### **DESIGN ACCESS STATEMENT**

# **INTRODUCTION**

322 Finchley Road is located within the Redington Frognal Conservation Area in the London Borough of Camden.

Redington Frognal Conservation Area is a well-preserved example of a prosperous late 19th century and Edwardian residential suburb as described in the Redington Frognal Conservation Area Statement (CAS). During my site visit I noted various large detached and semi-detached houses in the area which displayed a variety of architectural styles typical of this period

## **FINCHLEY ROAD**



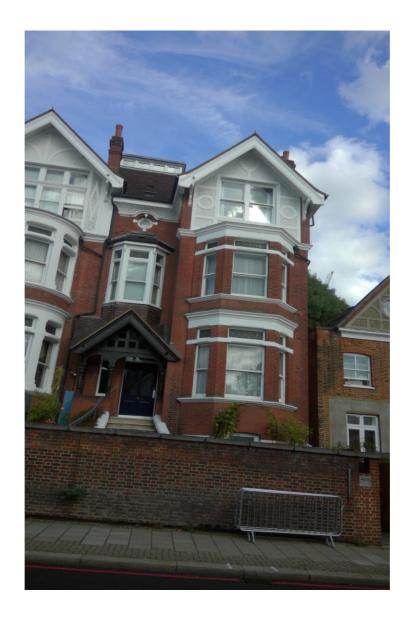
Finchley Road, an inner city main road which runs for about 7 kilometres (4.3 miles), is one of the major thoroughfares of north London, England.

Originally named Finchley New Road it was built as a turnpike road in the late 1820s/early 1830s to provide a by-pass to the existing route north from London through Hampstead. The Hampstead route now the route Haverstock Hill, Rosslyn Hill and North End Road contained two steep hills either side of Hampstead Village and was difficult for horses with carriages to negotiate when muddy.

The new turnpike was built at the same time as the improvements which created Regent's Park. It started from what was then called the 'New Road' (now Euston Road, Marylebone

Road - the first London bypass) and ran north. As the road crossed the boundary of Finchley, its name became Regents Park Road, indicating the destination of the turnpike from Finchley. The turnpike ended when it joined the Great North Road as Ballards Lane.

There was a tollgate at Childs Hill. After construction, many grand houses were built along its length, especially near to what are now Fortune Green, Childs Hill and Golders Green. It was once served by Finchley Road railway station on the Midland Main Line, but that has long-since closed. It is still served by Finchley Road Underground station and Finchley Road & Frognal railway station on the North London Line.



332 Finchley Road is a four storey semidetached terraced house with sliding sash windows a pitched roof and a solid partially glazed timber door surrounded by a walled garden.

## **REASON FOR THE PROPOSED ALTERATIONS**

The existing front door is of timber and is, 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 door is 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. The glazing will be replaced with double glazed panes

322 Finchley Road- Front Door Detail

