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Advice from Eton Conservation Area Advisory Committee: 26.04.2019

Re: 1 Provost Road, 2019/1875/L

Re-siting of alarm boxes on side and rear elevations

This is the second time that we have commented on a listed building application for the siting of security alarm bell boxes. The first occasion was in December 2018 in respect of 2 Provost Road, and we believe that it may have been this application which alerted conservation officers to the unauthorised mounting of alarm bell boxes on Listed buildings in Provost Road. This application seeks to regularise the siting of alarm boxes on the side and rear elevations at 1 Provost Road.

As we stated in our advice in December 2018, alarm bell boxes are often mounted insensitively and detract from the overall appearance of a building. In Provost Road there are some mounted in prominent positions on the front elevation facing the street which is clearly harmful to the clean, simple stuccoed appearance of the listed buildings.

However, it is recognised that alarm bell boxes should be visible so as to provide a deterrent to would be criminals, and this is the advice that is given by Camden's Crime and Safety website - "visible alarms make burglars think twice". We would like to see them mounted in less visible positions on the side/rear elevations rather than the front.

In relation to 1 Provost Road the alarm boxes appear to have been mounted as discretely as is possible while ensuring they maintain a degree of visibility.

We have no objection to this application.

Yours sincerely,

Eton CAAC