

Design & Access Statement The Gatehouse, Mayfair Mews NW1 8UU

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Introduction

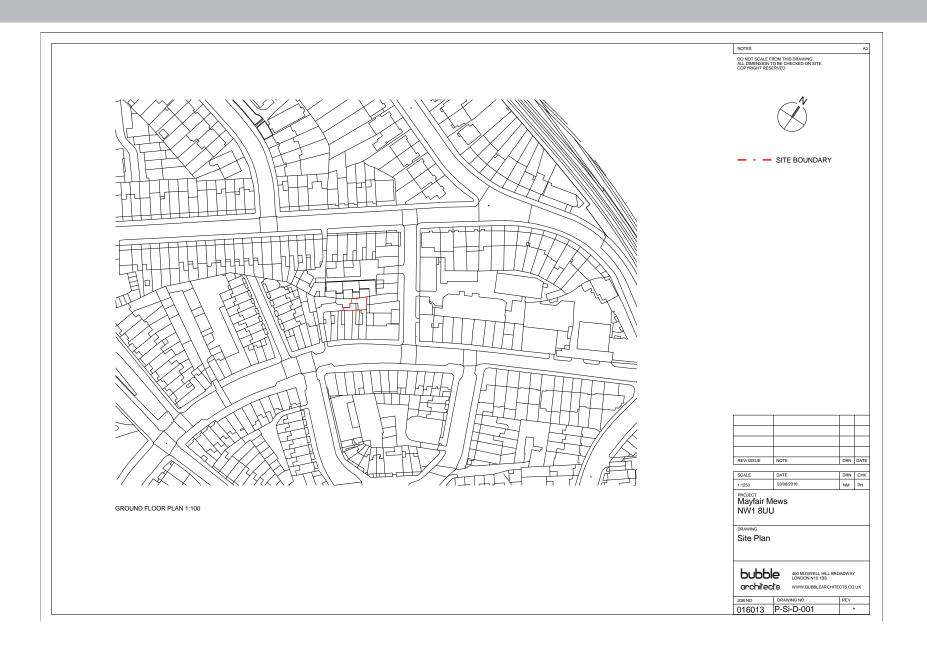
This document is written in support of a Full Planning Application for our proposal to extend an existing loft at Mayfair Mews in London NW1 8UU.

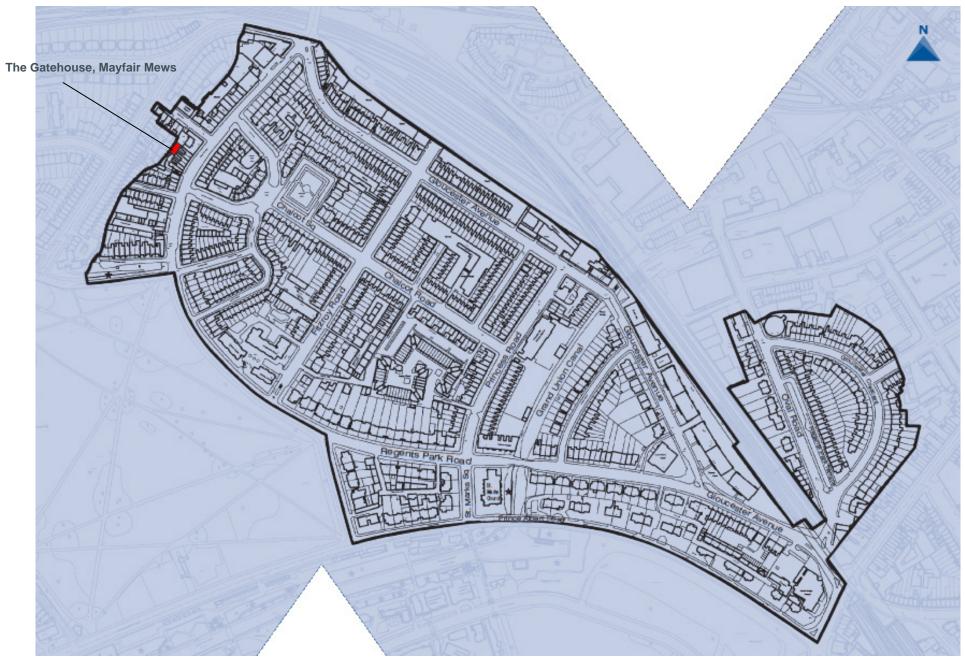
The existing property is three storeys, two storeys plus a gallery in a terraced family house. The house is accessed from the front of Regents Park Road. The proposed scheme will retain the existing access.

The scheme proposes an extension to the gallery level at the second floor as the current accommodation at that level is compromised. The proposal would create a traditional mansard roof set back behind the external walls below.

The design has been developed by carefully considering the neighbouring properties at Mayfair Mews, Regents Park Road and Erskine Road.

Site

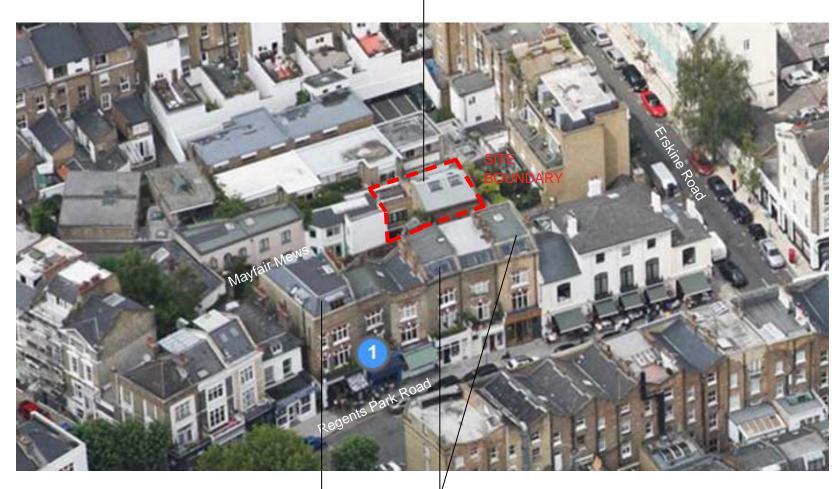




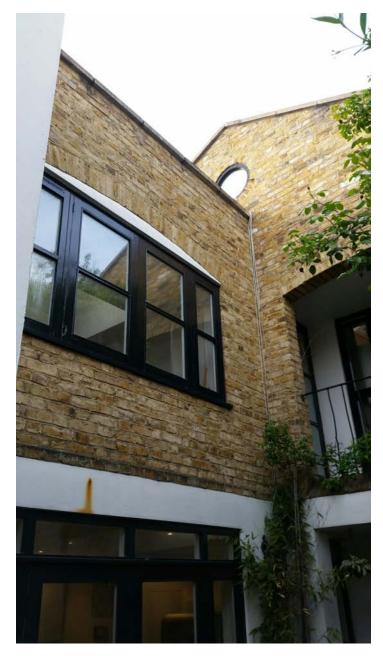
Primrose Hill Conservation Area

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- Entrance

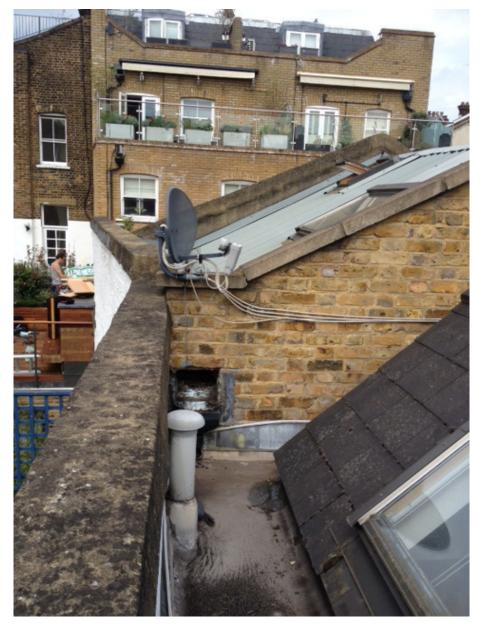
Entrance to the building from Mayfair Mews



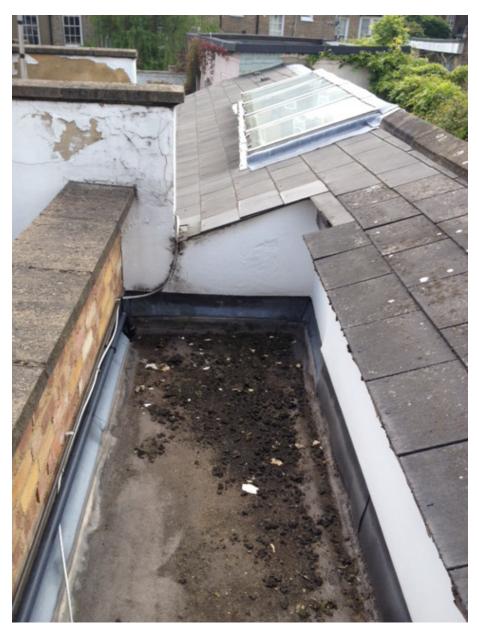
View to the North



View to the South

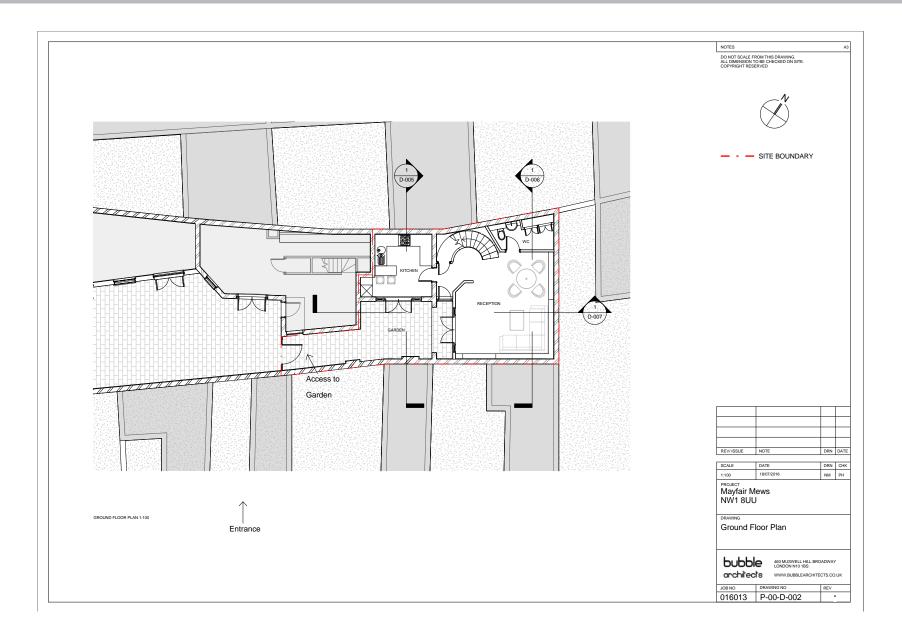


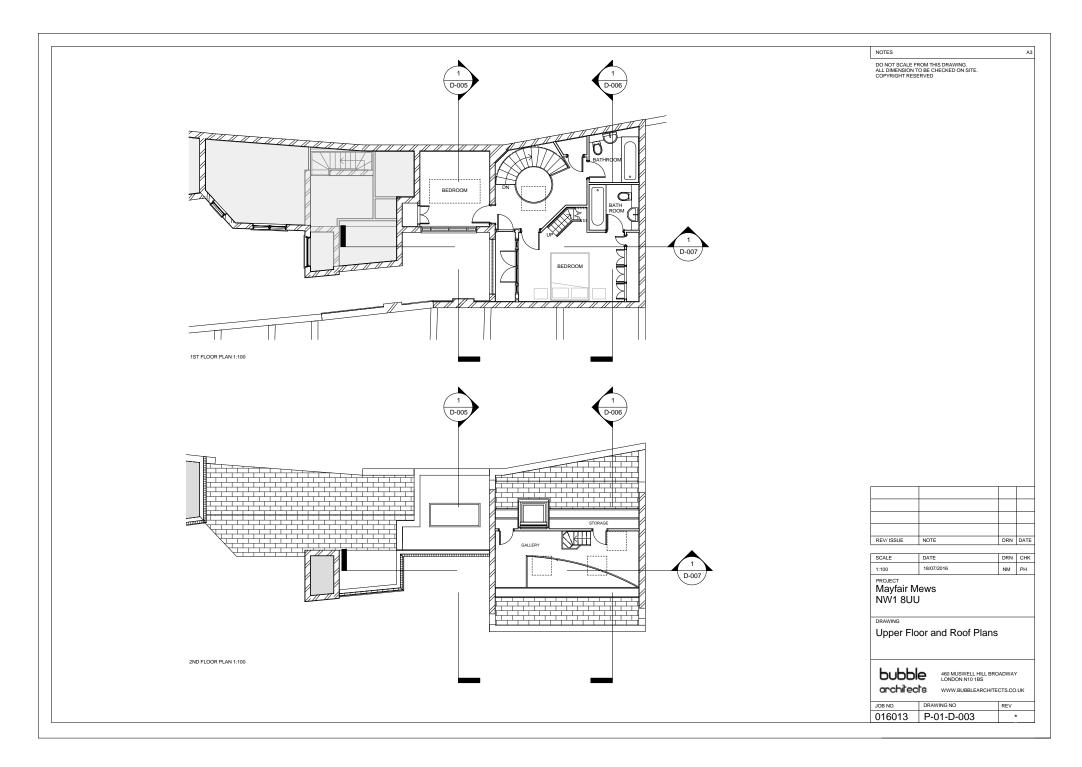
View to the East



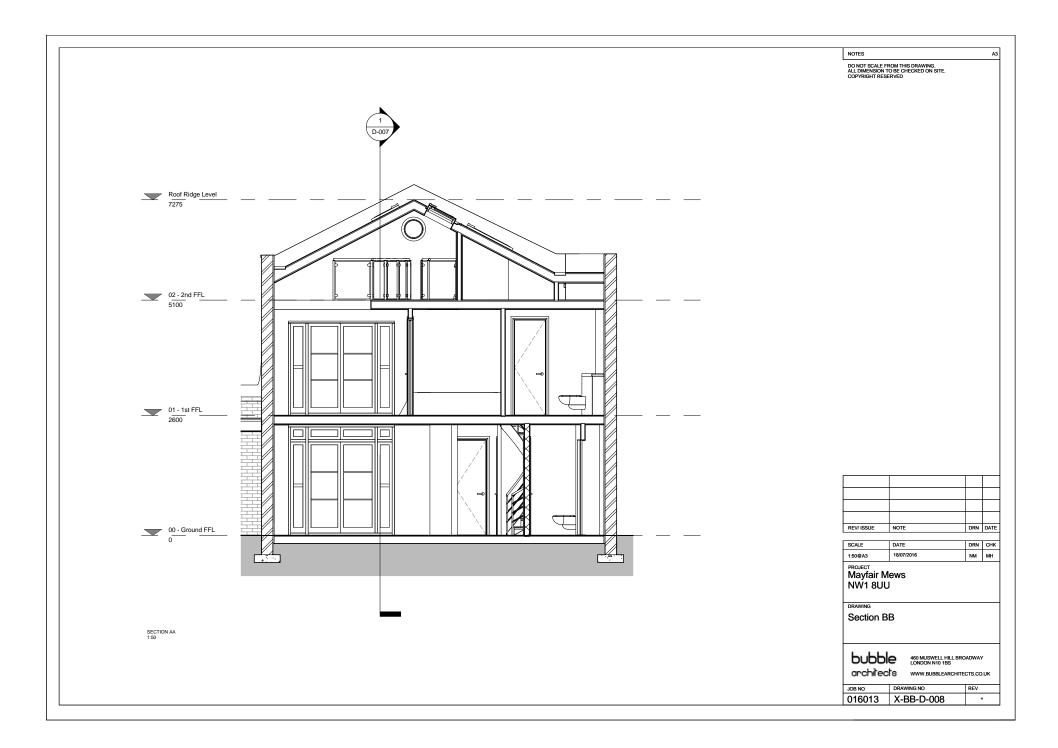
View to the West

Existing Plans & Photos



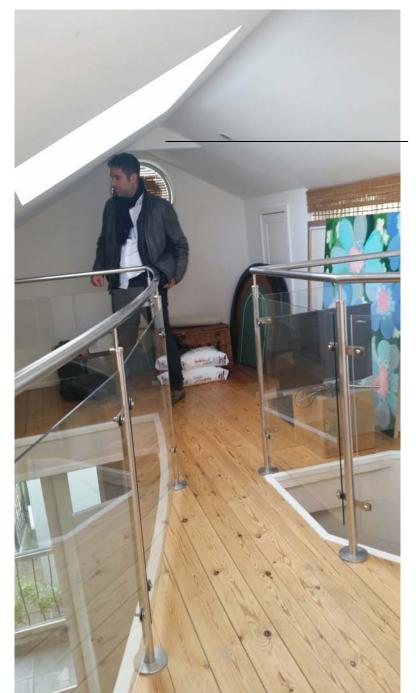








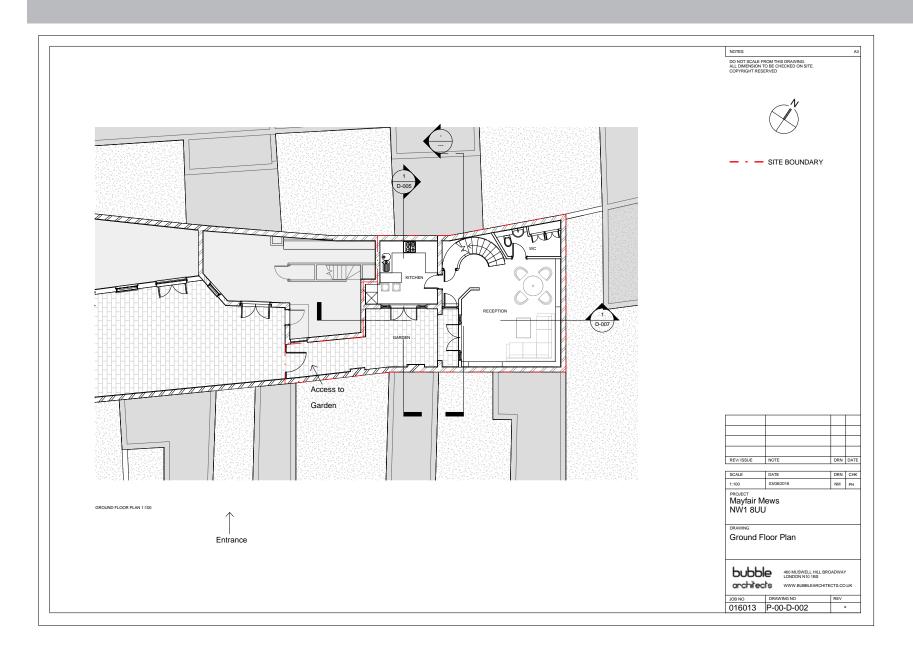
Narrow and steep stair from 1st floor to 2nd floor gallery

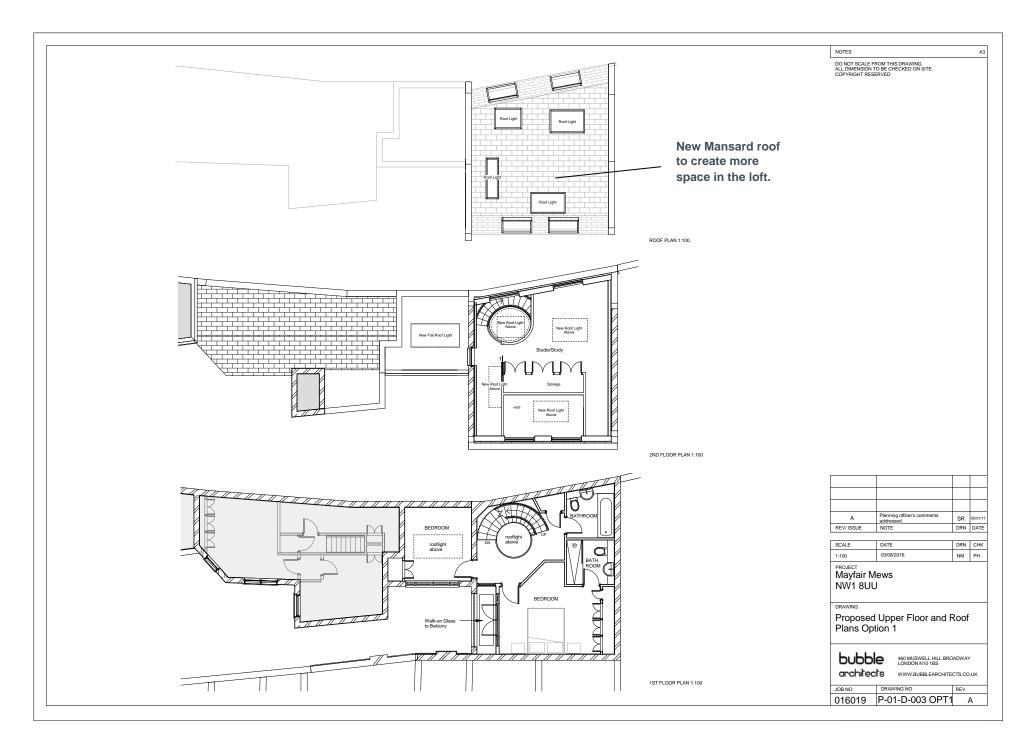


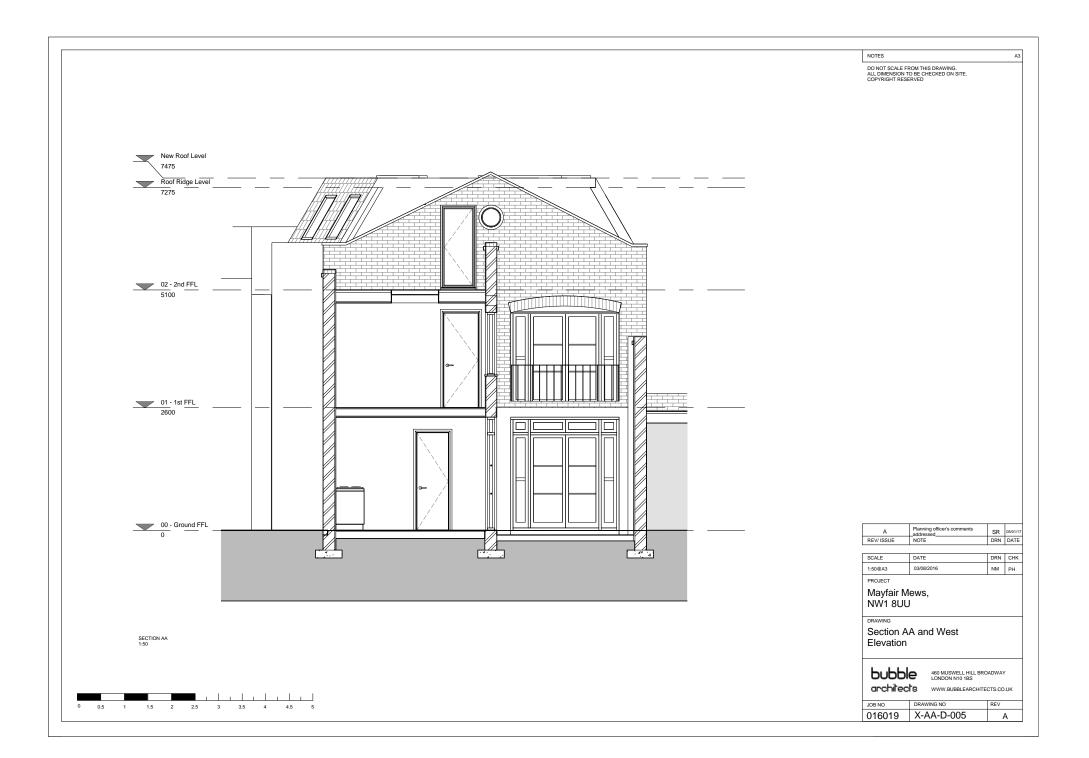
Floor to ceiling height is 1,900mm. The space is not usable and is currently used as storage only.

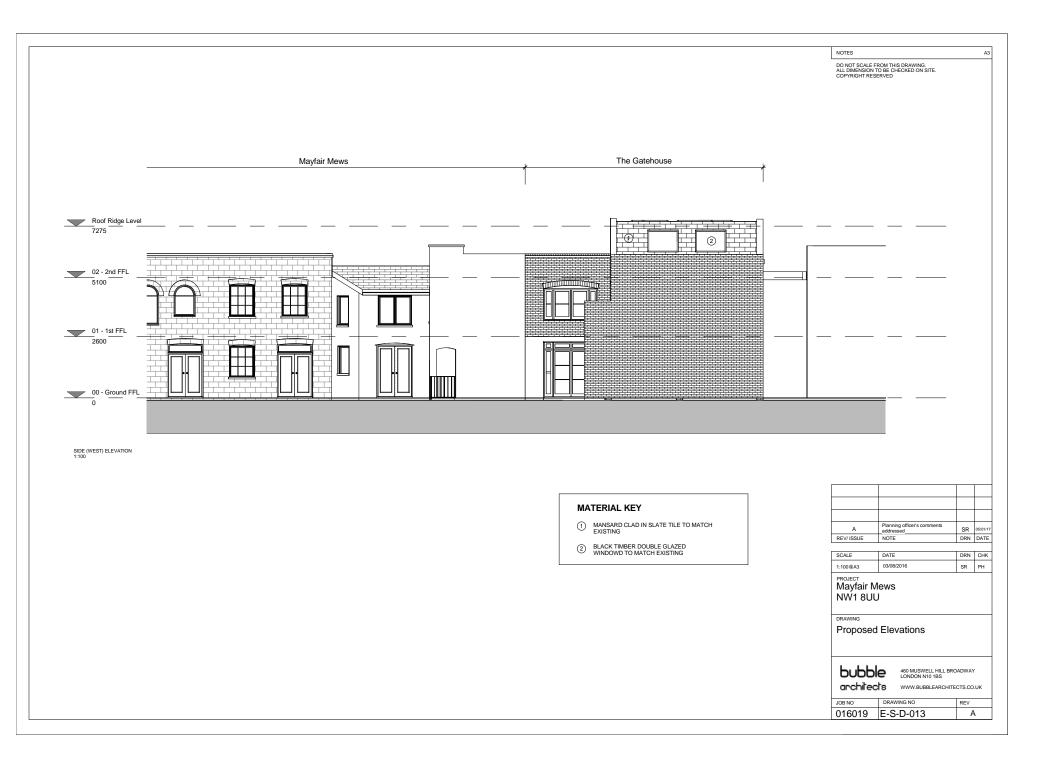
2nd floor gallery

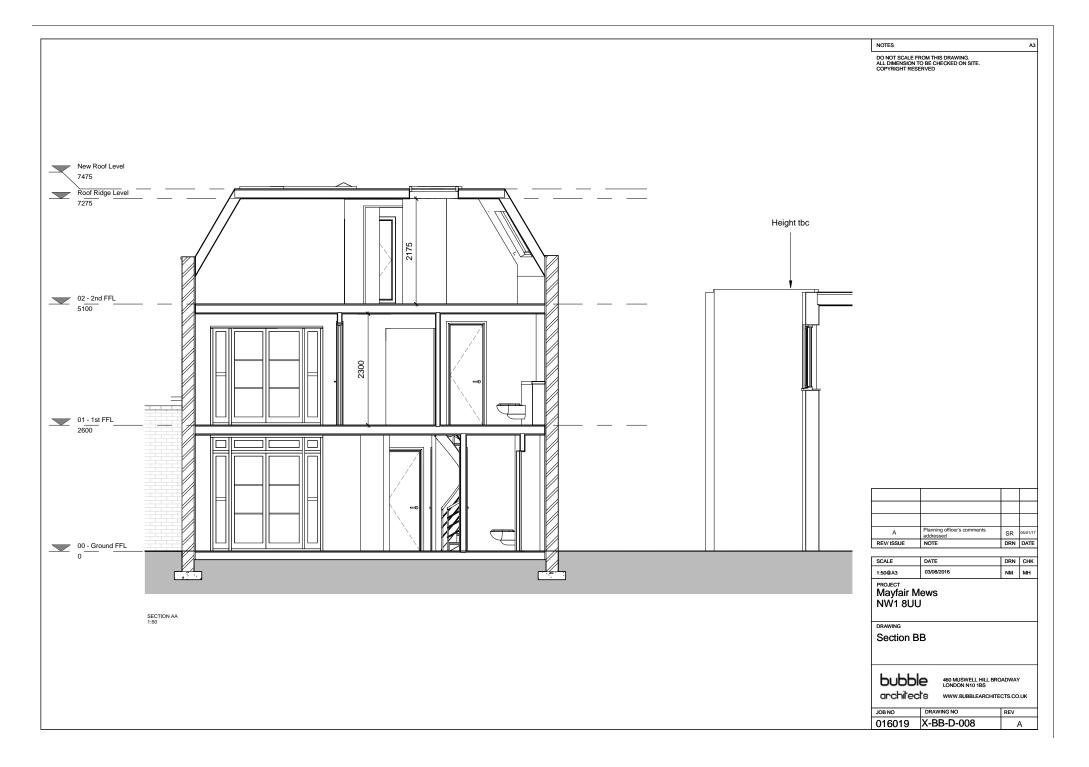
Proposed Plans













Planning consultations

A Request for Pre-Application Advice has been submitted to Camden Council on 27/09/2016. A response has been received on 09/12/2016, ref 2016/5327/PRE. Below is a summary of comments which states that the roof extension is in principal acceptable. However, further comments have been made with regards to the windows and terraces which have been addressed as part of this application.

Camden City Council Development Managment Regeneration and Planning Services states that

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- The constraints of the internal arrangement of this site are also considered and it is acknowledged that the property could benefit from some enlargement in order to allow more head height for use of the existing loft space and generally a better internal arrangement as a result.

- The proposed roof extension would increase the bulk and mass of the roof. However, the change would have limited visual impact on the character of the conservation area, this is mainly due to the property being located centrally within the mews. The building was constructed in late 1990's and it's considered that the design of the roof extension could be acceptable subject to being of a quality design.

-The symmetry and composition of the host building when looked at in context with the surrounding properties would support a roof addition in this instance, this is due to the form and scale of the extension proposed.

Rear fenestration design

-The fenestration of the rear elevation would benefit from 2x timber framed windows that are proportionate in size and positioned to minimize any neighbouring impact. The rear elevation has been amended to install two timber framed windows proportionated in size and positionated to minimize the neighbouring impact.

Roof terraces

- The creation of high level terraces where they would be vusually intrusive would not be supported in principal. Both roof terraces have been omitted.

- The proposed first floor extension to the west of the roof extension would be of an unacceptable design. *There is no first floor extension to the west of the site. We believe that the drawing has been misread.*

Amenity

- The roof extension may have an impact on daylight/sunlightlevels currently enjoyed at no 1 Erskine Mews. A daylight/ sunlight impact assessment should be submitted. A daylight/ sunlight impact assessment forms part of the application. A daylight/ sunlight study has been carried out by Right Of Light Consulting on 22 February 2017. The study confirms that the proposed development satisfies all of the requirements set out in the BRE guide 'Site Layout Planning for Daylight' and Sunlight'.

-The rear window may result in the loss of privacy. This should be designed to protect the amenity of the neighbour's proporty and as discussed with the agent it is recognised and obscured glazing would be proposed. *The rear window will have obscured glazing to protect the amenity of the neighbour's property.*

Summary

The proposal for a roof extension could be considered acceptable.

Precedents





Conclusion

The proposed mansard would be in keeping the character of the existing building. It's impact on the surrounding properties is minimised as it slopes back from the boundaries and obscured glazing is proposed. The roof has been designed to compliment the adjacent buildings and the roofscape within the Conservation Area.

The proposal will create more space in a small one-family home for a young growing family.