**Manufacture and Installation of Single Gate on South Side of Fitzroy Square Garden by Metalcraft**

**(£6,855 ) plus Planning Application etc,**

**approx. £9.5k excl VAT**

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Metalcraft have dealt with a significant number of ironwork projects in London gardens for many years amongst them Cleveland Gardens, Pembridge Square, Talbot Square, Park Square Garden in Regents Park. They won an Environmental Award from the Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea for their railings in Redcliffe Square Gardens. Please feel free to look at their website [www.makingmetalwork.com](http://www.makingmetalwork.com);

**Process & Timetable**

* **Planning Application** (**approx. 12 weeks)** - despite the previous existence of four gates we are obliged to submit a Planning Application which Chartered Building Surveyors Brittain Hadley could prepare together with a location plan, site plan, existing drawings, design and access statement and manufacturing/fabrication drawings from Metalcraft.
* **Conservation Application -** I am happy to report that thisis unnecessary – it is only needed where there is significant demolition which in this case there is not.
* **Manufacture of Gate and Stone Work (6-8 weeks)** - Metalcraft will survey the site, prepare a fabrication drawing, manufacture the gate and pilasters and install; they will make good stone plinths as necessary but have not allowed for any paving. Metalgate know that this will be stage 2 as some re-planting on the East side at least has been planned, possibly up to the new gate.
* **Ground Work -** once the gate is installed, Metalcraft will make good and safe the area around the gate and accessible for pedestrian use, but a solid path or other materials will have to be integrated with the design of the garden after the new planting and is not included in the cost estimate. I suggest that in the interim we line and gravel a small path into the garden from the gate.
* **Security/Lock/Access** – Metalcraft will install a lock to match the existing North Side lock.

**Replacement Gate Lock**

* We may wish to take this opportunity to investigate the viability of an efficient up-to-date **Electronic locking system**, similar to Regents Park Crescent who use System 3060. Such a system, whilst not inexpensive, will enable us to control access to the garden by authorising or blocking keys. There are two respectable companies that were recommended to us, SimonsVoss Technologies who were contacted approx. two years ago by Rebecca Carrigan and PES Southern Ltd who were recommended by Metalcraft. The approx cost of such a system is in the region £4.5k.