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# Statement of Heritage Significance & Impact

Project:

Sarum Chase

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### Introduction

This statement supports the Listed Building Application for the installation of 2 no. Velux Conservation rooflights.

#### Context and use

Sarum Chase at 23 West Heath Road is a private family residence and the building is listed as a Grade II building set in the Readington Frognall Conservation Area in Hampstead. Over the years the building has had planning permission granted for an extension and alterations to the property and garden to create a family home.

## Design

This application seeks permission of the installation of 2 Velux Conservation rooflights to the roof of the Maid's Quarters above the Sitting Room and Bedroom. It is intended that the rooflights will supplement the existing windows to naturally light the habitable spaces well.

The proposed works will be carried out in a sensitive method appropriate to the significance of the property and in light of the statutory protection placed on the building.

### **Heritage Assets**

There will be no impact on the wider street context, as the proposed works cannot be seen from street level.

The roof has some architectural, historical and townscape significance, but our proposals are sensitive of this fact with only nominal demolition is proposed. The demolition is necessary for the installation of the 2 no. Velux Conservation rooflights.

Overall, we aim to 'enhanc(e) the significance of (the) heritage assets and put them to viable uses consistence with their conservation' (NPPF, 2012).

# Conclusion

Our proposals aim to allow for the creation of better quality internal spaces and as we have outlined above, and illustrated in our enclosed drawings, it is our hope that our proposals are appropriate in terms of scale, appearance, materiality and methodology. The alterations proposed will be in accordance with the period, style and detailing of the original building and the proposals will not harm the significance of the heritage asset. We believe that the proposed alterations are in sympathy with the listing of the building and respect the architectural quality of the Readington Frognall Conservation Area. As such, we hope our proposals will enhance the character of the property and ask that a recommendation for Conservation Area consent be granted.