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# BIRDCAGE WALK Conservation Area

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**Designation:** Designated in 1969, the boundaries remain unaltered to date.

**Historical Background:** Queen Anne's Gate was first developed as domestic residences in the early eighteenth century and further expanded in the middle and later periods of that century. Old Queen Street was built at about the same period as the later part of Queen Anne's Gate. The Wellington Barracks complex, dates from the 1830's with major twentieth century alterations and redevelopment. Adjoining the Barracks complex, the area between Buckingham Gate and Palace Street was constructed in the early nineteenth century.

**Listed Buildings:**

Birdcage Walk - Wellington Barracks including East and West Guardhouse, Main Centre Block, Royal Military Chapel, railings and lamp posts; Storey's Gate Lodge, grade II.

Buckingham Gate - Nos. 1, 2, 4-10 (consec.), 13-17 (consec.), 20 and 22, grade II and II\*.

Old Queen Street - Nos. 9, 11, 43, 20, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34 Cockpit Steps and 6 lampstandards numbers 1 to 5 (consec.) and 8, grade II.

Queen Anne's Gate - Nos. 1-25 (odd), 2, 6-34 (even), 40-46 (even), mostly grade I. Statue of Queen Anne, 12 lampstandards number 1 to 12 (consec), Queen Anne's Gate lamps on gate piers, grade II.

Stafford Place - 14-20 (consec), grade II.

**Key Features:** Queen Anne's Gate retains a large degree of its original composition and detailing giving a sense of architectural completeness. A greater degree of alteration and rebuilding has occurred to the properties in Old Queen Street which generally are of a larger scale. Taken together these streets have an interesting progression of straight rows which are set back from one another. Their elevations to St. James's Park have a strong rhythm of full height bays, which are mostly curved.

The Wellington Barracks complex consists of groups of classically detailed buildings with major later additions at the rear onto Buckingham Gate. The relationship of this group of buildings to the Park and Buckingham Palace is an important feature of the area. Adjoining the barracks complex, but quite distinct in character are small groups of properties in Catherine Place, Buckingham Place, Wilfred Street and Palace Street.

The area has a variety of land uses including offices, military and residential.

**Adjacent Conservation Areas:** Partially bounded by the Royal Parks to the north, the Broadway and Christchurch Gardens to the south and the Westminster Abbey and Parliament Square to the east.

**Strategic Views:** King Henry VIII's Mound, Richmond to St. Paul's Cathedral, crosses southwest to northeast, covering much of this Conservation Area.

**Areas of Special Archaeological Priority:** Lundenwic and Thorney Island.

**Article 4 Directions:** None

**Regulation 7 Direction Areas:** None.

**Planning Briefs and Design Guides:** Chelsea-Hackney Line Safeguarding Directions, over part of the area at the extreme western boundary.

**Spaces protected by the London Squares Act:** None

**Registered Historic Parks and Gardens:** None

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