

06 June 2023

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Sent via Planning Portal

Dear Colette

Discharge of Condition 4 attached to Listed Building Consent ref. 2022/1811/L (1 Southampton Place, 18-23 Southampton Place, and 46-47 Bloomsbury Square, WC1A)

Please find enclosed an application for the discharge of Condition 4 pursuant to Listed Building Consent (LBC) ref. 2022/1811/L.

In addition to this covering letter, the submission comprises the following documents:

- Application form signed and dated
- Site Location Plan
- Sample Location Plans / Elevations
- Sample Issue Sheet, prepared by PAYE
- Mortar Samples
- Correspondence with PAYE, following site visit with London Borough of Camden

Background

On 2 March 2023, LBC was granted across 1 Southampton Place, 18-23 Southampton Place, and 46-47 Bloomsbury Square for external repair, cleaning, and maintenance.

This application seeks to discharge Condition 4, which requires a sample patch of cleaned masonry to be submitted and approved by the Council.

Condition 4 - Sample Cleaning

This condition is set out below, with details to allow its discharge and reference to the enclosed documents.

“4) The masonry will be cleaned using water only. A sample patch of cleaned masonry shall be submitted to and approved by the LPA prior to this part of the works going ahead.

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.”

A Sample Issue Sheet has been prepared by PAYE who conducted a sample patch clean on various masonry across each of the buildings.

A site visit was then held with you on 5 May 2023 to review the sample patches. In sum, it was agreed that the cleaning was appropriate; however, that two items be addressed:

- 1) That the overall level of cleaning to yellow stock brickwork be reduced; and
- 2) A lighter colour mortar be achieved for the proposed pointing.

Discussions have since taken place with PAYE, who have confirmed that both points are achievable - see attached correspondence with PAYE.

The pressure and temperature of the cleaning will be reduced to limit the amount of pollution lifted from the yellow stock. Meanwhile, a lighted colour mortar can also be achieved, as demonstrated within the sample mortar biscuit provided by PAYE (see enclosed “Mortar Sample” image).

Conclusions

We look forward to receiving confirmation in writing that the application has been validated and the details are found acceptable to discharge Condition 4 of LBC ref. 2022/1811/L. Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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Principal Planner