

Design and Access Statement

The existing site is a listed building on Bloomsbury Way built in 1760, originally as two dwelling houses over 5 floors, and has been the premises of The Swedenborg Society since 1924.

The proposed work is the installation of a flagpole. One of the occupants of the building is the Embassy of the Republic of Haiti, and the works are to install a flagpole on the front of the building to allow the embassy to fly the national flag of the Republic of Haiti.

The proposed work has no impact on the architecture or structure of the building, except on the specific location where the flagpole will be installed, which is a small area of the building in the context of the building as a whole. The addition of a flagpole is reasonable and appropriate for the building. In particular, a flagpole has been present above the bookshop for many years, and the new, second flagpole will be similar in nature but on the other side of the building. The proposed work is consistent with the current and historical nature of the building. It will allow the building to be clearly identified as the location of an embassy, it does not detract from the character of the surrounding area, and it will not block any sightlines as it will be the same size as the existing flagpole.

There is no impact on accessibility as the work is the installation of a flagpole and will not impact on the ability of users and visitors to access the site. As the flagpole will be the same size as the existing flagpole, there are no potential impacts on the traffic on Bloomsbury Way.