

INTRODUCTION

Historical background and context

1.1 Melia White House Refurbishment Proposal

Design Statement

This report addresses the Melia Hotel International Group's wish to refurbish the existing restaurant, reception and office areas.

Refurbishment of the ground floor includes the alteration to the floor plan: new reception area, change of use of the old offices area to a new open-plan bar, new restaurant with an open kitchen, new meeting rooms and bathrooms to complement all the facilities.

The current ground floor interior layout and decoration of the building was completed in 1999-2000. The original interior layout or detailing do not appear to remain. This is highlighted in detail within the Donald Insall Associates' Historic Building Report' – Annex No 1. Overall the works will improve the dated refurbishment of the early 2000s.

The aim is to open up the spaces to improve floor to ceiling heights and traffic flow. The existing MEP installation is to be fully replaced with an enhanced green system, as detailed in the MEP report by MH Associates - Annex No2.

The new interior has been designed by Melia Hotel Group designers ASAH - Appendix. The quality of the detailing and materials will enhance the quality of the hotel.



Melia White House main entrance and front elevation



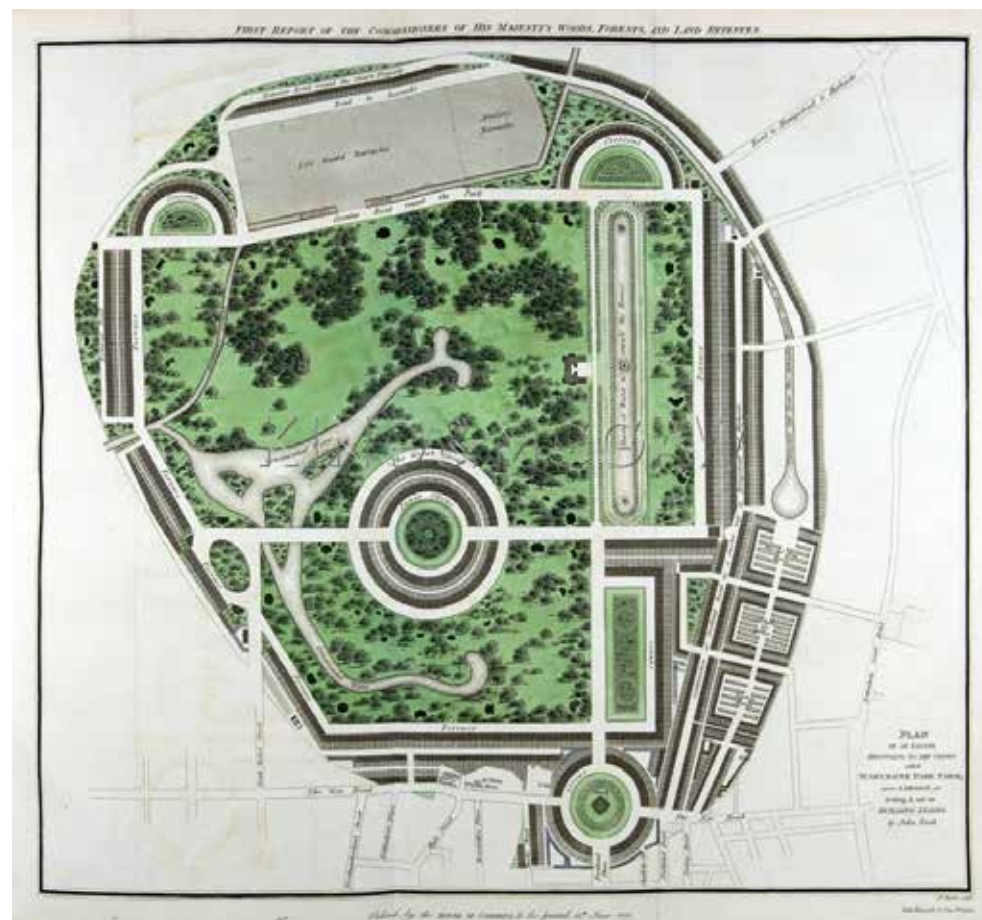
Melia White House Entrance Lobby

1.2 Background

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The Site

The site is located on the east side of Albany Street, bounded by Longford Street to the north, Osnaburgh Terrace to the south and Osnaburgh Street to the east. The main entrance fronts onto Osnaburgh Terrace. It is a short distance from Euston Road and Great Portland Street Underground, with a PTAL rating of 6b.



1812 Plan of Regents Park

The White House

The building is a Grade II listed, 9 storey structure arranged in a star shape. The building was originally constructed in 1936 as serviced flats but is currently used as a hotel, known as The Melia White House Hotel. The elevations are clad in pale cream faience tiles which are slightly darker to the ground floor and to the banding at each floor.

From 1959 the building was gradually converted into a hotel and by 1970 the building operated officially in hotel use. In 1972 the hotel was purchased by Rank Organisation who undertook a three-year renovation. During the 1980s a new lift system was installed and many of the public and private areas were refurbished,

including the main lobby, the bar and the bedrooms. By 1990 a business centre, leisure centre and new conference and banqueting suites had been formed. Between 1974 and 1995 the building was altered with the addition of several extensions located between the west and east wings, which on-site inspections have revealed are single storey.

Sol Meliá is the hotel operator of the building since 1999 and completed a major renovation project, including works to the entrance lobby, bedrooms, meeting rooms and restaurant. The total number of available hotel bedrooms is 548.

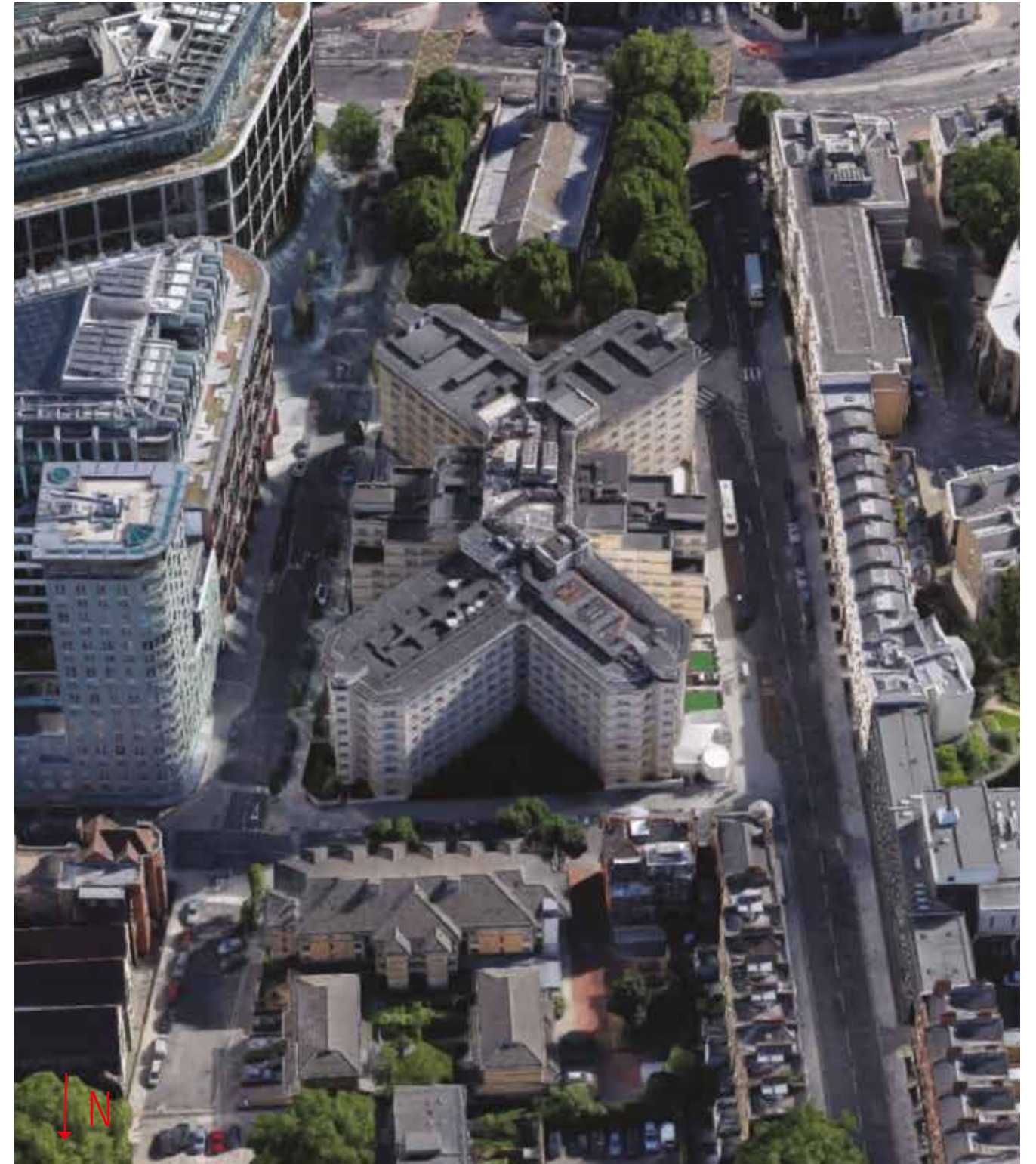


The White House, Osnaburgh Street and environs, Regents Park 1946

1.3 Site Photos



Aerial View looking North



Aerial View looking South

1.3 Site Photos

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West View



North View



South View



East View

1.4 Listed Building



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Heritage Category:	Listing
List Entry No :	1113231
Grade:	II

County:	Greater London Authority
District:	Camden
Parish:	Non Civil Parish


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1.4 Listed Building

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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: THE WHITE HOUSE
List entry Number: 1113231

Location

THE WHITE HOUSE, ALBANY STREET
THE WHITE HOUSE, OSNABURGH TERRACE

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: 11-Jan-1999

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Summary of Building

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Reasons for Designation

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History

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Details

ALBANY STREET 11-JAN-1999 The White House

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Includes: The White House, OSNABURGH TERRACE

Former serviced flats, now a hotel. 1936. By Robert Atkinson. Steel frame clad in pale cream faience tiles, slightly darker to ground floor and bands. Star-shaped plan providing optimum light and ventilation without light-wells. 9 storeys. Diagonal blocks have chamfered angles and central triangular bays which extend above the roof line. 3-light Crittal windows have continuous sill bands and meet at angles of triangular bays. Original steel windows remain in situ to the north-east and central west ranges; all other windows have been replaced with UPVC windows of a similar design in c.1992. Main entrance to Osnaburgh Terrace altered but subsidiary entrance on Albany Street with good moulded doorcase with figurative frieze, approached by steps with original cast-iron handrail. Flat roof with projecting eaves. INTERIOR: not inspected. Spencer-Longhurst P (ed.): Robert Atkinson 1883-1952:Architectural Association: 1989-; 36-37). Bibliography 8011 Robert Atkinson 1883-1952 (Paul Spencer Longhurst), 1989, Page (s) 36,37

Listing NGR: TQ2888082343

Selected Sources

Books and journals

Spencer Longhurst, P, Robert Atkinson 1883-1952, (1989), 36,37

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1.4 Historic Fabric / Original Design 1936

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Original Aerial view



Original Concept view



Original Southeast wing



1.4 Historic Fabric / Original Design 1936

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Original view / West-Southwest wings



Original view / Main entrance



Original view / Main entrance - Southwest wing



Original view / Main entrance - Southeast wing

