

# Design and Access Statement

**Site address: Flat 27, Chelwood House, Gloucester Square, London, W2 2SZ**

## **Description**

Flat 27 Chelwood House, is in the Bayswater Conservation Area. First designated on 9 November 1967 the Bayswater Conservation Area was extended on 23 October 1978, 20 November 1990 & 1 May 2002.

The initial designation covered the original nineteenth century development which defines the essential character of the area. The development of Bayswater as a fashionable residential area commenced in 1827 when the surveyor to the Bishop of London laid out the area between Praed Street, Edgware Road and Bayswater Road and development extended westwards as the century progressed. The scheme was carried out in a grand manner in the form of an inter-related pattern of wide streets, crescents and squares planned on either side of the two main boulevards, Westbourne Terrace and Sussex Gardens.

## **Introduction**

This statement should be read in conjunction with the application form and supporting drawings.

The property in question is a large building containing flats, the close by buildings are of traditional style against this contemporary somewhat modern looking building that is in this application. We propose to replace the windows facing the front elevation on Flat 27 with more modern aluminium windows that incorporate double glazed units. They will be of the same colour but will be hinged from the top, unlike the original metal windows that are hinged either to open left or right.

## **Scale:**

As for scale, in terms of additional space, there will be no change to the footprint of the property in any way.

## **Layout:**

There will be no changes to the layout of the property. This will of course not affect conservation in any way.



**Front Elevation of Building**

**Landscaping:**

There will be no changes to the landscaping of the property. This will of course not affect conservation in any way.

**Access:**

There will be no alteration to the access of the property.

**Appearance:**

The windows will not detract attention away from the original building and will be sympathetic to the character of the property. The appearance of the building will remain identical to its current state.

**Justification Statement:**

It can be suggested that the windows will have a positive impact on the property. Modern times call for more careful consideration of our environment and how we look after it. One main problem that is common in all aspects of life is energy loss. It's expensive, unnecessary, wasteful and damages the environment. By improving building techniques, using higher energy rated products and creating higher quality installations, we can reduce this loss. The new proposal contains products which fall in a much higher band of energy conservation than what was previously achievable. To conclude, the new proposal will only serve to enhance the property both visually and economically, blending naturally with the surroundings and remaining sympathetic to the conservation area in which it is situated.