Richmond Hill Orthodontics

Berkeley House

85 Sheen Road

Richmond

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Heritage Statement

For Richmond Planning Department

This heritage statement was prepared in support of the full planning application:- 21/2713/FUL, submitted on behalf of Richmond Hill Orthodontics at the above address.

The application is seeking permission for “installation of external shutters” to the rear of the property, primarily as additional safety measures.

Dimensions of Shutter door:- length 7m x 2.4m high, black galvanised steel with both fob and keypad entry options. The door was due to be fitted inside the existing aperture, but the fitters experienced a problem caused by the angle of the neighbour’s wall which prevented the roller hood being fitted this way, hence why it had to be fitted on the external face of the aperture.

The site and surrounding area, impact on Neighbours

Berkeley House is located to the western end of Sheen Road in Richmond upon Thames. The front of the building can be accessed from Sheen Road and the rear of the building can be accessed from Worple Way.

The site is located within the Sheen Road Conservation Area.

The shutter door has been installed over the existing rear aperture on Worple Way and is in keeping with the garage doors adjacent to it. (see photos of street).

Various options of doors/gates were researched discovering that a roller shutter style door be the most suitable due to the positioning of properties on either side of Berkeley House being built upto the boundary wall. (see relevant street photos). Hinged gates were also not an option as they could not open inwards onto the forecourt nor outwards onto Worple Way road.

Berkeley House has 2 rear exit doors on Worple Way (one on ground floor and one on 1st floor) which are used by staff.

The paved rear forecourt on Worple Way houses medical clinical contaminated yellow waste bins which are securely locked. We have an obligation to keep people safe and the installation of the shutter doors keep these bins out of view, in particular from the children and families frequenting the White Horse play park directly across from the rear of the building.

This rear area has also recently been used by homeless people and drug exchanges (caught on CCTV), again, the installation of the shutter door prevents this from re-occurring in this forecourt area.

It was deemed that a black roller shutter door be most suitable to be in keeping with the neighbours on Worple Way and also add security to the rear of Berkeley House.