPHENS CHURCH, ROSSLYN HILL, HAMPSTEAD, LONDON NW3**

### **PLANNING APPLICATION DESIGN STATEMENT :**

The proposals are to repair the South and West gates to the property.

#### **Repair of South Gate :**

The gates were hit by a stolen car in late 2005 and the brick piers and gates have suffered damage as a result; at the present time we consider the existing stonework to the base, copings and pier capitols are worn but reuseable. The proposals are to carefully take apart the existing brickwork in order to salvage as many bricks as possible and then to rebuild the piers to the extent shown on the drawings. We have sourced matching bricks which will be used if insufficient bricks are salvaged. The stone capitols will be carefully lifted off prior to the dismantling of the brickwork. The existing gates comprise a frame, head section and one gate, the other being missing. The metalwork will be carefully taken away from the brickwork of the piers and the metalwork will be taken off site to be repaired and a new gate made up to match the existing one.

#### **Repair of West Gate :**

The left hand pier has been affected by the roots of the adjacent tree which has pushed the wall out and put pressure on the pier and wall to push it outwards. As with the South Gate the proposals are to carefully take apart the existing brickwork in order to salvage as many bricks as possible and then to rebuild the piers to the extent shown on the drawings. The stone capitol will again be carefully lifted off prior to the dismantling of the brickwork. The footings will

The existing gates comprise a frame, head section and both gates though these are quite stiff to open and scrape against the stone slabs of the entrance path. As with the South gates the metalwork will be carefully taken away from the brickwork of the piers and the metalwork will be taken off site to be repaired. Rust and old paint finishes will be removed, joints repaired and new sections installed where too rotted; the extent of work will only become clear once the gates are taken off. The bases of the turning posts will need to be remade to fit into bushes set in the stone slabs of the threshold.

#### **Drawings submitted :**

2828 / 100 : location plan

2828 / 136 : South Gate as existing

2828 / 244 : South Gate as proposed

2828 / 137 : West Gate as existing

2828 / 245 : West Gate as proposed

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