

CamdenNewTown.info web page states

[No 45 Camden Road] "This started life as a restaurant run by the Bonny family, after which Bonny St. is named. Later it became *The Station Hotel* and then was a pub called *The North London*. This closed in the nineties and since then it has been a casting centre and then a restaurant again."

For the past 20 years it has been a poorly-used building, which appeared to have no (daytime) function and was painted and enclosed defensively.

A month ago works on external renovation started, without any web-page planning application, which has now – afterwards – been posted for consultation.

The web site of The Living Room states:

"Camden. Intermediate English Classes at The Living Room Language School.

In our most exciting venture so far, we have recently acquired a handsome old pub building! A refit of the ground floor is underway, and this will soon be our flagship venue."

There is no mention on the web page that the Living Room would be a 'private club', The D&A states it will "operate with private events / talks / discussion groups / presentations and education / learning activities for registered members".

More explanation of the functioning of the building under the new owners – for which these works assist – outside normal shopping hours is needed.

The 'proposed' elevation creates a row of overhanging lights for the façade, and large lamp over the door. This would be out of character for a café.

The present ground floor paintwork is dark and uncompromising: a lighter approach would be more welcome. The 'proposed' elevation drawing emphasises the rising stucco columns with darker pedestals and light columns, but the 'proposed' picture in the D&A statement paints all this in dark khaki. A contrast between columns and walls would be preferred, in keeping with the original 1850s white stucco and grey stock brick. Nos 43-45 and Camden Station should complement Camden Road Station, Grade II listed, as they were built at the same time.