

Statement of Historical Significance

Address: 8-10 Old Square, London, Camden WC2A 3SP

This application relates to the block consisting of 3 properties 8, 9 & 10 Old Square.

Condition

The building is in a state of good condition

Asset Assessment

8-10 Old Square is a Grade 2 listed building constructed in 1774 by Sir George Gilbert Scott. The building is in the Tudor style. Consisting of Red brick outer walls with blue diapers and stone dressings. The roof is pitched covered in Slates with a parapet wall surround. Tall decorative brick chimney pots can be seen protruding through the roof with wrought iron ladders and restraints scattered across the roof.

The rear of the building (to which this application relates) faces a sloped bank and has had (until recently) Ivy growing up exterior. The Ivy has been cut back as it was starting to make the walls damp inside and it is proposed to install Wisteria in its place.

Specification

In order to support wisteria, eyelets and support wires are required. They will be made from Stainless Steel and have a brushed finish to reduce the visual effect caused by the reflective nature of the material. Once the wisteria has grown it will conceal the wires. The wiring layout is shown on the drawings appended to this application.

Effect of works to asset

The works will not harm or alter the characteristics of the asset in any way. Eyelets will be installed within mortar joints (opposed to within the brickwork itself) this will mean that any holes could be filled if the eyelets were removed (or replaced) at a later date.

Requirement

The works are required to install wisteria which is to replace the Ivy which previously covered the building. This was removed as it had started to damage the building and was becoming difficult to keep in check.

Proposal

The works are required to support the proposed planting of wisteria. The wiring will enable the existing planted areas to the Northern and Southern Elevations to be joined up along the Western Elevation. This will give continuity to the planting.

It is proposed to plant away from the building by 600mm in order to keep the roots away from the footings. Wisteria Roots are not however perceived as invasive to buildings foundations.



Existing Western elevation (NW corner of building) – Showing existing wisteria (supported by wire system). And Ivy which has started to die back.



Existing Southern Elevation Showing Wisteria planting in bloom

List entry Summary

This building is listed under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 as amended for its special architectural or historic interest.

Name: NUMBERS 8-15 AND ATTACHED RAILINGS

List entry Number: 1379314

Location

NUMBERS 8-15 AND ATTACHED RAILINGS, 8-15, OLD SQUARE

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: 14-May-1974

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: 478690

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

Legacy Record - This information may be included in the List Entry Details.

Reasons for Designation

Legacy Record - This information may be included in the List Entry Details.

History

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Details

TQ3081SE LINCOLN'S INN 798-1/106/1029 (North West side) 14/05/74
Nos.8-15 (consec) Old Square and attached railings

GV II

8 terraced chambers. Nos 8-10 1774 by Sir George Gilbert Scott, Nos.11-15 1878-86 by J Oldrid Scott, all in Tudor style. Red brick with blue diapers and stone dressings. Slate roofs with tall decorative brick chimney pots, No.13 with a pyramid roof over one bay. Stone plinth moulding at ground floor level. 4 storeys. Entrances of square headed and moulded arch types, No.15 with lamp over, approached by steps with solid brick balustrades with moulded capping. Nos 8-13 with moulded stone drip strings at floor levels. Square headed transom and mullion windows, Nos 8-10 with cusped ogee tracery and cusped lancets, some forming bays. No.15 with enriched terracotta aprons to 1st, 2nd and 3rd floor windows. Those above the entrance with geometrical tracery. Nos 8-11 with cornice at 3rd floor with enriched band below. Embattled parapets with gables capped by finials. Lead rainwater heads and pipes. INTERIORS: not inspected. SUBSIDIARY FEATURES: attached cast-iron railings to areas.

Listing NGR: TQ3103981459

Map

