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PROPOSED TEMPORARY RAMP FOR WHEELCHAIR ACCESS TO FRONT DOOR AND PITCHED ROOF OVER SIDE ENTRANCE CANOPY
46 COMPAYNE GARDENS, LONDON
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#### **DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT**

# Introduction

The property is located on the north side of Compayne Gardens in West Hampstead.

We understand the property is not listed but it does sit within the South Hampstead Conservation Area and is covered by an Article 4 Order limiting permitted development rights.

The site area is approximately 0.06 hectares.



Photo 1 – the south elevation of No 46 showing a mix of different windows

## **Proposals**

The proposals include the provision of a temporary ramp for wheelchair access and replacement roof over the side canopy.

The ramp will be formed in treated timber and erected over the top of the existing steps to the front door. The ramp provides essential wheelchair access for the elderly occupant of the ground floor flat, who will be assisted by a carer at all times. The ramp has been designed in accordance with Part M of the Building Regulations.

To the side elevation, the existing flat roof canopy structure over the side door will be replaced with a new plain tiled pitched structure. The size of the canopy is roof is reduced in size.

The new roof will establish both a more appropriate aesthetic together with removing the existing security risk of a flat roof adjacent to a first floor window.

## **Access**

Access to the ground floor of the property will be improved by the provision of the disabled wheelchair ramp, although this is a temporary structure designed to serve a specific need.

## <u>Summary</u>

In summary, we consider the proposals demonstrate a sympathetic approach to providing the temporary ramp and improving the side entrance canopy.

The proposals have been carefully considered to respect the historic fabric and context of Compayne Gardens.

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