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Asset Details

Address

Lamp Posts - Arlington
Road (various locations)
Significance:
Architectural and

Townscape Significance **Asset Type:**Street Feature or other Structures

Ward:

Camden Town with

Description

Arlington Road has 20 original and 3 replica lamp standards of historic type. Many fall within the Camden Town Conservation Area and so are not mentioned here. 2 are listed here:

- Column No 1 (numbering in Arlington Road is from the Jamestown Street end towards Mornington Crescent) which is an original dating back to around the 1890s and has the Seal of the old Vestry of St. Pancras on its base compartment door. This depicts a figure of the boy martyr St. Pancras holding a palm of victory in his hand and with his foot on a Roman solider symbolising the triumph of Christianity over his pagan persecutors. This column is one of many cast by the McDowall Steven & Co, Glasgow the name is invisible but may be below pavement level as is often the case when the footway level has been raised over the years by successive relaying. The shaft of the column has small holes in it at intervals these are spur holes into which the lighting attendant fitted spurs as he climbed to the top to attend to the lamp, removing them again as he came down. This column has an original curved bracket on top but the lantern is modern of course; some of the original St. Pancras columns further up Arlington Road have later brackets but many of the originals still survive, here and elsewhere.
- Column No 2 is one of three replica St. Pancras columns in Arlington Road all the rest are originals. In my view it's a very good replica indeed, extremely authentic, and for this reason is worthy of inclusion on the local list. There are others elsewhere in the borough, e.g. in Regent's Park Road and Guilford Street. They consist of a steel column dressed with cast-iron embellishments (base compartment, decorative ring half way up the shaft, and a decorative capital at the top), all of which are extremely well cast so that it's quite difficult to tell them from the originals. The door on this column bears the words Borough of St. Pancras and the old borough coat of arms, which indicates that the casting was based on the old St. Pancras columns that came from the Walter Macfarlane foundry in Glasgow. These replica columns are taller than the originals.

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Address:

Post Box - Corner of Hartland Road and Lewis Street

Significance:

Architectural, Historical and Townscape
Significance

Asset Type:

Street Feature or other Structures

Ward:

Camden Town with Primrose Hill This is an Elizabeth II 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:

Post Box - Outside 139 Kentish Town Road

Significance:

Asset Type:

Architectural, Historical and Townscape Significance

Street Feature or other Structures

Ward: Camden Town with Primrose Hill 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.