



**DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT**

**SITE ADDRESS - 19 WEST HAMPSTEAD MEWS, LONDON, NW6 3BB**

**FRONT ELEVATION – No Change.**



**Rear – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor – existing single door to be changed into double door.**



**Rear Elevation - Existing single door opening onto balcony roof area. Spiral steps to the rear of the balcony area accessing the ground floor.**



## CONTEXT AND STATEMENT OF HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE

Anglian Home Improvements have been contracted to enlarge the current single door opening and replace this with a new set of Aluminium Double Doors. The property is a 3-storey house with an enclosed rear balcony area that has a spiral staircase at the rear leading to the ground floor. The current door is white timber with double glazing and our customer would like to enlarge the opening and install some double doors in white aluminium.

The property falls into a Conservation Area and as such the proposed door will need to be in keeping with the area and its surrounding properties.

**SURROUNDING AREA:** The surrounding properties are very similar in style and design with the white timber windows with vertical bars. The adjoining property to the left is the English National Opera building while the properties to the right are domestic dwellings. The patio area is completely screened from any other properties and the single door accessing this area is already there.



**AMOUNT:** There will be 1 new set of double doors.

**LAYOUT:** The new door and opening will be in the same position leaving and equal gap either side of the new doors.

**SCALE:** The doors will be in proportion to the house as they will not be excessive in size.

**LANDSCAPING:** Our proposal will not require any landscaping as this is a new door only.



**ACCESS:** Access will be gained by entering the property via the main entrance. If any special measures needed are with highways or any other property owners to install the windows or bring materials to site these will be discussed and arranged as necessary.

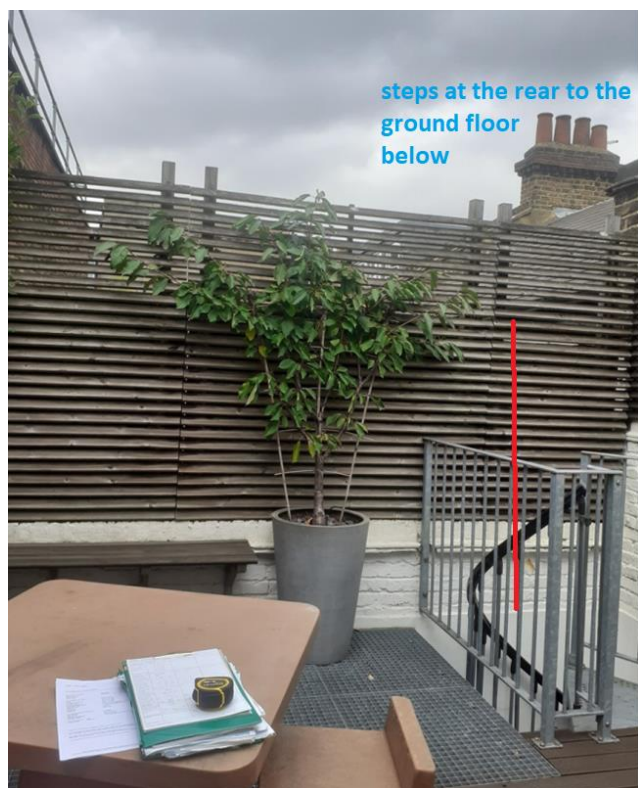
**APPEARANCE:** We appreciate the importance of retaining the properties history and the importance of maintaining its unique features however we would ask that a fair balance is struck between the visual aesthetics of the property and the wellbeing and standard of living for the occupants.

The benefits to the homeowner to use Anglian's Aluminium products are that they are minimal maintenance and as such the aesthetics of the property will be maintained without the reliance of too much future upkeep. This being especially important at above ground floor level.

Our proposed doors are to be white powder coated aluminium with a RAL (9016) finish. They will be double glazed and this way the property is benefiting from having quality double glazing while keeping the character of the property. In its current position the new doors will not be visible from ground level or passers-by.

In addition, draught proofing, sound insulation and security measures will all be improved upon to the benefit of the quality of the life of the homeowners.

**View from the current single door- the area is screened already and the change from a single to a double door will not have any additional impact as the roof area is already accessible and in use and this will not result in any increase in use.**



**DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN OR AFFECTING CONSERVATION AREA, LISTED BUILDING OR ITS SETTING.**

We have carefully considered the proposed changes to the property and feel that the new doors should not have a detrimental effect on the property as a whole or its surrounding area or setting as the products are to be sympathetic in design and are not visible to the public.