



## THE CHELSEA SOCIETY

The Director of Planning,  
Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea,  
Town Hall,  
Hornton St,  
London W8.

13<sup>th</sup> February 2015

Sir,

### SLOANE-STANLEY DRAFT CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISAL – February 2015 COMMENT BY THE CHELSEA SOCIETY

The Appraisal gives a detailed description of the buildings and land-use in this Conservation Area, and a short history of the area. It is currently under public consultation, but the RBKC website at <http://www.rbkc.gov.uk/planningandbuildingcontrol/heritageandconservation/conservationareaappraisals.aspx> says “ There are no current consultations on conservation area appraisals.” This needs updating.

The Appraisal is an impressive document, and must have cost a significant amount in staff-resources to compile, but presumably a detailed appraisal was done when the area was originally designated as a Conservation Area in 1969, and it would not need to be repeated. A link to the 1969 Appraisal could usefully be included in the website version in para. 1.1, together with links to other key documents referred to in para. 1.1, 1.3, and elsewhere in the document.

The February 2015 Appraisal was presumably done in order to evaluate, 46 years later, whether the 1969 Appraisal is still valid or whether as a result of physical or policy changes the designation as a Conservation Area needs to be amended or repealed. There is however no such evaluation in the 2015 draft Appraisal.

A useful additional section would be an evaluation of how the Conservation Area policies listed in Appendix 4 have operated in practice in the Sloane-Stanley Conservation Area since 1969, drawing attention to any controversial applications or appeals in which one or more of those policies have been relevant (or stating that there were none).

Is there a need for Listing of particular buildings or streets in this Conservation Area under section 1 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 in order to prevent the kind of negative development referred to in Section 6? It should be stated whether any of these negative developments were carried out since 1969.

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The effect of sections 74, 76, and 77 of the Act in relation to Conservation Areas should be briefly explained, and also to what extent the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 (as amended) applies in Conservation Areas, and whether any Article 4 Directions have been given in relation to the Sloane-Stanley Conservation Area.

Yours sincerely,

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