

DESIGN, ACCESS AND HERITAGE STATEMENT

Introduction

This statement supports the application for listed building consent for the re-tiling of the entrance steps to Pemberton House at 3-4 Doughty Street, London, WC1N 2PN

Architectural and Historical Significance

The property is listed as part of the terrace of properties at 1-19 Doughty Street under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 as amended for its special architectural or historic interest as follows;

Name: Numbers 1-19 And Attached Railings

List entry Number: 1271987

Location: Numbers 1-19 And Attached Railings.

County: Greater London Authority

District: Camden

District Type: London Borough

National Park: Not applicable to this List entry.

Grade: II

Date first listed: 14-May-1974

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

Description: The following extract is taken from the listing description and is restricted to reference to the general building and the elements of the listing applicable to No.3-4.

Terrace of 19 houses. No.1, early C19; Nos 2-14, c1799-1800; Nos 15-19, c1792. Terrace completed by 1820. Built by J Wigg, G Slaton, J Wilson. Yellow stock brick with plain stucco band at 1st floor sill level. Most with evidence of tuck pointing. Nos 2-5: Nos 3 & 4 now one house. Narrow 3rd floor sill cornice. 4 storeys and basements. 3 windows each. Projecting, round-arched, rusticated porticoes with cornices and later C19 doorways; half glazed (patterned) doors and patterned overlights. Doorway of No.4 replaced by a window. Gauged brick flat arches to recessed 2-pane sashes. Parapets. Nos 4 and 5 with original lead rainwater heads. INTERIORS: not inspected but No.5 noted to have stick baluster stair. SUBSIDIARY FEATURES: attached cast-iron railings with urn finials to areas.

Condition of existing steps

The below photograph shows the previous tiling to the entrance steps which consisted of black and white marble tiles in a checker board style with white border. (See below photograph.) These tiles became damaged, loose and in some cases lost, to such an extent that they posed a health and safety risk to the occupants of the building and as such were removed. The extent of damage and lost tiles means that repair would not be possible and therefore, replacement tiles are proposed.



Design Proposals

It is proposed to re-tile the steps with new tiles in a traditional style (Ennerdale pattern) matching that of a number of the other properties within the terrace. A black border is proposed (See below photograph for example of proposed tile and pattern.)



Impact of the proposal on the special interest of the property its setting and the setting of the adjacent properties.

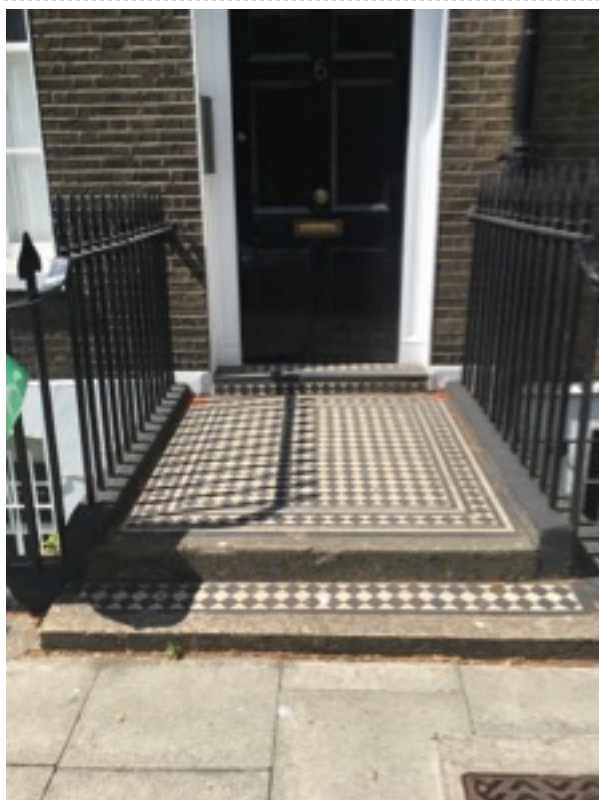
The proposed new tiles are in materials and a style found in the adjacent houses and elsewhere in the terrace and surrounding properties, and as such will not have a significant impact on the streetcape and setting. See below photographs of some of the existing properties within the terrace.



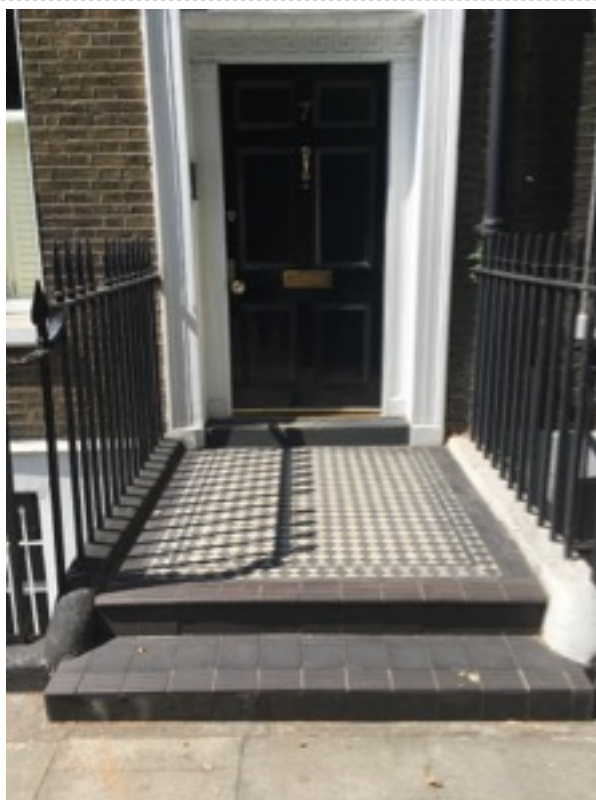
Existing entrance to No.1



Existing entrance to No.2



Existing entrance to No.6



Existing entrance to No.7

Access

The existing access will be unaffected by the proposed works which will provide a new safe access to the existing property.