

## 8 THE PRYORS SHORT HERITAGE STATEMENT

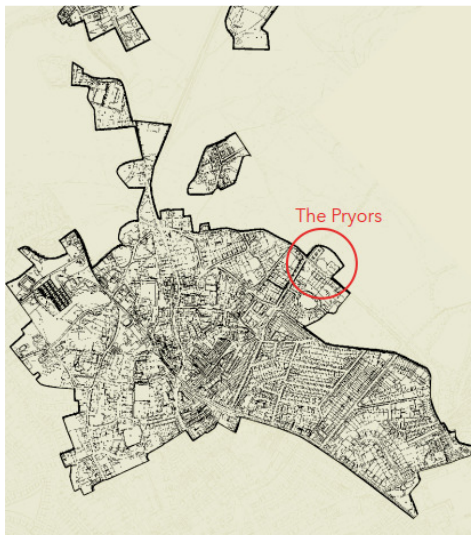
### Short heritage Statement

The Pryors was built in two stages block A in 1904 and Block B in 1910. It was commissioned from the Architect Paul Waterhouse the son of Alfred Waterhouse whose practice Paul took over. Paul was also responsible for University College hospital which is in a similar red brick style. His father was a Gothic Revivalist one of whose most well known buildings is the Cromwell Road Natural History Museum. The development was built on the site of an old farm and features in some of the paintings by Constable.



### Conservation area

The property is within the Hampstead Conservation area and is considered to make a positive contribution. It is in the East Heath Area and is noted for its twin blocks, lively rooflines, white painted gables and turrets above plain red brick. It is visible from many parts of the Heath. The current owner would like to restore the internal light well windows.



### Front Elevation ( South East )

The South East elevation with Flat 8 is flat fronted red brick with four bays along its length with stone string courses above brick arches and below window cills at every level. The bays are punctuated by thin vertical stone decoration from mid first floor to parapet level either side of the bays.



### **Rear Elevation ( North East)**

The rear elevation is as decorated as the front elevation and mirrors it but with three bays and turrets at the Northern corner.

### **Roof**

The roof is of slate with lead ridges and lead flat roofs over the bays. The roof is also dominated by 16 tall chimneys in red brick.

### **The internal Light Wells**

The internal lightwells are of white painted brickworks punctuated by double hung sashes. The windows to the common parts that face onto the lightwell are frosted. The windows to the flats that face into the lightwells are of clear glass except for bathrooms and WC's. All light well windows are traditional double hung sashes with a center vertical glazing bar 2 over 2.

