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**WEST END LANE PUBLIC CONVENIENCES**

**List Entry Summary**

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

Name: WEST END LANE PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

List entry Number: 1392290

**Location**

WEST END LANE PUBLIC CONVENIENCES, WEST END LANE

The building may lie within the boundary of more than one authority.

County: Greater London Authority

District: Camden

District Type: London Borough

Parish:

National Park: Not applicable to this List entry.

Grade: II

Date first listed: 12-Oct-2007

Date of most recent amendment: Not applicable to this List entry.

**Legacy System Information**

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Legacy System: LBS

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**Asset Groupings**

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**List entry Description**

**Summary of Building**

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**Reasons for Designation**

West End Lane Public Lavatories meet the criteria for designation at Grade II for the following principal reasons: \* the WCs are attractive, with colourful tiled interiors and handsome railings at street level, and are comparable to other listed WCS; \* they are notably intact, having surviving basins, doors, ventilation grills and signage and there has been no vandalism or neglect; \* they have group value as part of a characterful ensemble of late-Victorian civic structures including a memorial drinking fountain (1897, listed Grade II), Emmanuel Church (1897 and 1903, listed Grade II) and West Hampstead Fire Station (1901, listed Grade II).

**History**

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**Details**

798-1/1/10358 WEST END LANE 12-OCT-07 West End Lane public conveniences

GV II

Public lavatories, 1890s.

Largely at basement level, although there are handsome iron railings set on brick dwarf walls and cast-iron gates with overthrows at ground level. The interior walls are lined with cream glazed bricks with a red glazed brick course at dado height and the floors have black and red tiles laid in a chequerwork pattern. The ladies' WC has three cubicles, each with an original wooden door and an ornate metal ventilation grille above. Two original toilet bowls survive and one original lock. An arched opening opposite leads to the washbasins, also original. The space is ventilated through openings high in the walls with ornate metal grills. The gentlemen's lavatory was not inspected but is known to have the same tiled interior, cubicles and wash room section as the ladies', in addition to a row of urinals

HISTORY: The majority of listed public WCs date from the last quarter of the C19 when advances in sanitary science and engineering coincided with the formation of municipal governments capable of funding civic improvements. These WCs at West End Green are likely to date from the late C19 as they are stylistically very similar to ones at South End Green in Hampstead installed in 1897.

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION DECISION: \* West Lane WCs are attractive, with colourful tiled interiors and handsome railings at street level, and are comparable to other listed WCs; \* they are notably intact, having surviving basins, doors, ventilation grills and signage and there has been no vandalism or neglect; \* they have group value as part of a characterful ensemble of late-Victorian civic structures including a memorial drinking fountain (1897, listed Grade II), Emmanuel Church (1897 and 1903, listed Grade II) and West Hampstead Fire Station (1901, listed Grade II).

**Selected Sources**

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