

Introduction

- 1.1 This Support Statement has been prepared to accompany a full planning permission application by the London Borough of Camden for a change of use of the Grade II listed building at 12 Greenland Road NW1.

The Proposal

- 1.2 The application for a change of use is to change the use from the former use as a Neighbourhood Police Centre (sui generis) to a new home for the Camden Law Centre (E use class).
- 1.3 The Neighbourhood Police Centre was granted permission in 2004 (2004/4232/P) from a previous use as a Neighbourhood Centre (D2) and involved the following:
- Demolition of the existing two storey rear extension
 - Erection of a new three storey stair enclosure to the rear elevation
 - New wall between street and rear courtyard
 - Extension of existing parapet wall
 - Replacement of existing shopfront and other minor external and internal alterations.
- 1.4 From our inspections, it appears the three storey external stair enclosure did not go ahead.
- 1.5 The previous refurbishment by the Metropolitan Police was reasonably extensive. Upon their departure, the Council undertook a light touch cosmetic redecoration comprising painting and re-carpeting and removing the met police locker rooms (internal non-structural partitions). The layout of the space, however, is suitable for the future use by the Camden Law Centre and as a result there are no proposed structural or external works. The only works the Camden Law Centre will be undertaking are:
- New kitchen units to match existing layout
 - New vinyl and freshen up with new paint job
 - A WC in place of the sink on the ground floor cleaners' cupboard.
- 2 If they require further changes to the front (for example, new signage), they will be responsible for applying for any future consents.

Conclusion

- 3 We note that the previous use of the building was as a 'Neighbourhood Centre' (Class D2) and so it seems fitting that once again, it will become a building dedicated to providing support, advice and advocacy to the local and wider Camden community. We are strongly supportive of the change of use to allow the Law Centre to use the building, maintaining its heritage integrity, but opening it up once again as a centre for the community.