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Nationwide Building Society

203 Muswell Hill Broadway

Muswell Hill

London

N10 3RQ



Heritage Statement

This statement has been prepared to support our Advert Consent application to replace the external signage for Nationwide Building Society. The property is not listed; it is located within the Muswell Hill Conservation Area.

The Proposals:

Works will include:

- Replace 1no. Projecting signage with new 500mm.
- Replace 1no. Fascia and 1no. Logo with 1no. New blue fascia & 1no. New 385mm logo height.
- Replace 1no. ATM surround and decals with new.
- Replace statutory signage with new.
- Replace safety manifestation with new.
- Post box no. to be sprayed in grey.
- Make good to stone above fascia.
- Spray door frame and frame to post box.

The property is currently occupied by Nationwide.

The following statement explains the heritage context and appraises the property as a heritage asset.

Building Appraisal:

Nationwide, Muswell Hill, is on the ground floor of a four-story building. It is red brick with contrasting stone and plasterwork details. The building is not listed but it does provide a positive benefit to the conservation area. It is located within the Muswell Hill Conservation Area.

There are a small number of listed buildings nearby; the closest to the property is at the rear; Muswell Hill Public Library, Queens Avenue.

Heritage Category: Listed Building

Grade: II

List Entry Number: 1247005

Date first listed: 07-Feb-1994

List Entry Name:

MUSWELL HILL PUBLIC LIBRARY

Statutory Address 1:

MUSWELL HILL PUBLIC LIBRARY,
QUEEN'S AVENUE

Details:



TQ 2889 QUEEN'S AVENUE (south side) 800-/21/10009 Muswell Hill Public library II

Public library. 1931 by W H Adams for Hornsey Borough Council. Red and brown brick with stone dressings, flat roof. Rectangular plan of two storeys, the lower for adults and the upper for children - this with central four-bay raised attic and skylights. Three bay main frontage has deep plinth, a giant order of pilasters, cornice, frieze and pediment, with central double panelled doors flanked by giant volute brackets and carriage lamps. Over it are arrayed the Hornsey Borough arms and the date - 1931 - in stone surround linking door with first-floor window. The flanking windows are similarly paired vertically, but have between them raised stone panels inset into contrasting brickwork. This motif is repeated on the first bay of the side elevations; these also have a giant order, but have brown brick panels at first-floor level and clerestorey glazing in raised attic. All windows have metal glazing with margin lights and diagonal panes in various patterns. The interior has an elaborate iron stair leading to children's library. This room is significant for the survival of its panelling, some original shelving and especially for a deep frieze of murals painted by the Hornsey School of Art in 1937-8; they are the earliest mural decorations known to survive in a children's library, - once a popular repository for mural painting as a device to encourage learning, but now rare. The murals depict local scenes through the ages, and were the work of J B Shaw, D Fuller, R Woodward, G Makins and Miss W M Gamlen of-the Hornsey School of-Art.

Listing NGR: TQ2871689665

Resource from –

[MUSWELL HILL PUBLIC LIBRARY, Non Civil Parish - 1247005 | Historic England](#)

Impact Summary

The building is not listed, the application relates to external works only. The proposed works are limited to replacement of existing advertising signage. Re-decoration to the existing entrance door frame will be the same colour as existing which is considered maintenance.

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No discussions have been made with neighbours in relation to the proposals; the works are not considered to have any adverse impact on neighbours. The works are not considered to have any adverse impact to the existing appearance and amenity of the application site and that of its neighbours, rather, the proposals will benefit the front elevation. Access to the building will remain unchanged. The proposals will not affect public routes. There are no alterations proposed to the landscaping nor is there any opportunity to make improvements.

All works are intended to involve the minimum intervention and preserve the original look and feel of the existing building within the context of its conservation area.

The significance of the building has been considered and the proposed works will not impact its existing character. It is considered these works will improve the elevation and therefore makes a positive contribution to the conservation area.