



GENERAL INFORMATION LEAFLET

DOLPHIN SQUARE Conservation Area

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Designation: Designated in 1990 to include the Dolphin Square residential complex which lies between Chichester Street and Grosvenor Road and part of the Thames river frontage.

Historical Background: Dolphin Square was designed by the architect Gordon Jeeves and built between 1937-38. At the time it was built it was the largest block of flats in Europe. It was built on a 7.5 acre site and also provided recreation land on the river frontage side of Grosvenor Road.

Listed Buildings: None.

Key Features: It was planned as a “high class” modern residential complex in the 1930’s, complete with shops and other facilities. There are thirteen wings mostly ten storeys high but only seven storeys high on the street frontage, grouped around a large internal courtyard. The architectural style is neo-classical in brown brick with stone dressings. The building dominates this riverside setting, and provides residents at the front with fine views up and down the Thames. Views of the Thames can also be enjoyed from the riverside gardens, but access to the river is restricted by some riverside development.

The area is predominantly residential.

Adjacent Conservation Areas: Churchill Gardens Conservation Area to the west and Pimlico Conservation Area to the east.

Strategic Views: Not affected.

Areas of Special Archaeological Priority: Not affected.

Article 4 Directions: None.

Regulation 7 Direction Areas: None.

Planning Briefs and Design Guides: The City Council approved a Planning Brief in 1987 for the riverside sites at 128-137 Grosvenor Road. This sets out guidance for prospective development of these riverside sites to provide public facilities, open space, and a riverside path.

Spaces protected by the London Squares Act 1931: None

Registered Historic Parks and Gardens: None

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