

Eunice Huang

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Hi Eunice,

9 Albany Road lies within the Stroud Green Conservation Area. The development of Stroud Green demonstrates the evolution of a speculative late-Victorian residential area based on terraced housing, using a repetitive formula of house plans and elevations within limited variations. Interest was added by means of increasingly mass-produced architectural features available from builders' merchants such as window lintels, door casings, mouldings, capitals and roof details. These features, their retention, detailing, and consistency are important aspects of the Conservation Areas significance.

Albany Road is an impressive example which runs north-south up the ridge from Stapleton Hall Road to Mount View Road, with a long southward view. The houses form symmetrical two-storey terraces, all (originally) with a single dormer, the majority of those on the east side are built in stock brick with red-brick dressings; those on the west entirely in red brick, only one house with a painted brick façade. Many retain original windows with margin lights to the upper sashes, some with coloured glass panes, and glazed panelled front doors. Nos. 3-13 form a distinct group of three linked pairs, with more elaborate stone dressings and brick pedimented and pilastered dormers. All have square ground-floor bay windows, except No. 13 which has a full-height canted bay, all windows with stone pilasters. The round-arched porches have an upswept cornice linked to the cill of the window above, which has a segmental pediment.

The loss of the doors and their design disappointing and this would represent a downgrading of the design of the building as a whole. However there are other houses in the terrace where this has occurred, and it would not be a prominent change located on a less sensitive elevation and would accordingly, the proposed change would have a neutral impact on the significance of the Conservation Area.

Kind regards,

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