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Dear Sir/Madam

## **DECISION**

Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) Act 1990

### **Listed Building Consent Granted**

Address:

**Flat 11**  
**Whitehall**  
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**London**  
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Proposal:

Removal of internal wall between the kitchen and living room, and other minor internal alterations, and replacement of existing single glazed sashes with new double glazed units.

Drawing Nos: Site Location Plan; BSQ A13; BSQ A15; BSQ A16; BSQ A20; BSQ A21; BSQ A22; Planning Statement (incorporating Historic Impact Assessment) dated March 2023.

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: Site Location Plan; BSQ A13; BSQ A15; BSQ A16; BSQ A20; BSQ A21; BSQ A22; Planning Statement (incorporating Historic Impact Assessment) dated March 2023.

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 permission listed building consent.

The site is a group of grade II listed former townhouses of 1665, then a hotel, now a block of flats, refaced in 1862 and making a positive contribution to the Conservation Area.

The proposal seeks to replace windows on the 3rd floor (just below the balustrade) with new slimline double glazed units. The proposal also includes modest internal alterations to partitions.

Slimline double glazing is not generally considered acceptable in listed buildings, owing to the loss of historic fabric, its non-traditional nature and its evident visual characteristics from both within and outside the building. However, in this case, several precedents within the building have recently been allowed for Flats 1 (basement flat), 16 (3rd floor attic flat) and 19 (3rd floor attic flat) (2018/5193/L, 2018/3593/L and 2018/1298/L), so it is not considered expedient to resist this aspect of the application.

Furthermore, owing to the changes the building has suffered over time, the proposed internal works are not considered harmful.

The site's planning history have been taken into account when making this decision. No objections have been received prior to 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 2013.

As such, the proposal is in general accordance with policy D2 of the Camden Local Plan 2017. The proposed development also accords with the London

Plan 2021 and the National Planning Policy Framework 2021.

- 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', is written over a light grey rectangular background.

Daniel Pope  
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