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Design Statement -Proposal to raise timber sash window cills

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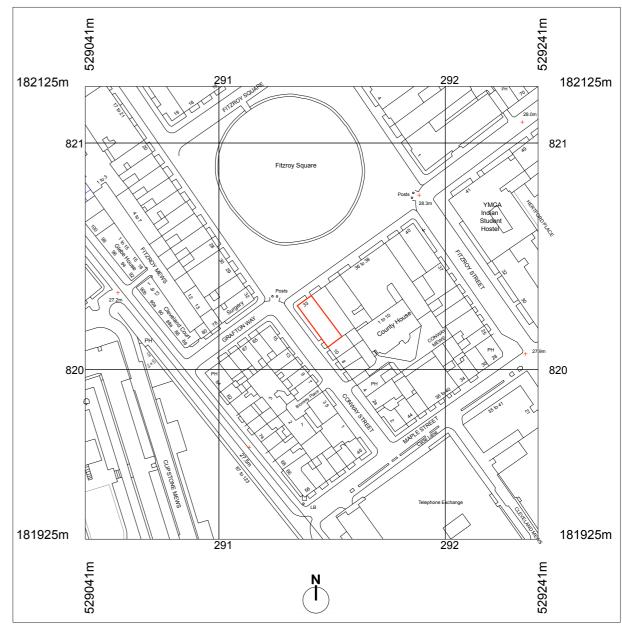
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1. Introduction

This document is prepared in support of a Planning and Listed Building Application for the proposal to move the 1st floor Conway Street timber sash windows above the floor level at No. 33 Fitzroy Square, London, W1T 6EU.

33 Fitzroy Square is a Robert Adam designed townhouse dating from 1790. The property is Grade 1 listed located within Camden's Fitzroy Square Conservation Area. The subject of this application affects the later extended annexe, located at the rear of the house The annexe had been extensively altered over the years most notably in recent decades when it was converted for use as NHS's The Foot Hospital.

This statement should be read in conjunction with the report "Supplementary Report on Window Openings on Return Elevation" by Dr. Roger Bowdler of Montagu Evans which provides heritage assessment on the impact of the proposal.



Site Location Plan

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2. Description of the Proposal

The proposal, affecting 3no. windows on Conway Street, is to raise the cills of the timber sash windows in order to provide a better margin of timber of the sash windows against the internal 1st floor level.

The current proposal as Consented (App.Ref:2017/4282/P) leads to a visually awkward juxtaposition between the sash window and corresponding floor level. The objective of the application proposal seeks to improve the interfacing detail of the building elements.

We consider the proposed alteration to a 'later period' part of the building justifiable and more sympathetic than that of the current Consented proposal if it were to be implemented. As such, the proposed alteration adopts a 'quid pro quo' approach i.e on one hand, the overall restoration process is as faithful to the original 18th Century construction as practicable, such as, the installation of extensive decorative fibrous plasterworks and the use of baltic pine timbers for internal stud walls. On the other hand, the proposed alteration is a subtle betterment and reflects the changes in the interior.

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2. Conway Street elevation



As Consent

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2. Photomontages of Conway Street



Before



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