

## **Design and Access Statement**

This design and access statement supports a planning application (Reference 241109HH) for the replacement of the front door and fanlight at: 34 Woodfield Avenue, Ealing, London, W5 1PA. The purpose of this statement is to outline the design rationale, considerations for access, and the compatibility of the proposed replacement door with the surrounding conservation area.

### **Context**

34 Woodfield Avenue is a mid-terraced residential property on the eastern side of Woodfield Avenue, which is located in the Brentham Garden Estate Conservation Area which falls under Article 4 designation.

### **Nature of works and reason for application**

The application is for the replacement of the front door and fanlight as shown in the drawings with triple glazed panels, with leaded units to match what would have been the original designs (i.e. to match those at 32 Woodfield Avenue). The proposed works would be in keeping with the property and surrounding homes by virtue of the materials used. It is proposed to replace the existing and failing timber door with new timber door and frame to match the existing. The glazing proposed will be 22mm treble glazed encapsulated leaded sealed units with white heritage spacer bars and optiwhite glass on the inner panels. Existing ironmongery will be reused.

The current door has only one panel of glass at the top (it would have been three panels originally). In addition, the door is warped and there are significant gaps between the door and the door frame. It is not possible to refurbish to make good and match the original designs.

The new door will maintain the architectural character of the property while enhancing its functionality, security, and energy efficiency. The design of the replacement door has been carefully chosen to complement the existing features of the property and respect the aesthetic qualities of the Brentham Conservation Area

It is noted that several other houses on Woodfield Avenue have had similar planning applications (for replacement front door with double glazed units) approved.

- Use - the use to which the development will be put will not alter it as a family home.
- Layout - the layout of the site will not alter in terms of its relationship with the buildings and spaces around it.
- Scale – the scale of the proposed work is sympathetic to the property.

- Access - The proposed works do not change or influence the existing modes and routes of access to and from the property.
- Details – see drawings

In conclusion, the proposed replacement of the front door at 34 Woodfield Avenue in the Brentham Conservation Area adheres to the principles of architectural conservation and sustainable design. The replacement door respects the historic character of the property and contributes positively to the visual amenity of the conservation area. We believe that the proposed design will enhance the overall appeal and functionality of the property while maintaining its cultural significance within the Brentham Conservation Area.