

33 FREDERICK STREET, LONDON WC1X 0NB

DESIGN, ACCESS & HERITAGE STATEMENT

The Listed Building application relates to the lower maisonette (ground floor & basement) and the upper maisonette (first floor, second floor & attic).



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1. Site Analysis

33 Fredrick Street is a five-storey end of terrace property built during the first half of the 19th Century (c.1823-26) by Thomas Cubitt. It is Grade II listed and is in the Bloomsbury Conservation Area. It is located at the junction of Frederick Street and Ampton Place. The front and flank elevations have a rendered ground floor storey and basement while the upper floors are stock brick with decorative rendered pilasters and entablature to the front. The flank elevation has a rendered portico and the main wall above is stock brickwork with sash windows on the first and second floors and casement window on third floor. The rear elevation is stock brickwork up to the parapet of the mansard slope of the top floor.

Extracts from 'Bloomsbury Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Strategy' – Adopted 18 April 2011:

Calthorpe Street/Frederick Street.

This sub area is situated on the eastern edge of the Bloomsbury Conservation Area, east of Gray's Inn Road, and abuts the boundary with the London Borough of Islington. It comprises an area of mainly terraced housing built on the Swinton and Calthorpe Estates to the east of Gray's Inn Road, an historic route dating back at least to Medieval times. It is one of the few parts of the Conservation Area that has a noticeable fall from west to east, being on the west side of King's Cross Road which follows the valley of the now culverted River Fleet. The northernmost part around Swinton Street was developed in the late 18th century following the construction of New Road (now Euston Road) and a small suburb to the north of this area around Battle Bridge. The remainder of the area was developed over the period 1820 to 1850 by the builder Thomas Cubitt who had his yard in this area. A notable pattern is the progression of development from west to east and the gradual variation in the detailed treatment of the frontages. In the 1860s the excavation for the new Metropolitan Railway cutting bisected Swinton Street and Acton Street towards their eastern end.

Most of the buildings in this area date from the 1820s to the 1840s, and were designed and built by Thomas and William Cubitt. 19th century development progressed from west to east, although there have been some areas of post-war redevelopment. There is slightly greater use of stucco render in these quieter streets. There is generally a grander, classical approach to the overall composition of elevations, which boast pilasters, pediments and projections, emphasising the design of the terrace as a single composition (particularly evident on Frederick Street). Several terraces in this area have entrance porticos at street level giving greater architectural significance, a feature not seen in the streets to the north.

The property is part of a portfolio of properties acquired by Community Housing Association in the 1970's in Frederick Street, Ampton Place and Ampton Street. 33 Frederick Street was converted into two self-contained maisonettes during the early/mid-1980s.



2. Development Objectives

One Housing Group is intending to carry out a series of repairs and improvements throughout the majority of their properties in the immediate vicinity (i.e. Frederick Street, Ampton Street and Ampton Place). Generally, the works will consist of the essential renewal of the services (mechanical and electrical installations), kitchen fitting and bathrooms together with all other necessary repairs. Improvements to the internal layouts of the maisonettes, flats and bedsits may also be proposed on a property-by-property, unit-by-unit basis.

33 Frederick Street is one of several properties planned for upgrading within the fifth phase.

3. Design Solution and impact on heritage assets

Listed Building Consent and Full Planning Permission have recently been registered to carry out a number of internal and external alterations to the lower and upper maisonettes (application ref: 2016/0271/L & 2015/6753/P).

The new Listed Building application seeks consent for Selectaglaze secondary glazing system to the sash windows specified in the attached drawings.

They are not proposed to the windows with working shutters nor are they proposed to the front elevation to ground and first floors.

The proposed alterations are discreet – they will not be readily noticeable from the street and therefore have no adverse impact on the listed building. They do not harm the building nor do they affect any original features and they are reversible.

4. Access

Not applicable.

5. Affect on neighbours

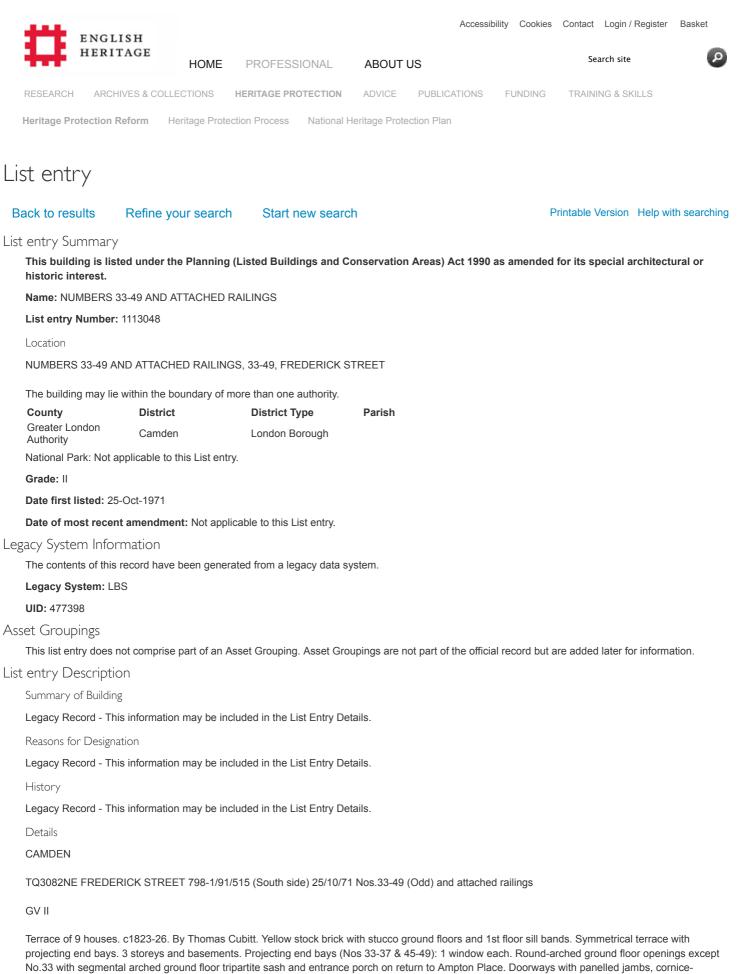
Not applicable.

6. Landscaping

Not applicable.

7. Appendix

English Heritage List Entry Summary for 33-49 Frederick Street.



heads, fanlights and panelled doors. Sashes with margin lights. On each house, rising through the 1st and 2nd floors, pilasters with enriched capitals,

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carrying an entablature and blocking course. Pilasters flank on the 1st floor 4-light windows with gauged brick segmental arch heads and cast-iron balconies; 2nd floor, tripartite sashes. Recessed central bay (Nos 39-43): 2 windows each. Round-arched ground floor openings. Doorways with panelled jambs, cornice-heads, fanlights and panelled doors. Sashes with margin lights. Upper floors with gauged brick flat arches to recessed sashes; 1st floor with cast-iron balconies. 1st floor of No.41 with console bracketed cornice. Stucco band beneath cornice and blocking course. INTERIORS: not inspected. SUBSIDIARY FEATURES: attached cast-iron railings with urn finials to areas. (Survey of London: Vol. XXIV, King's Cross Neighbourhood, Parish of St Pancras IV: London: -1952: 64).

Listing NGR: TQ3065282660

Selected Sources

1. Article Reference - Title: Survey of London - Kings Cross neighbourhood The Parish of St Pancras Part 4: Volume 24 - Date: 1951 - Journal Title: Survey of London - Page References: 64

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