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# Heritage Statement

### DESCRIPTION:

Numbers: 19 Cumberland Terrace

Grade: I

Date Listed: 14 May 1974

English Heritage Building ID: 477038

OS Grid Reference: TQ2868883102

OS Grid Coordinates: 528688, 183102

Latitude/Longitude: 51.5322, -0.1461

Location: 19, Cumberland Terrace, Camden Town, Greater London NW1 4HP

Locality: Camden

Local Authority: Camden Borough Council

County: Greater London

Country: England

Postcode: NW1 4HP

### OVERVIEW

(from: <http://www.britishlistedbuildings.co.uk/en-477038-numbers-1-59-and-attached-railings-great>)

Monumental palace-style terrace of 59 houses. c1827. By John Nash and J Thomson. For the Commissioners of Woods, Forests & Land Revenues. Built by JG Bubb; arches built by WM Nurse. Stucco. Houses in 3 blocks linked by "triumphal" arches leading into 2 courtyards with pairs of houses and drives leading to former mews. Terrace approximately 240m long.

EXTERIOR: central block (Nos 20-49): 4 storeys and basements. Central projecting Ionic decastyle pedimented portico of Giant Order, flanked by slightly less projecting similar single bays with paired columns and attic storeys. Rusticated ground floor, with square-headed doorways with patterned fanlights and panelled doors where not converted for use as windows, forming a podium. Cast-iron balconies between columns. Entablature topped by balustraded parapet with vases and sculpture of figures on dies. Tympanum filled with sculpture of allegorical figures and figurative acroteria at angles. Flanking the portico, 11 bays of rusticated ground floor and Ionic pilasters rising through 1st and 2nd

floors to carry entablature at 3rd floor level; cornice and blocking course above attic storey. Architraved sashes to upper floors; 1st floor with continuous cast-iron balcony. Terminating bays forming projecting single bay pavilions similar to single bays flanking pedimented section of portico.

"Triumphal" Arches: linking the central and outer blocks. Single, central, architraved archway flanked by paired Ionic columns carrying an entablature and blocking course. Linked to the blocks by rusticated stucco screen walls. Outer blocks (Nos 1-17 & 52-57): 11 bays each similar to those flanking central portico and terminating in similar bays at each end. End houses of blocks with stucco pilastered porticoes on returns. Pairs of houses in courtyards behind Arches (Nos 18 & 19 and Nos 50 & 51): stucco with slated roofs and central chimneys. 2 storeys and basements. 5 windows. Corinthian pilasters rise through ground and 1st floors to carry modified entablature with cornice at eaves level surmounted by arcaded parapet. Pilastered porticoes with round-arched entrances. Recessed sashes; ground floor tripartite. Plain 1st floor sill band. Nos 58 & 59: pair of houses set back from terrace at north end. Stucco with rusticated ground floor and projecting pilasters at angles. 3 storeys and basement. 3 windows in all. Projecting centre bay with coupled entrances flanked by pilasters and surmounted by parapet of Greek fret pattern with acroteria on dies. Square-headed doorways with fanlights and panelled doors. Recessed sashes, upper floors architraved; 1<sup>st</sup> floor with balconies to flanking sashes and central pedimented, tripartite casement. Cornice at 2nd floor level breaking forward with pilasters; similar above 2nd floor with blocking course.

INTERIORS: not inspected.

SUBSIDIARY FEATURES: attached cast-iron railings with tasselled spearhead finials to all areas and gardens of Nos 58 & 59.

HISTORICAL NOTE: designed to give the appearance of a palace overlooking the natural landscape of Regent's Park. The King's guinguette, had it been built, would have stood almost opposite. (Survey of London: Vol. XIX, Old St Pancras and Kentish Town (St Pancras II): London: -1938: 116).

## **PROPOSAL**

(from **YOOP Architects**)

Proposed installation of air conditioning condenser unit to rear basement courtyard. Installation of internal wall or ceiling mounted air conditioning diffuser units. Internal air conditioning units are placed to specified locations. These units are wall or ceiling mounted units.

All penetrations in the facade will be at agreed locations. All key elements of decoration, both internal and external are to be avoided. This includes plumbings, cornice, dado rails and further decorative elements.

In our view, the proposal does not have any impact on the architectural merit of the property, and no impact upon the area within which the building is sited on. The air condition condensation unit can only be seen from the rear part of the building, from the site basement level.