



THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE UPPER WEST SIDE

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!
Certificate of Appropriateness Committee
Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission
1 West 67th Street
November 10, 2020**

LANDMARK WEST! is a not-for-profit community organization committed to the preservation of the architectural heritage of the Upper West Side.

The Certificate of Appropriateness Committee wishes to comment on 1 West 67th Street, within the Upper West Side/Central Park West Historic District. This landmark is a neo-Gothic style studio building with Tudor style elements designed by George M. Pollard and built in 1915-18. The Application is to modify the parapet, replace a skylight, and replace windows.

The Landmark West Certificate of Appropriateness Committee was surprised at the volume of changes proposed, but found the detailed presentation very helpful. Our committee found the replacement conservatory to be an improvement over the existing construction and also believes that although the westward extension of the skylights yields more change it also provides increased continuity and given the intent and history of the des Artistes, these north-facing skylights are appropriate.

When one thinks of this building, the double height nine-square windows come to mind and having three of these returned gives us hope for the additional return of other altered sets, even on this secondary façade.

The main concern of our committee lies with the parapet alterations. The issue is not with the reduced height, but the additional glass. Given all of the additional glazing already proposed in the other parts of this application, our Committee is concerned with the cumulative effect. When reviewed for the prior expired permit, the other skylight, wall, window and conservatory work was not in scope. Given that now it is, our Committee must review the entire assembly and thus requests that the applicant instead consider a metal railing, already native to the building and within the DNA of the famous monumental windows.

With such a modification, the Landmark West Certificate of Appropriateness Committee would suggest approval of this application.

Thank You.