PROPOSED RE-BUILDING AND REFURBISHMENT OF FRONT BOUNDARY WALL AND RAILINGS AT 5 HAMPSTEAD HILL GARDENS NW3 2PH

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TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH DRAWING NOS. BD-01, BD-02D and PHOTOGRAPHS 1-5

5 Hampstead Hill Gardens is a grade 2 listed building. The grading includes the front boundary wall and railings.

DESIGN

APPEARANCE

The existing front brick boundary wall is constructed in Flemish bond and is one brick thick (9"). The wall is in poor structural condition, subject to settlement, leaning and is unstable. The wall has undergone some poor quality repointing works previously and currently has several styles including flush, brushed, bucket handle and weather struck, with cement mortar weather stuck being most widely used. The stone copings are cracked beyond repair, loose and some are missing. The existing railings and gate are in poor condition, corroded and unstable.

The proposal is to re-build the wall in matching Flemish bond to match the original line and re-levelled. Existing bricks to be salvaged and re-used where possible and selected reclaimed bricks used for shortfall. New walls to be constructed using lime mortar with a flush pointed finish. New cut stone copings throughout to match the existing bevelled profile.

The existing railings are to be carefully dismantled in sections and removed from site for workshop restoration. Some sections are beyond repair and will be remade to match original with new matching profiles and castings. The railings are to be extended / reinstated to the right to run full width of the property incorporating a matching side entrance gate and high-level railings to the right-hand side wall. It is clear the existing railings were cut at some point in the past and removed to form the side entrance. Extending / reinstating the railings to full width provides balance to the elevation. All to be finished gloss black to match the original. The gates are to have additional security in the form of remote electronic locks. Letterboxes are to be added into the railings adjacent to the main gate and incorporated within the new side gate.

LANDSCAPING

The proposal does not change the existing landscaping with the exception of pruning back some bushes in the immediate vicinity to allow works to proceed.

ACCESS

The proposals do not change the vehicular or pedestrian access points to the premises.