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HERITAGE STATEMENT 119 CAMDEN MEWS NW1 9AH

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DESIGN STATEMENT

1. APPLICATION SITE / SURROUNDING AREA

The application building is situated at the north end of Camden Mews. The site lies within the Camden Square Conservation Area and none of these are listed buildings.

Camden Square Conservation Area is primarily a nineteenth century inner London suburb. It is a planned development, in a gridded street layout running parallel to, and perpendicular from Camden Road, and the layout is focused around Camden Square.

The Camden Mews is situated behind Camden Square, and as with the nearby Murray Mews, it contains inventive building developments that have evolved over time. This has resulted in a character that is a unique mix of nineteenth, twentieth and twenty-first century ideas of the mews concept, from functional service areas to urban living.

The Conservation Area does not contain an Archaeological Priority Area.

2. PROPOSAL

The aim of the scheme is to create a replacement to the existing windows.

We are proposing to replace the existing mews elevation with UPVC double glazed units so that they are more energy efficient. The aim of this application is to upgrade the existing residential unit to a more satisfactory standard and to provide all the modern facilities expected by present day tenants.

The appearance of these windows will remain unchanged as the detailing of the new windows will have glazing bars, frames, window sill dimensions, and will open in the same way as the existing windows.

3. USE

Number 119 is a residential use building (Use class C3 - Dwelling houses)., currently occupied and used as private residential dwelling.

4. ACCESS

The main access to the building will remain unaltered.

At this stage none of the proposed occupants of the apartments is disabled.

5. NEIGHBOUR AMENITY

The proposed extension would not cause harm by a loss of privacy, or to the living conditions of the adjacent properties.

6. CONCLUSION

We feel that the proposals have been well considered with respect to the existing building and the conservation area. The external appearance of the building will be unchanged even though the windows are being replaced.

Camden Mews is made up of a wide variety of different architectural styles and solutions. The windows in some of the other buildings are made of the same material as the UPVC windows that are detailed in this proposal. (See photographs A004).