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Asset Details

Address:

Boundary Marker - York Way, West side, just north of North Road Junction. Building appears to be 135 York Way.

Significance:

Historical and Townscape Significance

Asset Type:

Cantelowes

Street Feature or other Structures Ward:

Description

This parish boundary marker is a metal shield type marker dated 1874, which has the inscription 'SPPM 7ft 3ins' which refers to the civil parish of St Pancras. This marker is one of a network of parish boundary markers that once existed across Camden and beyond, marking the boundaries of civil parishes which were the administrative precursors to the current London borough of Camden.

Civil Parishes are an important part of our social history as they were the administrative bodies with responsibility for carrying out a wide range of civil functions. The functions were presided over by the vicar or rector, and his churchwardens and other officers as required by law, such as constables, watchmen, lamp lighters, scavengers, surveyors of highways, inspectors of nuisances and so on. Eventually entire organizations were established to carry out these duties, latterly including supplying water, gas and electricity (both Hampstead and St Pancras generated their own which was sold to consumers within their parishes). All these developments made it even more important to know where the boundaries were.

The boundary markers themselves add interest to the townscape and the structures upon which they are fixed; they give an understanding of the origins of the present borough and they are an intimate and conspicuous part of its history. Parish boundary marks indicate boundaries often of huge antiquity, hundreds of years old (often even older) and given the extent of the network of markers that once existed the relatively few remaining markers are also significant for their rarity.

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Address:

Post Box - Agar Grove (outside Manston) Significance: Architectural, Historical and Townscape Significance

Asset Type:

Street Feature or other Structures Ward:

This is an Elizabeth II double pillar box, identified by the ornate lettering cast into the door 'E II R' which is set below a crown. Following their introduction to Britain in 1852, pillar boxes (letter boxes) have over the years had a variety of different designs, changing in colour, size, shape and features with several attempts being made to establish a 'standard' approach. In 1879 a standard design was introduced taking the form of a cylindrical pillar with a round cap and horizontal aperture under a protruding cap with front opening door and black painted base. Whilst other designs have been trialled since, this distinctive design has stood the test of time. Pillar boxes are an important part of the townscape due to their function but also as they act as local landmark and way finding feature because their iconic design is so recognisable.



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Address:

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Granite setted carriageway - Rochester Place

Significance:

Architectural, Historical and Townscape Significance

Asset Type:

Street Feature or other Structures

Ward:

Cantelowes

Rare example of a virtually intact and continuous granite setted street surface. Continuity is broken only by some patching at the extreme southern end and a break where it intersects with Wilmot Place. The high quality of setts, gutters and kerbs creates a consistency of setting for the variety of building types in this mews and assists in visually uniting it.

