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Kentish Town Police Station, 10-12A Holmes Road, NW5 3AE Design, Access and Heritage Statement

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The Site

The application site extends to approximately 14sq.m in size and currently comprises of an existing side hung gate located off Holmes Road, adjacent to residential properties. The existing gate is grey in colour.

The application site is situated on the south east boundary of the wider Kentish Town Police Station site. Access to the site is gained via Holmes Road.

The building is Grade II Listed but is not situated within a Conservation Area. The listing for the site relates to the Police Station and attached railings and lamp at 12A, Holmes Road (List Entry No. 1379124). The listing details the following:

"Police station. 1894-6. By Norman Shaw, restored 1984. Yellow stock brick with stone bands at sill levels and below parapet. 3 storeys. 8 windows. Stone dressed, round-arched entrance engraved "Police" with hoodmould, fanlight and double panelled doors. To right vehicle entrance (now blocked to form a room behind) of stone 4-centred arch with heavy rusticated block dressings. Ground floor sashes with stone lintels, those flanking entrance being paired. 1st and 2nd floors with segmental-arched brick heads and stone keystones. Parapet. Original rainwater heads and pipes. INTERIOR: altered with partitions and false ceilings. SUBSIDIARY FEATURES: attached cast-iron railings with overthrow having blue lamp with the legend "Police"."

The existing gate is shown in the below photo.





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Proposed Development

Planning permission and listed building consent is sought for the 'replacement of side hung gate with a new bi-folding gate, railings and associated works' at, Kentish Town Police Station, 10-12A Holmes Road, NW5 3AE.

This application seeks to replace the existing side hung gate with a new bi-folding gate and railing, which will be steel with a powder coated blue finish. The new gate, like that of the existing, will provide vehicle access.

This is required to upgrade the existing access gate to bring it in line with perimeter security.

Impact of Proposed Development

The proposed replacement gate is essential to the operational needs of the Metropolitan Police Service, to ensure that the site can meet current security standards. The Metropolitan Police Service is aware of the need to minimise the visual impact of such proposals, given the siting of the gate, and has taken this into account when formulating the proposals. The proposal have therefore, been designed sympathetically to the surrounding context and will not impact on the setting of the Grade II Listed Building.