

Design, Access and Heritage Statement

11 Gloucester Crescent, NW1 7DS

Introduction

1. This statement has been prepared by the HCUK Group on behalf of 11 Gloucester Crescent London NW1 London Ltd, who now wish to make an application for listed building consent for the retention of the security light above the main entrance. In making this application the HCUK Group would point out that the security light now installed was a replacement of a similar light which had been at the premises for many years and was there at the time of the listing of the property on 23 March 1998.

Reason for replacement of light fitting

2. The directors of the property company, Mr McIlvride and Ms Lovegrove, have informed HCUK that the previous light was old, badly connected and in a dangerous state. The cover was cracked and leaking water and it was clearly unfit for purpose. Mrs Baird, the previous owner had it installed many years before the listing of these premises.
3. The previous light fitting was called a Bulkhead Outdoor Light Fitting and we have attached with this application details of this light fitting which can still be purchased from Stevenson Plumbing for the cost of £9.87. We attach below a link to the website:

<https://www.stevensonplumbing.co.uk/polycarbonate-anti-vandal-bulkhead.html>
4. We also show below a photograph of the type of light fitting and a photograph of the front entrance with the previous outdoor light fitting in place.



Figure 1: Former type of light fitting.



Figure 2: Photograph of front entrance to 11 Gloucester Crescent with former light fitting in place

5. The directors of the property company had the replacement security light installed to deal with security problems that many occupiers of properties in this crescent are experiencing.

Details of replacement light fitting

6. The replacement light which can be seen in the photographs below is of a similar size and in the same locations as the previous outdoor light. It is, however, of much better quality, and it comes with a motion sensor so is not on all of the time. The light is in two parts comprising a Philips Hue PIR Smart Outdoor Sensor and

a Philips Hue external light. Photographs of these types of light fittings are set out below:



Figure 2 (left): Philips Hue PIR Sensor. Figure 3 (right): Philips Hue External Light Fitting as now installed

7. We also show below photographs of the front entrance and the street scene as it now exists.



Figure 4: Front entrance with replacement light fitting



Figure 5: Street scene showing front elevation to No 11 Gloucester Crescent following installation of new light fitting

Examples of similar light fittings within the listed terrace

8. We would also point out that many of the properties in this listed terrace of properties have similar lights above the main entrance door. We show below some examples of these.



Figure 6: 4 Gloucester Crescent – Security light above main entrance



Figure 7: 6 Gloucester Crescent – Star shaped light above main entrance



Figure 8: 10 Gloucester Crescent – Globe light above main entrance



Figure 9: 13 Gloucester Crescent – Light above main entrance



Figure 10: Security light above main entrance

Heritage Impact

9. The replacement light at No 11 Gloucester Crescent is small and unobtrusive and does not cause any harm to the significance of either the Grade II listed building, the wider listed terrace or the Primrose Hill Conservation Area. The significance of these assets is entirely preserved and the works fall outside the remit of paragraphs 201 and 202 of the NPPF insofar as no harm is caused. There would be preservation for the decision maker's duty with regards to Sections 16, 66 and 72 of the Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Area) Act 1990.
10. It is also a replacement of a light of similar type which was in place at the time of the listing of the terrace and there are many similar lights above the front entrance to many other properties in this terrace.

We therefore consider that listed building consent should be granted.