

Heritage Statement: 200 North Gower Street, London NW1 2LY

Significance

200 North Gower Street is a grade II listed building. It sits within an early 19th terrace. The listing description reads:

TQ2982NW NORTH GOWER STREET 798-1/88/1234 (East side) 14/05/74 Nos.190-204 (Even) and attached railings. The North Gower Hotel (190-198) (Formerly Listed as: GOWER STREET (East side) Nos.190-204 (Even))

GV II

Terrace of 8 houses. Early C19. Built by I Bryant. Multi-coloured stock bricks with later patching. Rusticated stucco ground floors with plain 1st floor band. 4 storeys and basements. 2 windows each. No.204 with 3-window return and entrance to Starcross Street. Round-arched doorways with fanlights and panelled doors; No.190 with reeded surround and patterned fanlight; No.192 with fluted 1/4 columns; Nos 194 and 198 with reeded pilaster-jamb, now converted for use as windows; Nos 196, 200, 202 and 204 with reeded pilaster-jamb carrying cornice-heads and patterned radial fanlights. Nos 202 & 204 plain fanlights. Nos 190 and 192 with round-arched ground floor windows containing pointed lights. Gauged brick flat arches to recessed sash windows with glazing bars and cast-iron balconies to 1st floor. Parapets. INTERIORS: not inspected. SUBSIDIARY FEATURES: attached cast-iron railings with acorn and spearhead finials to areas.

Existing windows

The existing windows are timber, single glazed traditional sash windows with a two over two pane configuration. They are not original – we understand that the wooden sash windows were all replaced after bombing damage in the Second World War. The attached map from the London County Council Bomb Damage Maps, 1939-45, by the Topographical Society, 2005, shows 200 North Gower Street was: “Seriously damaged but repairable at cost”.

The existing timber frames are rotten and beyond repair. The windows were also poorly fitted and are draughty and rattle within their frames. The attached photos show the current windows.

Proposed windows

The windows subject to this listed building consent application relate to the third (top) floor front elevation only. The proposed replacement windows will be single glazed traditional sash windows. They will be painted white as existing.

Impact

The appearance of the listed building will be **enhanced** by matching the rest of the terrace (which is listed for group value) and showing a three over three pane configuration. Please see attached photo showing the windows in the terrace either side of the house.

The masonry of the existing window surrounds will also be re-painted white, thus enhancing the overall appearance of the building. The new windows will also be correctly fitted, and thus increase the insulation and thermal performance of the building.

Existing photographs



Existing top floor windows – four panes



Existing top floor windows within terrace – showing different window pane configuration to rest of terrace

Existing window details



Existing condition of windows – window open

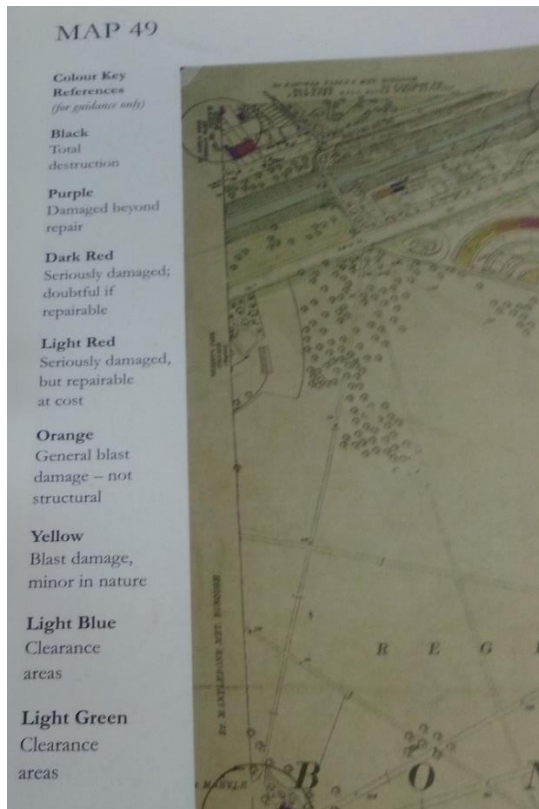


View of left hand window from interior

World War II bomb Damage Maps and key (London County Council War Damage Maps, 1939-1945)



200 North Gower Street (and surrounding buildings within in terrace) shown on map as Light Red, "Seriously damaged but repairable at cost".



Key to bomb damage map