

Conservation Area Advisory Committee

Advisory Committee	Camden Town
Application ref	2021/3956/P
Address	70 Albert Street London NW1 7NR
Planning Officer	Fergus Wong
Comments by	05 Dec 2021
Proposal	Restoration of front boundary and paving, insertion of staircase and partial infill of front lightwell, waterproofing works to cellar.
Comment	Yes
Observations	Also referencing LB 2021/4565/L

The Committee are not opposed to the proposed works in principle, indeed we welcome restoration of the proposed boundary treatment in particular, however the level of detail provided in the drawing does not give sufficient evidence to enable us to determine whether the boundary treatment will indeed be acceptable. The proposed low wall (the railing plinth would originally have been constructed of stone), and cast iron railings have not been sufficiently detailed to ensure that they correctly follow historic precedent and these details should be conditioned.

We note that the railings and plinth at 72 are not original, so the new railings at 70 should exactly match the pattern at 64 and 66. These must be of sufficiently heavy duty cast iron and scale (not made of painted galvanised steel) and we suggest that the applicant visits James Hoyle and Son foundry in Cambridge Heath who will almost certainly have that mould pattern already available for casting.
<https://www.jameshoyleandson.co.uk/>

A specification for a Saferail 'fall protection system' has been provided which is of concern. We are not certain where this system is proposed to be fitted but it is certainly not of an appropriate design or materiality for the front garden of a Listed Building. Further details are needed as to why this has been submitted, noting that we would object to

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the use of it in a visible location to the front garden.

Finally we would strongly encourage larger planting beds and less York paving - both for sustainability reasons and also because the gardens here have been a delight over the years with good levels of planting contributing positively to the street scene and ambience in the CA.

With the above clarified we would not object to the proposed works.

Documents attached

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