46/47 Russell Square

Design and Access Statement

DESIGN

The proposals do not comprise any significant external alterations to the building and therefore raise no significant design implications.

The proposals to the front elevation comprise repair to the 2no. balconies. There are large and significant cracks to the stonework that are causing deterioration and pose a health and safety issue. The stone will be replaced on a like for like basis with Portland stone and repairs to the wrought iron railings undertaken to fix securely into place into the replacement. The replacement stone will match the existing material and cut to match existing profile.

The proposals to the rear elevation comprise replacement of the roof lights to the basement. The glazing will be replaced with T-profile glazing bars fixed to timber bearer top and bottoms with single glazing infill panels to match existing. This will also require replacement of the lead flashing to the rear party wall.

The proposed design is considered acceptable for the location and in preserving the character and appearance of the site, the wider environs of Russell Square and the surrounding Bloomsbury conservation area.

ACCESS

The proposals do not result in any proposed amendments to and/or compromise the existing access and servicing arrangement to and from the building.