

Heritage Statement

Samsung Coal Drops Yard:
Eastern Coal Drops Signage



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1. Introduction

This heritage statement is to support applications to the London Borough of Camden for Listed Building Consent and associated Advertisement Consent for modified signage at the Samsung store at Coal Drops Yard, King's Cross.

This store is housed within the principal new retail unit at Coal Drops Yard: the iconic new roof extension designed by Heatherwick Studio. Whilst the principal retail space is housed entirely within this new extension, access is via a stair core in the listed Eastern Coal Drops building. The existing Samsung signage, which

was approved in 2019, has been found to be confusing for visitors trying to locate the store. This application is to alter this signage to improve its functionality.

This Heritage Statement will consider the heritage assets that will be affected by this new signage, and how the impact of the signage has been mitigated to minimise or eliminate harm.

Giles Quarme Architects are specialist conservation architects and heritage consultants, with over thirty years' experience of working with historic buildings and new buildings with-in the setting of historic buildings. GQA have acted as consultants for

a range of projects involving Grade I listed buildings, Scheduled Monuments, World Heritage Sites and National Parks.

Matt Woollven is an AABC registered specialist conservation architect with over ten years' experience of conservation projects. He has worked on a range of prestigious projects including the V&A Museum and the Tower of London. Matt was the Heritage Consultant for the Coal Drops Yard redevelopment project from 2014 until its completion in 2018. He worked closely with Heatherwick Studio and the London Borough of Camden to develop the design from its conceptual development, through the planning process and whilst it was being constructed.

Aims of this Heritage Statement

- To provide a summary of the history of the buildings;
- To detail the architectural and historical significance of the buildings;
- To give an overview of the proposed signage;
- To describe whether or not the proposals will affect the listed building, the conservation area and their settings.



Figure 1 (opposite): Cobbled cart bay in the Eastern Coal Drops in 2014, prior to its refurbishment
Figure 2 (above): Coal Drops Yard in 2019