

Heritage Statement for Replacement Windows in Beresford Avenue Conservation Area

Introduction

This Heritage Statement is prepared to support the application for the installation of replacement windows at 9, Beresford Avenue within the Beresford Avenue Conservation Area, designated on 20th March 1990. The property is situated in the east of Twickenham, near the River Thames, and is part of a cohesive architectural ensemble dating back to the 1930s.

Historical Context

Beresford Avenue was developed in the 1930s on land that remained undeveloped after the 19th-century expansion of the neighboring Park Road. The area is characterized by its Gropius Bauhaus style houses, which have largely retained their original frontages, contributing to the area's historical and architectural significance.

Architectural Character

The conservation area is noted for its broad, tree-lined cul-de-sac with spacious, well-separated two-storey houses. These houses feature large gardens, low red brick front boundary walls, and hedges, creating a strong sense of enclosure. The distinctive architectural features include full-height curved bays, deep projecting eaves, smooth rendered and painted facades, shallow pitched tiled roofs, and metal windows with slender glazing bars.

Proposed Works

The proposal involves the replacement of existing windows with new units that are sympathetic to the original design and materials. The new windows will replicate the style, proportions, and detailing of the original metal windows, ensuring that the visual integrity and character of the property and the wider conservation area are preserved. The windows are to be fitted by The Heritage Windows Company which is a very reputable company that has fitted windows in many houses in the avenue already.

Justification

The replacement windows are necessary due to the deterioration of the existing units, which have reached the end of their functional lifespan. The new windows will enhance the energy efficiency of the property while maintaining the aesthetic qualities that define the conservation area. The proposed materials and design have been carefully selected to match the original windows, thereby preserving the architectural unity and historical significance of the area and include the iconic curved glass panels in the ground and first floor windows.

Impact on the Conservation Area

The proposed replacement windows will have a positive impact on the Beresford Avenue Conservation Area by:

- Preserving the traditional architectural features and materials.
- Enhancing the visual appearance and energy efficiency of the property.
- Maintaining the consistency and unity of the architectural character of the area.

Conclusion

The proposed replacement windows are designed to respect and enhance the architectural and historical significance of the Beresford Avenue Conservation Area. By carefully replicating the original design and materials, the proposal ensures that the character and appearance of the area are preserved for future generations.

We respectfully request that this application be approved in recognition of the careful consideration given to the heritage and character of the Beresford Avenue Conservation Area.