

## SITE ADDRESS

Ground and basement, 51-53 Shelton Street, London WC2H 9JU

## LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN

## SITE HISTORY

51 and 53 Shelton street are four-storey buildings (including a basement level) built during the eighteenth century. According to Historic England, each building was a single residential dwelling with later shops. During the later part of the last century, alterations were carried out to join the ground floor and basement and convert the upper parts to self-contained flats.

At a similar date, the ground floor was extended to the rear and a roof was added to the rear light well in number 53. At this stage, a simple replacement timber shopfront was introduced to both premises. This was again altered during the 1980s.

There is some evidence of works carried out due to damage from the war in the 1940's; two cast iron columns have been introduced to support the bressumer beam in the ground floor frontage. It has also been indicated by the current landlords that the ground floor is now of concrete construction and not timber joisting as would be expected.

The ground and basement levels of 51 and 53 are currently trading as a Japanese sushi bar. The ground floor is utilised as the bar and customer seating area whilst the basement is used for preparation, cooking, storage and staff facilities.

The existing shopfront is formed of a non-period timber frame glazed front set within the original pilasters and fascia.

## OUR PROPOSAL

The proposed works are to change the operation of the restaurant from a Japanese sushi bar to a Bengali canteen. The main fabric of the building will be retained as existing.

We propose to replace the existing shop front with a fully-glazed front (no timber frame); paint the original pilasters and fascia; replace the existing externally illuminated fascia sign and a light internal refurbishment involving the removal of partition walls and the installation of a new kitchen on the ground floor.

The interior has no period features with the exception of the access staircases from ground to basement, which are to be retained.

## PHOTOGRAPHS

Existing ground floor facade

