

Delegated Report		Analysis sheet		Expiry Date:		20/01/2015	
		N/A / attached		Consultation Expiry Date:		25/12/2014	
Officer				Application Number(s)			
Eleanor Lakew				2014/7080/L			
Application Address				Drawing Numbers			
Outside 129 Gower Street London WC1E 6AP				See Decision Notice			
PO 3/4		Area Team Signature		C&UD		Authorised Officer Signature	
Proposal(s)							
Installation of ceramic commemorative blue plaque of Victor Horsley (1857-1917) at front ground floor level.							
Recommendation(s):		Granted listed building consent					
Application Type:		Listed Building Consent					
Conditions or Reasons for Refusal:		Refer to Draft Decision Notice					
Informatives:							
Consultations							
Adjoining Occupiers:		No. notified	00	No. of responses	00	No. of objections	00
				No. electronic	00		
Summary of consultation responses:		N/A					
CAAC/Local groups* comments: *Please Specify		N/A					

Site Description

The subject property is Grade II listed and is located at the northern end of Gower Street. Situated within the Bloomsbury Conservation Area which was designated on 1/12/198, it forms part of a terrace of seven properties which currently serve as accommodation for medical students. The properties are built of yellow stock brick with rustication at ground floor and are of three storeys high with attics and cellars and deep lightwells facing the street over which there is bridging masonry to the front doors. Simple iron railings adorn the frontage at pavement level and more ornate balustrading at first floor level. This mainly non-commercial area is largely architecturally homogenous with a majority of the buildings immediately surrounding the subject property and those along Gower Street being statutory listed.

List Entry

MEDICAL AND DENTAL STUDENTS RESIDENCE AND ATTACHED RAILINGS, 119-131, GOWER STREET

Grade: II

Date first listed: 28-Mar-1969

Terrace of, originally, 7 individual houses, now converted to students' residence. c1811-19, altered C20. Darkened stock brick with some later patching to upper floor. Rusticated stucco ground floor with plain 1st floor band. 4 storeys and basements. 2 windows to each former house. Nos 119 & 121 round-arched doorways with flanking, fluted Doric columns carrying cornice-heads; fanlights and panelled doors. Nos 123-131, round-arched doorways with panelled pilaster-jambs with lion mask over carrying cornice-head, fanlights (some patterned) and panelled doors. Nos 127 & 131, doorways converted for use as windows. Gauged brick flat arches to recessed sash windows; Nos 119 & 121 with segmental-arched ground floor windows. Continuous cast-iron balconies to 1st floor windows (except No.121). Nos 121-131, stucco cornice band at 3rd floor level. Parapets. INTERIORS: not inspected. SUBSIDIARY FEATURES: attached cast-iron railings with urn finials to areas. (Survey of London: Vol. XXI, Tottenham Court Road and Neighbourhood, St Pancras III: London: -1949: 80).

Relevant History

N/A

Relevant policies

National and Regional Policy

National Planning Policy Framework (March 2012)

London Plan (2011)

LDF Core Strategy and Development Policies

Core Strategy

CS14 Promoting high quality places and conserving our heritage

Development Policies

DP25 Conserving Camden's heritage

Assessment

The proposed blue plaque with a diameter of 495mm and 50mm deep is in commemoration of Sir Victor Horsley 1857-1916. It would be placed to the right hand side of the front door with the top of the plaque placed almost level with the base of the arched fanlight. English Heritage have provided a visual impact assessment and a detailed method statement and have provided surveyor's brief but useful technical advice. The front of the plaque would be flush with the render face so the substrate would be carefully removed to a depth of 50mm to allow for this.

Note: The applicants must ensure the year of Sir Victor Horsley's death is correct since the date given on the proposed (monochrome) design is 1916 whereas the application states 1917.

The proposal would not affect the special character of the listed building.