DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT

INTRODUCTION

9 Rochester Road is located with the Rochester Conservation Area. The Conservation Area is situated to the east of Kentish Town Road. The road has a curve from Camden Road which leads the east of Kentish Town. Rochester Conservation Area was elected by the London Borough of Camden on 12 December 2001 development of housing began in 1884.

Rochester Road

Rochester Road consist of a mixture of two and three storey semidetached villas and terraces many with half basements and elevated ground floors. This architectural style, which lasted until the middle of the 19th century, still holds the principles of classicism in a lighter form.
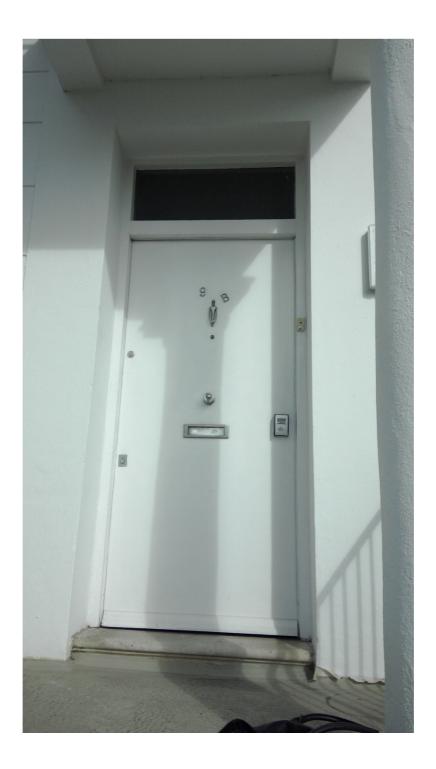
Front Elevation- 9 Rochester Road

9 Rochester Road is a semi-detached four storey building with a half basement and elevated ground floor. There is a staircase leading to the main entrance door. The building is constructed with yellow stock bricks and has a rendered section to the raised ground floor level. The windows are timber sliding sash and they have decorative cast iron rails. The front door to flat A and flat B is solid timber.

Basement - 9 A Rochester Road – Door details

9 B Rochester Road – Door details

REASON FOR THE PROPOSED ALTERATIONS

The existing front doors are of timber and are, in places, in a poor condition. The joinery has areas of deterioration and elements of the door have warped and bowed causing heat loss and draughts. Residents have highlighted issues with water ingress and structural security and have emphasised the necessity for a safe front door which meets building regulations.

DOOR PROPOSALS

The existing front doors are to be replaced with a single, timber, replica door.

The new door will aim to replicate the existing aesthetically and will re-use existing fixtures where possible. The new door will be fitted to the existing aperture requiring no alteration to the brick lintel or surrounding masonry. Where there is glazing as Flat A, the new timber door will have double glazing.