



Listed Building Application

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LBC - DESIGN & ACCESS STATEMENT

**Blue plaque: Oliver Heaviside (1850-1925)
at 123 Camden Street, Camden, NW1 0HX**

Site Analysis

Number 123 Camden Street is Grade II listed (entry ref. 1244159); it does not lie within any Camden Conservation Area.

The current building history:

Number 123 Camden Street lies within a short terrace of six listed houses, nos. 119-129 (odds), built in the early nineteenth-century. A two-bay house, of four storeys and basement, with a cast-iron balcony on the first floor; built of London stock brick and rendered with channeled stucco to the ground floor and plain painted render to the full basement; round-headed entrance door with decorative fanlight inset to the right; originally numbered 117 Camden Street – renumbered 123 in 1885.

Camden Street is a busy traffic route; the many varied and remarkable past residents of the borough of Camden are celebrated by blue plaques, however there are few in this particular area around Camden Town, and none in this street.

Design Process Components

It is proposed that English Heritage erect a blue ceramic inset mounted plaque, of 19.5-inch diameter, inset into the brickwork by a depth of 50mm. To be located centred horizontally on the brick pier between the two first-floor windows; vertically aligned and centred on the upper sash window panes and their centre thin transom bar. Positioned as shown on the attached surveyor plan orthophotos, scaled 1:50 photogrammetry image, along with the geospatial surveyor annotation detail dimensions, these images take the role of architect drawings. The decision to locate the plaque here is so as to be as appropriate as possible to the design of the façade of the building, and to be visible to the average passer-by.

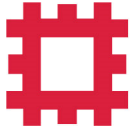
The exterior elevation of the building will be slightly adapted to accommodate the blue plaque (please also see separate Installation note). There will be no change to the use of the building, no floor space will be added or subtracted, and no new homes will be built on the site. The layout of the building will not be changed, nor will the scale of the building be affected. There will be no landscaping undertaken.

Access

No new access points and routes are proposed. No changes are proposed in relation to pedestrian and cycle routes, road layout, local services and public transport provision. The blue plaque will be visible from the public highway and therefore no

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new access is required. There is no new need for provision of access for emergency services.

Design Solution

The above information has explained the proposed development, and the lack of necessity for good access into and through the site in relation to the proposed works. The English Heritage blue plaque design has been developed over 150 years in sympathy with the character of London buildings. The ceramic plaque is hand crafted and is thought to respond positively to most local contexts. The Historic England Conservation Architect has approved the positioning and confirmed that the building is structurally able to accommodate an inset plaque and has approved the installation methodology. The freehold owners of the building have approved the project and given their consent. The architectural character of this listed building will only be affected in a minor way, and the historical and cultural interest of the property and area will be enhanced within the local and wider community.

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