

Design, access & heritage statement

Demolition in a conservation area

Removal of secondary door to brick up opening.
Removal of roller shutters, installation of timber
framed glazed door and windows

at

1 Globe House, Middle Lane Mews, N8 8PN

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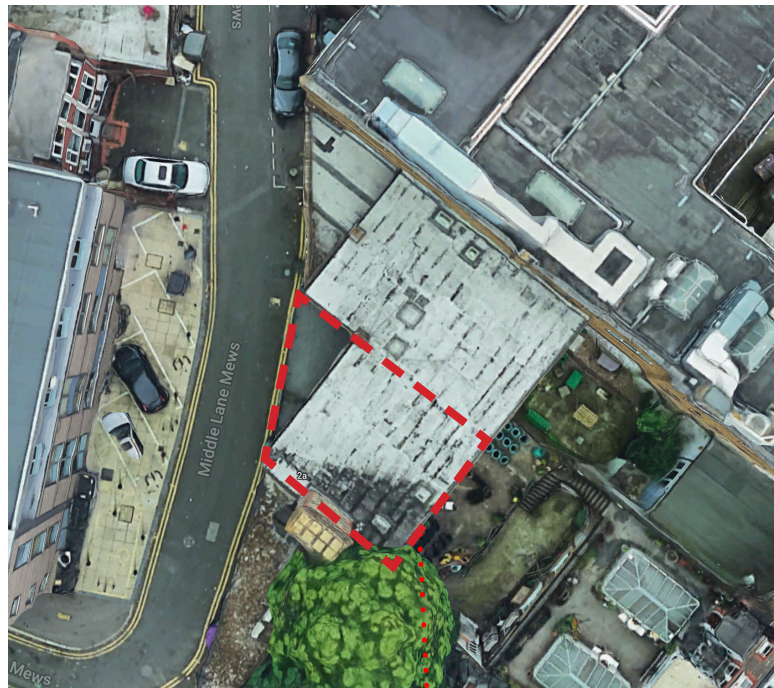
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1 Globe House

1. Site context and background

- 1.1. 1 Globe House is a live/work unit (HGY/1996/0714) within the Crouch End Conservation area, close to the Broadway and its shops.
- 1.2. Middle Lane Mews has a mixed types of building of different ages, with a large part consisting of backs of properties from Middle Lane and Topsfield Parade. The street frontage of the Mews is taken up by off-street and on-street parking areas, as well as rear entranceways and loading bays. As such, there are relatively large areas which are inactive as frontages to the Mews.
- 1.3. The Crouch End Conservation Area Character Appraisal notes that the buildings of *“Middle Lane Mews are of yellow brick with contrasting red brick detail. They are simpler in treatment than the surrounding buildings, but include some interesting remnants of the service buildings originally associated with Topsfield Parade”*.
- 1.4. The use of the roller shutter door for vehicle access has long since disappeared, with the room directly behind currently only used for storage.

2. Proposed design

2.1. Primarily an intention to improve natural daylight, outlook and natural ventilation, this modest proposal involves

- a) the replacement of the roller shutter, which are not beneficial to the conservation area, for timber framed glazing. A more active frontage can only improve the streetscape.
- b) the removal of a redundant door, replacing this with brick walls to match the walls adjacent.

2.2. Thermal performance would be improved by the proposal, both by the glazing introduced as well as insulation applied adjacent.

2.3. The proposal would also enable a step free access into part of the building.

1 Globe House, as seen from near to the entrance to Middle Lane Mews



Roller shutter to be replaced

door to be removed, opening bricked up