

Heritage Statement

29 Belsize Park Gardens, London NW3 4JH

1. Introduction

This heritage statement supports a planning application to install a ramp between the street and the front door of 29 Belsize Park Gardens, London NW3 4JH. The works would assist a resident of the block to enter and leave with a wheeled mobility frame.

2. The Existing Building

The property is a three-storey semi-detached Victorian property built in the 1850's. It forms part of a wider group of similar properties in Belsize Park Gardens.

3. The Setting

Belsize Park Gardens is part of sub-area 1 (Belsize Park) of the Belsize Conservation Area. The whole area was developed in a similar style in Victorian and Edwardian times.

4. Relevant Planning Policies

The building is not listed as of architectural or historic interest. However, the building is a heritage asset as it is included in the Belsize Conservation Area. The main relevant legislation and policy includes:

- Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Area) Act 1990, Section 7
- National Planning Policy Framework, particularly Section 16
- The London Plan, particularly policy 7.8
- The Camden Local Plan, particularly Core Policy CS14
- Camden Planning Guidance 1 Design; Section 3, Heritage.

This last states: "Camden has a rich architectural heritage; development within conservation areas will only be permitted if it preserves and enhances the character and appearance of the area".

5. Relevant Equality Legislation

The main relevant equality legislation is the 2010 Equality Act, particularly Sections 20-22. This sets out a requirement to make reasonable adaptations to a physical feature of an approach to, exist from, or access to a building.

6. The Works

The works comprise a ramp as shown in the drawing. The ramp will be 90 centimetres wide, rise by 34 centimetres, and be 408 centimetres long. The ratio of the rise to the length will therefore be 1 to 12. The colour of the ramp is proposed as white.

7. Preserving the Heritage Asset Appearance

The proposed ramp is designed to preserve the heritage asset and to minimise any change to the appearance of the building.

8. Conclusion

The detailed drawings indicate that the ramp will have a minimal impact and would preserve the existing appearance of the conservation area.