



The City of London Almshouses, Ferndale Road, London Borough of Lambeth

Listed Building Consent for Replacement of Single Glazed Windows with Slimlite Double-Glazed Units in Grade II Listed Building, Consented February 2019

Case

In December 2018, The Heritage Advisory supported an application made by Grade Planning on behalf of the City of London for listed building consent

involving works of alteration to the City of London Almshouses on Ferndale Road, Lambeth. This late nineteenth century, Grade II listed building is also located in the Trinity Gardens Conservation Area.

Double glazing in historic buildings is often controversial, principally due to the adverse effects arising from the greater dimensions of their glazing bars etc. and the negative effect this will often have on the significance of the host structure as a matter of design.



Roger's Almshouses, Original Drawings

However, in this instance the units were deemed to be of a sufficiently lightweight character and appearance due to improved technologies on this front; thus minimising impacts upon the visual and physical attributes of the site and the contribution this makes toward the wider conservation area.

Importantly, the implementation of this glazing was able to utilise existing glazing bars, and historic mullions and transoms etc.

Otherwise, the public benefits of the works - the improvement of thermal insulation, energy efficiency and the practical functioning of the building for vulnerable users - were considered sufficient to offset any negative effects as a matter of either form or function.

Outcome

Proposals were successfully consented in February 2019, achieving more efficient functioning of the Almshouses for their users, whilst successfully maintaining their late nineteenth century aesthetic.