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Historic Building Statement

3 NEW SQUARE, LINCOLN'S INN, WC2A 3RS

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: NUMBERS 1-11 AND ATTACHED RAILINGS

List entry Number: 1379303

Location

NUMBERS 1-11 AND ATTACHED RAILINGS,
1-11, NEW SQUARE

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: 24-Oct-1951

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

Legacy System Information

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TQ3081SE LINCOLN'S INN 798-1/106/1027 (East side) 24/10/51 Nos.1-11 (consec) New Square and attached railings

GV II*

11 chambers. c1690-97. By Dr Nicholas Barbon. For Henry Vincent, Lord Chandos of Sudeley. The form of New Square established 1682 and foundations probably dug 1685 by Henry Serle, with whom Barbon had been involved through the former's partner, Robert Clerke, but who died in 1690. Brown brick with red brick dressings, basements now stuccoed. Slated roofs behind parapets.

EXTERIOR: 4 storeys and basements, the top storey being added in C18. Stone, architraved door cases with pulvinated frieze, console-bracketed cornice and curved, broken pediment with ball in centre, with the exception of No.10 with a triangular pediment and No.11 without a ball.

No.1: red brick bands at 1st and 2nd floor levels; 3rd floor with multi-coloured stock brick band. 9 windows. Gauged red brick flat arches to slightly recessed sash windows most with exposed boxing and most with C18 glazing bars. Ground and some 1st floor windows with shutters. Some 1st and 2nd floor windows with C19 blind boxes. On le" return, a stone tablet set up by John Greene, Treasurer of Lincoln's Inn in 1693, inscribed "This wall is built upon the ground of Linconles Inne. No windows are to be broken out without leave".

INTERIOR: with original panelling to the hall and some of the rooms. Original dog- leg stair with turned balusters and square reveals.

No.2: red brick band at 2nd floor level. 9 windows. Gauged red brick segmental arches to slightly recessed sash windows. Ground floor and 5 windows of 1st floor with shutters.

INTERIOR: with some panelling. Round iron balusters to stone stairs. RCHM (West London) suggests that No.2 was rebuilt during the C18 and C19.

No.3: brick band at 1st floor level. 4 windows and 1 window on right hand forward return. Gauged red brick flat arches to flush frame sash windows with exposed boxing. Shutters to 3 ground floor windows.

INTERIOR: round iron balusters to stone stairs.

No.4: 3rd floor partly rebuilt in yellow stock brick. 4 windows and attic dormers. Ground floor with door to right and to le" the Back Gate to Carey Street. 4 centred arch to New Square with grotesque keystone, carved brackets supporting broken segmental pediment with scrolls at sides. Above, 2 segmental pedimented enriched panels with coats-of-arms dated 1697 of De Lacy and Serle. The back gate originally consisted of a carriage-way and 2 flanking pedestrian passages. The footways were converted into shops c1843. Each footway of 4 bays with pilasters carrying groined vault. Shop fronts in bays with large panes. The 4-centred arch to Carey Street is flanked by panelled Doric pilasters with cornice, broken scroll pediment and elaborately panelled gates. Both arches are of painted cement. Below arches at both ends of the passage, C19 lamps of Nico type supported by scroll work.

INTERIOR: altered; turned balusters and square newels to dog leg stair with closed string.

No.5: brick bands at 1st and 2nd floor. 4 bays of the 3rd floor stuccoed with architraved sashes and a cornice. 9 windows. Gauged red brick flat arches to flush framed sashes with exposed boxing.

INTERIOR: turned balusters and square reveals to dog leg stairs.

No.6: brick bands at 1st and 2nd floor. 6 bays of the 3rd floor stuccoed with architraved sashes and a rudimentary cornice. 9 windows. Gauged red brick flat arches to flush framed sashes with exposed boxing.

INTERIOR: turned balusters and square reveals to dog leg stairs.

No.7: brick bands at 1st and 2nd floor. On return, 3rd floor moulded brick band. 3 1/2 bays of 3rd floor stuccoed with architraved sashes and a rudimentary cornice. Rest of 3rd floor partly rebuilt. 4 windows and 1 window to right hand forward return. Gauged red brick flat arches to flush framed sashes. INTERIOR: turned balusters and square reveals to dog leg stairs.

No.8: moulded brick band to 2 left hand 3rd floor bays. Centre bays, 3rd and 4th floor yellow stock brick with red brick dressings. 11 windows. Gauged red brick flat arches to flush framed sashes with exposed boxing.

INTERIOR: turned balusters and square reveals to dog leg stairs.

No.9: brick bands at 1st, 2nd and 3rd floor levels. 4th storey in yellow stock brick. 9 windows. Gauged red brick flat arches to flush framed sashes with exposed boxing.

INTERIOR: turned balusters and square reveals to dog leg stairs.

No.10: frontage rebuilt after a fire in 1752 and partly re-faced and re-roofed c1951 after war damage.

Yellow stock brick. Stone bands at ground and 1st floor level. Stone 1st floor sill band and stone bracketed cornice at 3rd floor level. 9 windows. Flat brick arches to recessed sashes. 3 former form central roof line feature with central window in arched recess with pediment.

INTERIOR: dog leg stair with square iron balusters.

No.11: frontage partly re-faced and re-roofed c1951 after war damage. Red brick with plain brick band at 1st floor level and moulded brick band at 2nd floor. Tiled roof with dormers. 3 storeys, basement and attic. 8 windows. Gauged red brick flat arches to flush frame sashes with exposed boxing. At 1st floor level a carved and inscribed plaque dated 1691; also date plaques inscribed DSC 1693, FSG 1787 and TS 1951. Attached cast-iron railings to areas with urn finials.

HISTORICAL NOTE: New Square is important as a very well preserved and early example of a set of early legal chambers, remarkably spacious and with good panelled interiors not seen.

It is also one of the most complete surviving C17 set pieces in London.

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Selected Sources

Legacy Record - This information may be included in the List Entry Details National Grid Reference: TQ 30999 81260.

1. Additional description to the above summary of listing relevant to the proposal.

The building was extensively refurbished in 1994 with floor beams from the external walls being strengthened into a new brick central core forming an enclosure for the installation of a new lift from ground level to third floor.

2. Proposal

The proposal is to refurbish the first floor offices and including forming a new opening in an original solid brick wall and to extended openings in two refurbished timber stud partitions.

The proposal is also to install air conditioning in the two principal rooms on the first floor.

3. Justification

The new doorways and the extended partition opening are intended to facilitate the ease of movement and functioning of Chambers. Alterations to the original fabric of the building will be minimal comprising the forming of a doorway in a brick wall. The conference rooms are frequently used for meetings with groups of visitors and the air conditioning is necessary to provide a level of comfort during intense and sometimes stressful discussions.

The external condensing units required are proposed to be mounted on a brick wall within the external lightwell at third floor level and will not be visible from any point in New Square or the surrounding streets.

The pipe run from the external units to the first floor will be through the services duct formed during the refurbishment in 1994. The fan coil unit will be housed at high level in a lowered ceiling panel in the Clerk's Room and in the Conference Room.

4. Significance of the building

The significance of the building is primarily in its contribution to the complete set of buildings forming New Square and this is significantly maintained by the maintenance of the exterior elements of the building.

Internally there have been alterations and modifications to suit the day-to-day operation of Chambers but the essential form of the building has been retained.

5. Impact assessment

The impact of the proposed alteration has been planned to have minimal impact on the fabric and visual appearance of the building.

6. Structural report

The building has been extensively strengthened with new floor beams introduced at first and second floor level and a new brick core housing the lift inserted from ground to loft level and the building is structurally sound.

The loft level has a load restriction leading to partial use.

The structural works involved in the proposals are set out in the drawings submitted for approval and will have minimal impact on the main structure of the building.