

34 FREDERICK STREET, LONDON WC1X 0ND

DESIGN, ACCESS & HERITAGE STATEMENT

The Planning and Listed Building applications relate to the basement flat, lower maisonette (ground and first floors) and upper maisonette (second and third floors).



1. Site Analysis

34 Fredrick Street is a four-storey property with basement and attic built during the first half of the 19th Century (c.1830). It is Grade II listed and is in the Bloomsbury Conservation Area. The front elevation is painted render/stucco. The rear elevation is stock brickwork.

Extracts from 'Bloomsbury Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Strategy' – Adopted 18 April 2011:

Calthorpe Street/Frederick Street.

This sub area is situated on the eastern edge of the Bloomsbury Conservation Area, east of Gray's Inn Road, and abuts the boundary with the London Borough of Islington. It comprises an area of mainly terraced housing built on the Swinton and Calthorpe Estates to the east of Gray's Inn Road, an historic route dating back at least to Medieval times. It is one of the few parts of the Conservation Area that has a noticeable fall from west to east, being on the west side of King's Cross Road which follows the valley of the now culverted River Fleet. The northernmost part around Swinton Street was developed in the late 18th century following the construction of New Road (now Euston Road) and a small suburb to the north of this area around Battle Bridge. The remainder of the area was developed over the period 1820 to 1850 by the builder Thomas Cubitt who had his yard in this area. A notable pattern is the progression of development from west to east and the gradual variation in the detailed treatment of the frontages. In the 1860s the excavation for the new Metropolitan Railway cutting bisected Swinton Street and Acton Street towards their eastern end.

Most of the buildings in this area date from the 1820s to the 1840s, and were designed and built by Thomas and William Cubitt. 19th century development progressed from west to east, although there have been some areas of post-war redevelopment. There is slightly greater use of stucco render in these quieter streets. There is generally a grander, classical approach to the overall composition of elevations, which boast pilasters, pediments and projections, emphasising the design of the terrace as a single composition (particularly evident on Frederick Street). Several terraces in this area have entrance porticos at street level giving greater architectural significance, a feature not seen in the streets to the north.

The property is part of a portfolio of properties acquired by Community Housing Association in the 1970's in Frederick Street, Ampton Place and Ampton Street.

34 Frederick Street was converted into three self-contained units during the early/mid 1980s as follows:

- Basement – self-contained 1-bedroom flat
- Ground and first floors – 2-bedroom maisonette
- Upper floors – 3-bedroom maisonette

2. Development Objectives

One Housing Group is intending to carry out a series of repairs and improvements throughout the majority of their properties in the immediate vicinity (i.e. Frederick Street, Ampton Street and Ampton Place). Generally, the works will consist of the replacement of the services (mechanical and electrical installations), kitchen fittings and bathrooms together with all other necessary repairs. Improvements to the internal layouts of the maisonettes, flats and bedsits may also be proposed on a property-by-property, unit-by-unit basis.

34 Frederick Street is one of several properties planned for upgrading within the fourth phase.

3. Design Solution and impact on heritage assets

The layout of the flats is arranged as follows:

- the basement flat is accessed via external stairs in the front area
- the basement contains one bedrooms, a kitchen, internal bathroom and a living/dining room
- the basement flat has sole use of the rear garden
- both maisonettes are accessed through the main street door at ground level, via a communal hall
- the lower maisonette has two bedrooms at ground floor level and a kitchen, bathroom and living/dining room at first floor level accessed via a non-original stair
- the upper maisonette is entered at ground floor level and has a kitchen and living/dining room at second floor, two bedrooms and a bathroom at third floor and a bedroom at fourth floor

Planning consent and Listed Building consent are being sought for the following alterations (in addition to other minor alterations identified on the submitted drawings):

- new double glazed timber doors at front and rear in basement
- secondary glazing to front and rear sash windows in basement
- alterations to non-original partitions to increase size of bathroom in basement
- new double glazed timber doors at rear in ground floor
- hallway partition upgraded to 1 hour fire resistance in ground floor
- alterations to non-original partitions to increase size of bathroom in first floor
- secondary glazing to rear sash windows in first floor
- non-original sashes replaced to front and rear sash windows in second floor
- secondary glazing to front and rear sash windows in second floor
- secondary glazing to front sash windows in third floor
- new double glazed timber casement window in rear third floor
- alterations to partitions to increase size of bedrooms in third floor
- new conservation rooflight on front slope to light and ventilate internal bathroom (behind parapet)
- a roof-mounted communal satellite dish is also proposed to the main roof
- two new conservation rooflights on rear slope to light and ventilate bedroom

The proposed alterations are discreet – they will not be noticeable from the street and will therefore have no adverse impact on the listed building. They do not harm the building nor do they affect any original features, they are entirely reversible and will positively contribute to the stock of housing in the area by improving the quality and standard of accommodation available.

4. Access

There are no proposed changes affecting the access arrangements.

5. Affect on neighbours

The proposals will have no affect on neighbours.

6. Appendix

English Heritage List Entry Summary for 34 - 40 Frederick Street.

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Name: NUMBERS 34-40 AND ATTACHED RAILINGS

List entry Number: 1113049

Location

NUMBERS 34-40 AND ATTACHED RAILINGS, 34-40, FREDERICK STREET

The building may lie within the boundary of more than one authority.

County	District	District Type	Parish
Greater London Authority	Camden	London Borough	

National Park: Not applicable to this List entry.

Grade: II

Date first listed: 25-Oct-1971

Date of most recent amendment: Not applicable to this List entry.

Legacy System Information

The contents of this record have been generated from a legacy data system.

Legacy System: LBS

UID: 477399

Asset Groupings

This list entry does not comprise part of an Asset Grouping. Asset Groupings are not part of the official record but are added later for information.

List entry Description

Summary of Building

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Reasons for Designation

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History

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Details

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TQ3082NE FREDERICK STREET 798-1/91/516 (North side) 25/10/71 Nos.34-40 (Even) and attached railings

GV II

Terrace of 4 houses. c1827-32. By William Cubitt. Stucco with plain stucco 1st floor sill bands. Nos 36 and 38 with slated mansard roofs and dormers. Symmetrical terrace with projecting end bays. End bays (Nos 34 & 40): rusticated stucco ground floors. 4 storeys and basements. 1 window each. Square-headed doorways with panelled jambs, cornice-heads, fanlights and panelled doors. Each house with paired pilasters with enriched capitals rising through 1st and 2nd floors to support an entablature at 3rd floor level. Pilasters flanking on each 1st floor a 4-light window with cast-iron

balcony; 2nd floor a recessed sash with sill band. 3rd floors with paired pilasters supporting entablatures and blocking courses and flanking on No.34 a recessed sash and No.40 a recessed casement. Recessed central bay (Nos 36 & 38): 3 storeys, attics and basements. 2 windows each. Square-headed doorways with panelled jambs, cornice-heads, fanlights and panelled doors. Recessed sashes; 1st floor with cast-iron balconies. Parapets. INTERIORS: not inspected. SUBSIDIARY FEATURES: attached cast-iron railings with bud finials to areas. (Survey of London: Vol. XXIV, King's Cross Neighbourhood, Parish of St Pancras IV: London: -1952: P.64).

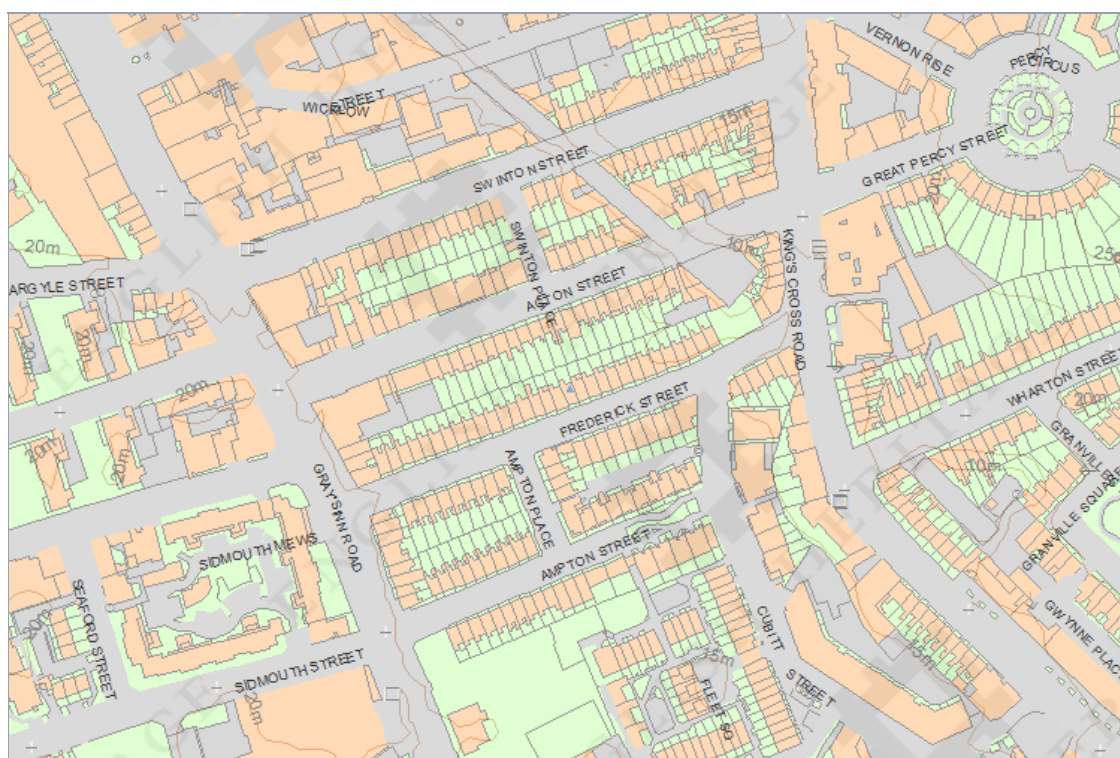
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Map



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