Camden Character Study

FINAL

June 2015





REPORT PRESENTED BY	URBAN INITIATIVES STUDIO LTD
STATUS	FINAL
ISSUE NO.	03
DATE ISSUED	12 JUNE 2015
FILE NAME	4065_20150209_Character Study_Final_HNRev.indd
AUTHOR	Hugo Nowell

This document has been prepared for the exclusive use of the commissioning party and unless otherwise agreed in writing by Urban Initiatives Studio Limited, no other party may copy, reproduce, distribute, make use of, or rely on its contents. No liability is accepted by Urban Initiatives Studio Limited for any use of this document, other than for the purposes for which it was originally prepared and provided.

Opinions and information provided in this document are on the basis of Urban Initiatives Studio Limited using due skill, care and diligence in the preparation of the same and no explicit warranty is provided as to their accuracy. It should be noted and is expressly stated that no independent verification of any of the documents or information supplied to Urban Initiatives Studio Limited has been made.

Urban Initiatives Studio Limited. Registered in England No. 8236922

Mapping courtesy of Ordnance Survey provided by London Borough of Camden under licence

Images provided courtesy of 2015 The Geo-information Group



Contents

01	Introduction	5	03	Defining the Character Stud	y 33	05	Character Areas	71
1.1	Aim of the study	6	3.1	Conservation Areas	34	5.1	North Kilburn /Cricklewood	73
1.2	Background and context	7	3.2	Growth Areas	35	5.2	Kilburn	82
1.3	Methodology and outputs	10	3.3	Open spaces	36	5.3	West Hampstead / Fortune Green	93
			3.4	Scope of the Character Study	37	5.4	Finchley Road	104
02	Borough Wide Analysis	13				5.5	Swiss Cottage	113
2.1	Topography	14	04	Typologies	39	5.6	Primrose Hill / Adelaide Road	123
2.2	Historical development	15	4.1	Town centres and corridors	40	5.7	Hampstead	132
2.3	Urban morphology	20	4.2	Campus development	44	5.8	Hampstead Heath /Belsize Park	136
2.4	Views	22	4.3	Employment typologies	47	5.9	Gospel Oak	145
2.5	Land uses	24	4.4	Residential typologies	53	5.10	Kentish Town /Tufnell Park	158
2.6	Green space	25				5.11	Chalk Farm / Camden Town North	173
2.7	Movement	26				5.12	Camden Town South	188
2.8	Population and demographics	30				5.13	Somers Town	197
						5.14	Regents Park	200
						5.15	Kings Cross	213
						06	Conclusions	22
						6.1	Retaining character	22
						6.2	Opportunity for improvements	224