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Dear Sir/Madam

## **DECISION**

Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) Act 1990

### **Listed Building Consent Granted**

Address:

**16 Bedford Square  
London  
Camden  
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Proposal:

Addition of new security system with three no. CCTV cameras: 1 to front elevation to Bedford Square and 2 within the interior of no. 16.

Drawing Nos: 15 & 16 BEDFORD SQUARE EXISTING - SITE LOCATION PLAN;  
Design & Access Statement; Heritage Statement; 15 & 16 BEDFORD SQUARE  
Existing & Proposed Elevations.

The Council has considered your application and decided to grant Listed Building Consent subject to the following condition(s):

Conditions And Reasons:

- 1 The works hereby permitted shall be begun not later than the end of three years from the date of this consent.

Reason: In order to comply with the provisions of Section 18 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.

- 2 The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the

following approved plans:

15 & 16 BEDFORD SQUARE EXISTING - SITE LOCATION PLAN; Design & Access Statement; Heritage Statement; 15 & 16 BEDFORD SQUARE Existing & Proposed Elevations.

Reason: In order to safeguard the special architectural and historic interest of the building in accordance with the requirements of policy D2 of the Camden Local Plan 2017.

- 3 All new work and work of making good shall be carried out to match the existing adjacent work as closely as possible in materials and detailed execution.

Reason: In order to safeguard the special architectural and historic interest of the building in accordance with the requirements of policy D2 of the Camden Local Plan 2017.

Informative(s):

- 1 Reasons for granting listed building consent:

16 Bedford Square is one of a symmetrical terrace of 16 houses forming the north-west side of Bedford Square. Built 1776-1781 as part of a speculative development of large townhouses, the property is Grade I listed.

Bedford Square with its surviving formal symmetry is a significant and complete example of eighteenth-century of London urban planning.

No.16 is currently home to the Paul Mellon Centre for Studies in British Art, an educational institute devoted to research into the history of British Art and has been since 1996.

The proposal is for the introduction of three CCTV cameras of modest size to provide necessary security to the property, its contents and improve the safety of the Centre's visitors and staff. The cameras are discretely located (1) on the front elevation adjacent to the main door, (2) at entrance to the ground floor reception area (middle room), and (3) in the basement reading room. The colour of the casing is to be black, white and white respectively to visually blend with the background. The installations are removable.

The proposed works are considered to not to harm the architectural significance of the listed building and are supported.

The application has been advertised in the press and by means of a site notice. Historic England issued a letter of authorisation for the case, which was stamped by the NPCU.

The site's planning history has been taken into account when making this decision.

Special regard has been attached to the desirability of preserving the listed building and its features of special architectural or historic interest, under s.16 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 as amended by the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act (ERR) 2013.

As such, the proposal is in general accordance with policies D1 and D2 of the Camden Local Plan 2017. The proposed development also accords with the London Plan 2021 and the National Planning Policy Framework.

- 2 You are advised that any works of alterations or upgrading not included on the approved drawings which are required to satisfy Building Regulations or Fire Certification may require a further application for listed building consent.

In dealing with the application, the Council has sought to work with the applicant in a positive and proactive way in accordance with paragraph 38 of the National Planning Policy Framework 2021.

You can find advice about your rights of appeal at:

<http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/planning/appeals/guidance/guidancecontent>

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DPope', written in a cursive style.

Daniel Pope  
Chief Planning Officer