

HERITAGE STATEMENT
4 Woburn Walk, London, WC1H 0JL

Evidence of its heritage value:

‘List entry summary’ – relevant details extracted from the English Heritage website:

This building is listed under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 as amended for its special architectural or historic interest.

List entry Number: 1379210

Location

4-18 and 4A-18A, WOBURN WALK

Grade: II*

Date first listed: 10-Jun-1954

Date of most recent amendment: 11-Jan-1999



Woburn Walk 14.2.1981 by P.D. Berkshire – courtesy of Camden Local Studies and Archives Centre (4-18 on the right, with No 4 closest to the camera)

Details

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TQ2982NE WOBURN WALK 798-1/89/1734 (South side) 10/06/54 Nos.4-18 (Even) including Nos.4A, 6A, 8A, 10A, 12A, 14A, 16A, 18A (Formerly Listed as: WOBURN WALK Nos.1-9 (odd), Nos.4-18 (even) incl. 4A, 6A, 8A, 10A, 12A, 14A, 16A, 18A)

GV II*

Terrace of 8 shops with accommodation over. c1822. Built by Thomas Cubitt, restored late C20. Stucco with wooden shop fronts. EXTERIOR: 3 storeys and cellars. 1 window each. Party walls of upper floors articulated by narrow recessed bays. Wooden shop fronts, much restored, with pilasters carrying continuous entablature with anthemion and palmette ornament to architrave; projecting, bracketed shop windows with rounded angles and small panes flanked by panelled and half-glazed doors with overlights. Upper floors have segmental-arched windows having plain architraves studded with paterae; 1st floor, 4 lights with cast-iron balconies, 2nd floor mostly tripartite. No.4 1st floor window has a cast-iron trellis verandah with tented roof. Parapets with plain bands, Nos. 4, 10, 12 and 18 having shallow scrolled pediments above. INTERIORS: not inspected.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Thomas Cubitt was responsible for the development of the Bedford Estate north and east from Russell Square. This architecturally coherent and well surviving group of shop fronts, with Duke's Road (qqv) is an exceptional composition.

The building is also within the Bloomsbury Conservation Area (BCA) and is referred to in the BCA Appraisal & Management Strategy.

The case for installing the plaque on this building:

George Jacob Holyoake (1817-1906), lived at 4, Woburn Walk (formerly 1, Woburn Buildings) from 1850 to 1861. A leading light in the formation and development of the Co-operative Movement, he is said to have addressed an audience in the street below from the only elegant wrought iron balcony in the terrace. See background details for more biographical details.

Preservation of the listed stucco wall:

The material and method we use for fixing the plaque to the wall is non-invasive, unlike plaques installed by English Heritage, which require a large area of brickwork to be cut away.

This means that the fixative will not harm the brick-work and the plaque may be carefully removed at a later date, if necessary, without damaging the brickwork.

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