HERITAGE STATEMENT

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INTRODUCTION

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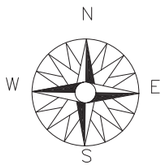

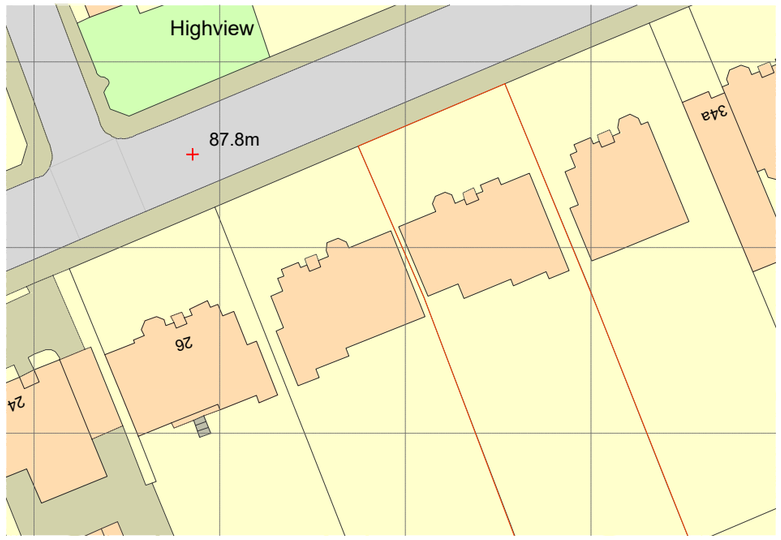

Site OS Map, Not to scale

This heritage statement is in support of the full planning application at 30a Shepherds Hill, London, N6 5AH.

The site is located within the Highgate Conservation Area in the South-West of the London borough of Haringey.

Proposal:

1. This application is in support towards the development of inserting two new “light-wells” to the front elevation of the existing building, to enable the existing property to be increased by two number bedrooms. The site is positioned on the south side of Shepherds Hill.

2. New window configuration to rear elevation to enable access to a new proposed free standing balcony, accessed directly of the ground floor, living space.

This statement will explore the existing and prominent characteristic of the conservation site in the local area of the proposal.

Site Area:

1,433 sqm
15,428 sqft

HISTORY OVERVIEW

Highgate High Street C1936
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Archway Road c1910
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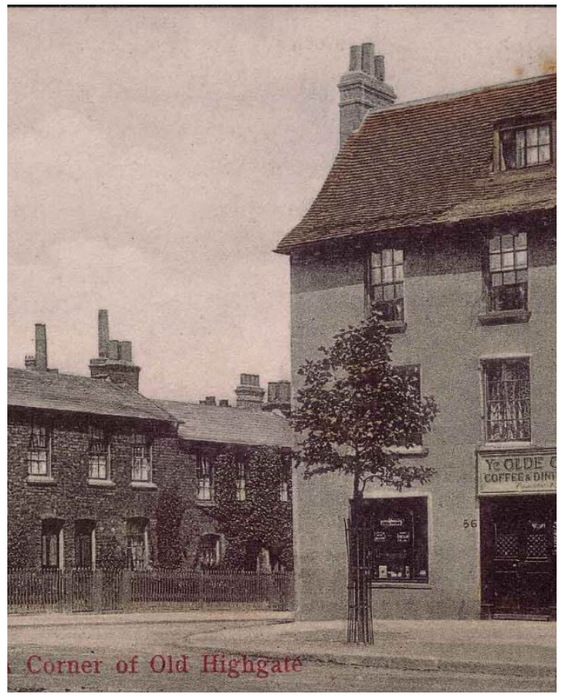

(left) Highgate Hill 1892 , (right) Corner of Old Highgate

The name 'Highgate' entered historical records c.1318, this is evidenced by the Lord of the Manor of Hornsey, the Bishop of London, who was allowing people to use the track on payment of a toll.

By the 18th century Highgate was a small country town, with shops, policing, schools and doctors. The settlement area of Highgate benefited from its close proximity to the growing city of London, and its elevated topographic position, providing clean air, spring water and open spaces to its residents. Its healthy elevation helped to make it a popular and desired address for people to live even in its earliest beginnings.

Highgate was designated as a conservation area in late December 1967. The characteristics of Highgate Conservation area is formed by the relationship of its historic pattern of development and building with high architectural merit. This is combined with the topography open spaces and views which can be regarded throughout the area.

The early village High Street is significantly characterised by its 17th, 18th & 19th Ce, small-scale terrace housed and traditional shop frontages.

SITE CHARACTERISTICS

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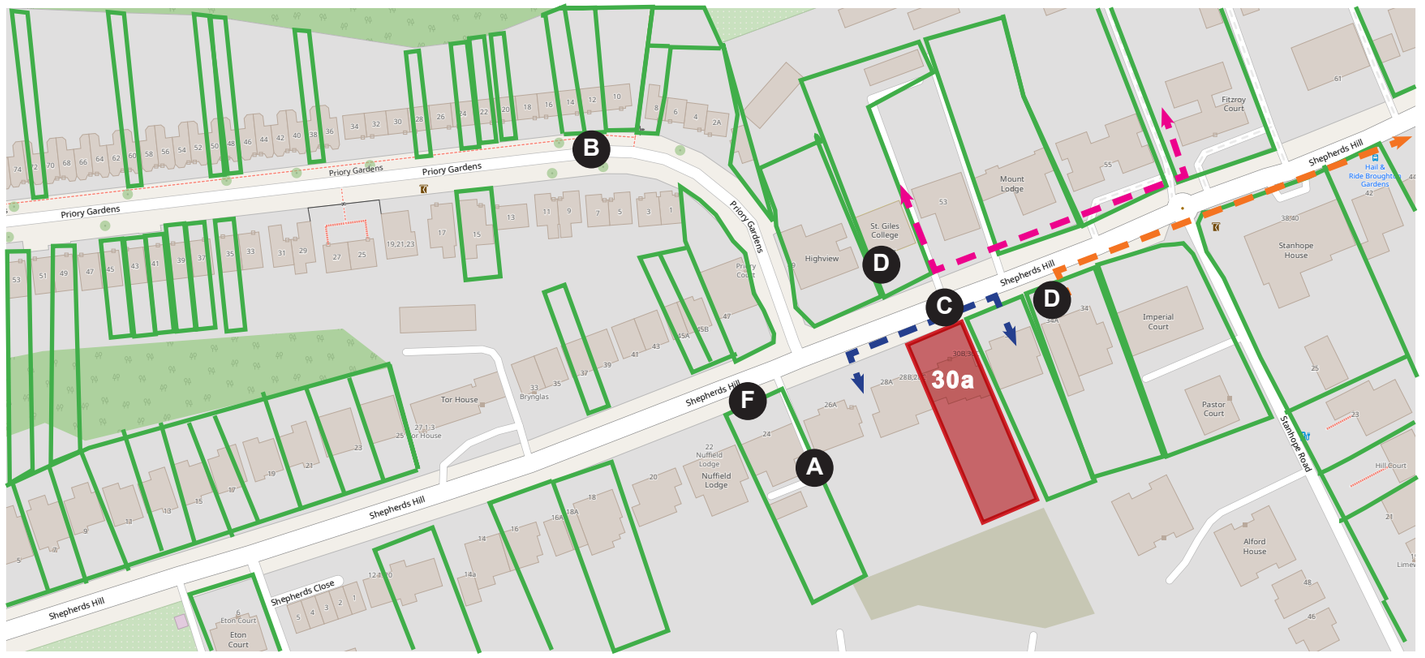
Tree Preservation Order Area

Site



General Characteristics:

For the analysis of the characteristics of the surrounding neighbourhood we have referred to the "Highgate Conservation Area;' Character Appraisal and management plan 2013" report.

As an overview Shepherds Hill has a cohesive character, populated with predominately early 19th - 20th CE 3 - Storey detached houses. The area is also characterised by the leafy rear gardens and mature trees on both sides of the road.

Concerning the public realm, street lights are generally modern, sidewalks are tarmac with no significant street furniture.

No1. Highgate Library

Highgate Library, located further west of the site on Shepherds road is a striking 1902 two storey red brick building with turrets and half timber walls. It is locally listed and a noteworthy feature of the neighbourhood, giving the identity and character to the features of the area.

Shepherds Close is 1960s development with 2 & 3 storey town houses

Priory Gardens has a cohesive mix of Victorian 3 storey terrace and early 20th CE2 storey detached and semi houses

No. 27-31

Tor House, a four storey modern block of flats in red brick, which is slightly below the level of the road and surrounded by tall trees

No. 33- 45

Smaller 2 Storey pre-war houses that sit below the street level. Some of the original features have been retained.

No.47 is a large Edwardian house converted into flats

No. 51

English language school. This is a Victorian building that is detached and double fronted. Made of the same brick as the buildings on the opposite side. House has a large bay window and elaborate wooden porch.

No. 53, 53a & 55

All large modern developments of 3 & 5 storeys containing flats. They are all brick but no.53 has wooden panels and 55 has fibreglass

No.32 Shepherd's Hill

No.24 Shepherd's Hill