

I have submitted drawings to complete the capping on the front low party wall between 61 and 59 Gloucester Avenue in the same original masonry design as the surrounding walls. There had been a broken iron railing top on the masonry base for 20 years but I have never believed it to be original, and suspect that it must have been randomly added at a later date. There is no evidence that any railings existed between 59 and 57 or between 61 and 63, which should be the case if it is original, but much evidence to show what was the authentic solid architecture.

In the 35 years I have lived in 61, the evidence that this end Primrose Hill, every street, or part of a street, on the Camden Town side of the canal, had a unique high masonry front wall with cast 'X' blocks, has become overwhelming. This is believed to be the work of architect Henry Bassett and can be clearly seen in Gloucester Avenue, St Mark's Crescent and Regent's Park Road on the Instagram site :- [old_primrosehill_postcards](#).

Iron railings were not part of Bassett's outstanding architecture here and it is a tragedy that this special area is being reduced to average Victorian London with assorted reproduction railings, none of which are original design. Any house owner who restores or reinstates the original masonry X block walls should be supported.