

Studio Indigo bags planning for Kensington townhouse project

Design firm has spent nearly a year achieving consent to restore and rework the Grade II listed property, which has lain untouched since the 1930s.

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Design firm Studio Indigo has secured consent for the major revamp of a garden square townhouse in Kensington, which has lain untouched since the 1930s.

The Chelsea-based firm, which specialises in top-end resi and superyachts, has spent the best part of a year in negotiations with RBKC over the project in the Scarsdale and Abingdon conservation area.

Dating back to the 1820s, the Grade II listed mid-terrace is described as being in “extremely poor condition”, with many of the services “unfit for contemporary living” and “detracting from the significance of the building”.

The plan is to “sensitively restore, repair and refurbish the original fabric of the dwelling”, whilst retaining the period fireplaces, doors and window architraves, cornices and skirting, and reinstating the original internal layout where it’s been lost over the years.

An “unsympathetic” 1920s extension will be modified to create more space on the ground floor and “soften the existing harsh visual appearance of the rear elevation”; the derelict, water-damaged basement will be returned to use.

Announcing the result, the firm added: “The planning approval is of significant importance to the Studio, with the planning application process taking just under a year, however, the team’s determination and well-thought-out application has resulted in a positive conclusion.”