Vickers, Ben

Heather, Christopher From: 20 May 2013 14:16 Sent: Planning

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Hi,

Can the comments below from Gillian Tindall be registered under the 5 applications with references 2013/1641/P, 2013/1646/P, 2013/1647/P, 2013/1648/P, and 2013/1649/P.

Thanks

Christopher Heather Senior Planning Officer

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From: Ecclestone, Joanna Sent: 15 May 2013 18:53 To: Heather, Christopher Subject: FW: Nos.119-127 Kentish Town High Street

Hallo Christopher,

Please see comment below. I can confirm that these properties are on the draft local list and identified for historic and townscape reasons - they are remnants of Kentish Town's earliest character and important for that. It would be great to see them refurbished, but we need to be careful to ensure that any alterations are sensitive to their existing diminutive character - and also - as Gillian says , that individual extensions are not allowed.

Kind regards

Joanna Ecclestone Conservation and Historic Buildings Advisor

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To: Ecclestone, Joanna

Subject: Nos.119-127 Kentish Town High Street

Dear Joanna,

As spoken, this is what I want to say to the planning department re the terrace of small houses in Kentish Town Road. The relevant person appears to be Christopher Heather, but I don't have his email. Could you forward suitably? Thanks, G.

Dear Christopher Heather,

Nos.119-127 Kentish Town Road

I am one of the people on the panel appointed to study the proposed Local List and make suggestions. I am glad to see this run of intact, two-storey early nineteenth century houses on the west side of Kentish Town Road (originally Providence Place) has been proposed for local listing. While the houses have lost some of their historic features, especially their timber sash windows, they have not been subject to gross alterations or upward extension, and remain important townscape and historic markers of a by-gone era in the area's history.

It has come to my notice that there are current planning applications in relation all these houses, essentially to add a second storey to each. One or two such applications have been made before, and rejected on the grounds of being over-scale and generally unsuitable. Indeed, it would be most undesirable if merely a couple of houses out of this run were allowed to extend upwards, since this would give the whole terrace a gap-toothed appearance. How the current applications seem to be being made by co-operation between owners so as to relate to the whole terrace. They are nos: - 2013/1641/P, 2013/1649/P, 2013/1649/P and 2013/1647/P. You appear to be listed as the case officer for each one.

If a uniform plan were made to apply to each of these five houses, preserving their stuccoed, Georgian character and adding the same modestly scaled second storey to each, with appropriate traditional windows, then it would seem to me that the application should be seriously considered. However, the designs would need to be carefully scrutinised, and work going forward on any one of the houses should be made contingent on its going forward on all of them.

I would much appreciate your comments on this,

Sincerely, Gillian Tindall