

## DESIGN AND HERITAGE STATEMENT

21 Lichfield Road, Kew TW9 3JR



21 Lichfield Road is on the north side of the street



Front elevation

The property is located in the Kew Gardens (formerly Lichfield Road) Conservation Area (London Borough of Richmond Upon Thames CA15).

No. 21 Lichfield Road is a two-storey detached property with part basement, loft conversion and existing rear extension. It is situated near the junction of Lichfield Road and Sandycombe Road. The house, which dates from the late 19th Century, is primarily constructed in Yellow London Stock brick, with a slate roof. It has front bays and architraved window details at the front. A garage is located to the West of the property. The front of the property has a garage door with parapet over. Behind the parapet is a pitched roof with rooflights that we are proposing is replaced with a flat roof with flat rooflights (the flat roof will be kept below the line of the front parapet. The party wall along the side will be built up to accommodate the proposed flat roof.

The Kew Gardens conservation area is located within suburban Kew around Kew Gardens Station. It was originally designated (as Lichfield Rd Conservation Area) in 1969 and extended in 1982. It was further extended again in 1988. There is an important approach and view from the station along Lichfield Road.

The conservation areas character is predominantly late Victorian but also with some 20<sup>th</sup> Century additions as well as some contemporary buildings. Lichfield Road in particular is characterised by its large detached villas.

The relatively modest alteration in this application (to change from a pitched roof at the side of the property to a flat roof) will be kept behind the existing front parapet line at the side of the house and therefore we consider that the proposals will not have a negative impact of the character of the conservation area.

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