Upper Wimpole Street — Private Client

Westminster





Careful assessment of the history of the Listed Building to allow adapt the house for modern living including the incorporation of up-to-date services and a swimming pool, gym and sauna.

Built in 1790, the house has been adapted over time to accommodate changes in use and lifestyle. Our main goal was to bring back the intrinsic qualities of every period this house was built in; notably the 18th Century main house and the 20th Century Arts and Crafts additions; conserving and celebrating the history and adapting the house once more for a family in the 21st Century.

A considerable amount of research and design and has been carried out by the Consultant Team to introduce as many characteristics of sustainability as possible into the house, without compromising the building's character and heritage. Services are pushed out to the extremities of the building and concealed from view; and heat pumps are concealed in the valley of the main roof and behind the parapet of the Mews house roof.

The front, street-facing, elevation of the house is renovated to its original proud condition, restoring features such as the entrance door and fanlight, stone steps and mosaics, window glazing patterns and rationalised rainwater pipework.

The approach was taken through the Council's pre-app process, after which an application was lodged and determined within four months of the submission.

Summary of achievements

- Provision of strategic advice from the outset and successful monitoring and management of the process
- Thorough investigation of the site's planning history and precedent examples in the area
- Pre-app advice meeting with the Planning and Conservation officers, and determination of the application through a PPA process.

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