

57, Doughty St, London. WC1N 2JTSupporting Statement for proposed trellis fence
July 2018**1. Introduction**

1.1. 57, Doughty Street has been the subject of several approved Planning and Listed Building applications over the years with the most relevant being the building's change of use back to a single family dwelling from offices and flats in 2008 (applications dated 8.5.2008, 2008/0540/P and 2008/0542/L), as well as these applications

being renewed in 2010 (applications dated 21.03.2011, 2010/6940/P and 2010/6943/L). Conditions were subsequently discharged under application 2013/7564/L, and further applications 2014/1111/L, 2014/1225/L and 2014/6245/P were granted for aspects of the conversion that emerged during the design and development process, including the addition of an air conditioning unit at roof level and alterations to the garden area.

1.2. This application is for the addition of a timber trellis fence over the existing brick boundary wall to No.58. This is primarily to reduce the incidence of balls from children's play within the garden flying over the boundary into the neighbouring property at no58 and causing nuisance.

2. Proposal

- 2.1. The fence posts would be fixed to the existing 1.8m high brick boundary wall within the boundary of No. 57 and the proposed 1.2m high panels would be attached to the outside face of these panels as shown on the accompanying drawings. The brick wall to the rear is higher than the combined height of existing fence and wall.
- 2.2. These will match an existing trellis to the other side of the garden, installed to a similar pattern by no.56 Doughty St. The method of fixing and arrangement is

consistent with the ownership pattern and normal approach to fencing residential boundaries.

3. Significance of and Impact on the Heritage Asset

- 3.1. The significance of the heritage asset is primarily as part of a terrace that run along Doughty St for 23 houses. Developed during the late 18th and early 19th Centuries, number 57 was constructed in 1806 and first occupied in 1810 as a private dwelling. Following periods as a boarding house and as an office, it was returned to its original use as a private dwelling by the applicant in 2014. By this time there was little left of the original or historic fabric, and what did remain was retained during the work undertaken at that time. The significance of the Heritage Asset related primarily to its external facade facing the street in the context of the rest of the terrace.
- 3.2. The installation of the trellis fence is a low impact intervention consistent with its use as a single private dwelling and causes no harm to the significance of the heritage asset.
- 3.3. More detail on the Heritage asset was included within previous applications, but is not repeated in this application for which more extensive consideration was appropriate.

4. Summary

- 4.1. The proposals are consistent with the use of the property as a single family house, and are consistent with the arrangements of other properties in the area. There is considered to be no harm to the significance of the heritage asset.
- 4.2. Arrangements can be made to meet or visit the property if required.

