



Conservation Area Plan with site location

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1.8 CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISAL

i. The application property is situated within the Regent's Park Conservation Area, an area characterised by a unique planned composition of landscape and buildings in a neo-classical setting. Camden Council's Regent's Park Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Strategy notes that:

*"The comprehensive masterplanning of the park, terraces, villas and the (largely redeveloped, but still appreciable in plan form) working market and service area served by canal to the east was on an unprecedented scale of urban design in London. The integration of all elements of a living area, from aristocrat to worker, from decorative to utilitarian, in a single coherent scheme were exhibited here." (p.5)*

ii. Cumberland Terrace was Grade I listed on 14th May 1974 and is described by English Heritage as follows:

*"Monumental palace-style terrace of 59 houses. c.1827. By John Nash and J Thomson. For the Commissioners of Woods, Forests & Land Revenues. Built by JG Bubb; arches built by WM Nurse. Stucco. Houses in 3 blocks linked by "triumphal" arches leading into 2 courtyards with pairs of houses and drives leading to former mews. Terrace approximately 240m long. EXTERIOR: central block (Nos 20-49): 4 storeys and basements. Central projecting lonic decastyle pedimented portico of Giant Order, flanked by slightly less projecting similar single bays with paired columns and attic storeys. Rusticated ground floor, with square-headed doorways with patterned fanlights and panelled doors where not converted for use as windows, forming a podium. Cast-iron balconies between columns. Entablature topped by balustraded parapet with vases and sculpture of figures on dies. Tympanum filled with sculpture of allegorical figures and figurative acroteria at angles. Flanking the portico, 11 bays of rusticated ground floor and lonic pilasters rising through 1st and 2nd floors to carry entablature at 3rd floor level; cornice and blocking course above attic storey. Architraved sashes to upper floors; 1st floor with continuous cast-iron balcony. Terminating bays forming projecting single bay pavilions similar to single bays flanking pedimented section of portico. "Triumphal" Arches: linking the central and outer blocks. Single, central, architraved archway flanked by paired lonic columns carrying an entablature and blocking course. Linked to the blocks by rusticated stucco screen walls (...)" - Continues on Historic England - List Entry Number 106786.*

iii. Cumberland Terrace is described by Camden Council's Regent's Park Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Strategy as:

*"The grandest of the eleven terraces in Regent's Park, Cumberland Terrace (244m/800ft long) embodies the idea of a palace confronting a 'natural landscape' within the city. James Thomson was executant architect, and the terrace was completed in 1826..." (p.27)*

ii. With regards to this, proposals outlined in the drawings and images included as part of this planning submission look to respect and enhance the character and heritage of the Regent's Park Conservation Area.

