

Marine Drive, Marine Gate, Brighton**Historic Building****No CA****Flats****LLHA0123****Description:**

1937-39 by Wimperis, Simpson & Guthrie. Designed in a U-shape to allow all flats to have a seaview. The design originally incorporated 120 flats, communal garage and a restaurant, although the latter has been converted to residential use. The building was designed with a steel frame, so that the internal walls were non-loadbearing, in order to allow for future change. Portholes to the bathroom windows provide a subtle nautical feel. Source: Atkinson et al, Antram & Morrice 2008
<http://www.marinegate.co.uk/>

A Architectural, Design and Artistic Interest

- ii A good example of the many large-scale flats built along the coast in the interwar years.
- iii Innovative use of steel frame construction
- iv Designed by architects Wimperis, Simpson & Guthrie, who also designed Grosvenor House Hotel and the Cambridge Theatre, both in London

C Townscape Interest

- ii Outside a conservation area, it contributes positively to the streetscene
- iii Given its scale and position on the outskirts of the city, the building forms a landmark when travelling along the coast road (A259).

F Intactness

- i The original design of the building (as evident from the original marketing material available on the Marine Gate website) is still evident.

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