

Application ref: 2023/2615/P
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Sir John Soane's Museum
13 Lincoln's Inn Fields
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Dear Sir/Madam

DECISION

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

Variation or Removal of Condition(s) Granted

Address:
Sir John Soanes Museum
13 Lincoln's Inn Fields
London
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WC2A 3BP

Proposal:

Variation of condition 2 (Approved Plans) to replace stone plinth poles to temporary ground anchors as granted under app.2022/2772/P dated 29/11/2022 for Installation of a light installation by contemporary artist Nayan Kulkarni which will illuminate the facade of Sir John Soane's Museum from October 2023 to January 2024, including erection of two 4m high poles with colour-changing LED high precision waterproof theatrical profile lights in Lincoln's Inn Fields, opposite the Museum.

Drawing Nos: SJS-01-B-REV2, SJS-02-B-R1, SJS-03-A, SJS-04-A, Ground Anchor Installation Method Statement J5261-S-TN-0001, Site Specific Arboricultural Method Statement WAS211-AMS/2023, Heritage Statement, Lighting Impact Assessment, Artwork Management Plan.

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

Condition(s) and Reason(s):

- 1 The light installation hereby permitted is for a temporary period only and shall only be permitted in association with the 'Georgian Illuminations' exhibition

while hosted at the John Soane Museum and shall not be for a duration of any greater than 3 calendar months in total.

Reason: The type of installation is not such as the local planning authority is prepared to approve, other than for a limited period, in view of its appearance. The permanent retention of the structure would be contrary to the requirements of policy D1 and D2 of the London Borough of Camden Local Plan 2017.

- 2 For the purposes of this decision, condition no.2 of planning permission 2022/2772/P shall be replaced with the following condition:

REPLACEMENT CONDITION 2

The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans- SJS-01-B-REV2, SJS-02-B-R1, SJS-03-A, SJS-04-A, Ground Anchor Installation Method Statement J5261-S-TN-0001, Site Specific Arboricultural Method Statement WAS211-AMS/2023, Heritage Statement, Lighting Impact Assessment, Artwork Management Plan.

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and in the interest of proper planning.

- 3 Prior to the commencement of the use of the lighting, automatic time clocks shall be fitted to the lighting hereby approved to ensure that the lights do not operate outside 5pm to 11pm Monday to Sunday.

Reason: To safeguard the amenities of the adjoining premises and the character of the area generally in accordance with the requirements of policies D1, D2, DM1, A1 and T3 of the London Borough of Camden Local Plan 2017.

- 4 The intensity of the illumination of the external lighting shall not exceed 25 candelas per square metre during the day and 25 candelas per square metre during the hours of darkness in line with the maximum permitted recommended luminance as set out by 'The Institute of Lighting Professionals' 'Professional Lighting Guide 05: The Brightness of Illuminated Advertisements' 2015.

Reason: To ensure that the lighting does not harm the character and appearance of the streetscene and does not create a distraction to pedestrian or vehicular traffic and therefore cause a hazard to highway safety. In accordance with the requirements of policies A1, D1, D2, DM1 and T3 of the Camden Local Plan 2017 and Transport for London Guidance for Digital Roadside Advertising 2013.

Informative(s):

- 1 Reasons for granting permission:
Full planning permission was granted for 'Insertion of a light installation by contemporary artist Nayan Kulkarni which will illuminate the facade of Sir John Soane's Museum from October 2023 to January 2024, this will involve the erection of colour-changing LED high precision waterproof theatrical profile lights installed three to four metres above ground level on two lighting poles in Lincoln's Inn Fields, opposite the Museum', on 29/11/2022 under reference

2022/2772/P. This minor material application proposes to replace the proposed stone plinth poles to temporary ground anchors.

There will be no direct physical impact on the historic fabric of the grade I listed building, as no equipment will be attached to the building or to any structure within its curtilage. Instead two LED lighting poles will be erected within the grounds of Lincoln's Inn Fields across the road from the site. The poles will be 4 metres high and constructed from a robust black-painted steel and sunk into the ground through temporary anchors (to a depth of 540mm) to support the base of the structure. Once installed these will be set between 6.8 - 10m away from the nearest tree and would disappear into the tree foliage and have a minimal visual impact upon the street scene. The materials required for the works would be minimal, lightweight and the construction would be carried out with hand tools. There will be no alteration to soil levels, ground levels or root protection areas of any close trees.

Both the conservation officer and tree officers have no objections to the change from stone plinth poles to temporary ground anchors. At the end of the installation, the plywood towers are to be removed from the anchors, the ground anchors would be unscrewed from the ground and the grass around the anchors would be made good to match the existing.

No objections were received following statutory consultation. The planning history of the site and surrounding area were taken into account when coming to this decision.

The full impact of the scheme has already been assessed by virtue of the previous approval ref. 2022/2772/P dated 29/11/2022. The amended design, scale, form and siting of the proposed works are considered acceptable. Special regard has been attached to the desirability of preserving the listed building, its setting and its features of special architectural or historic interest, and the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character or appearance of the conservation area, under s.66 and s.72 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 as amended by the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013.

The proposed development is in general accordance with Policies A1, D1, D2 and DM1 of the Camden Local Plan 2017. The proposed development also accords with the policies of the London Plan 2021 and the National Planning Policy Framework 2021.

- 2 This approval does not authorise the use of the public highway. Any requirement to use the public highway, such as for hoardings, temporary road closures and suspension of parking bays, will be subject to approval of relevant licence from the Council's Streetworks Authorisations & Compliance Team, 5 Pancras Square c/o Town Hall, Judd Street London WC1H 9JE (Tel. No 020 7974 4444). Licences and authorisations need to be sought in advance of proposed works. Where development is subject to a Construction Management Plan (through a requirement in a S106 agreement), no licence or authorisation will be granted until the Construction Management Plan is approved by the Council.
- 3 All works should be conducted in accordance with the Camden Minimum Requirements - a copy is available on the Council's website (search for

'Camden Minimum Requirements' at www.camden.gov.uk) or contact the Council's Noise and Licensing Enforcement Team, 5 Pancras Square c/o Town Hall, Judd Street London WC1H 9JE (Tel. No. 020 7974 4444)

Noise from demolition and construction works is subject to control under the Control of Pollution Act 1974. You must carry out any building works that can be heard at the boundary of the site only between 08.00 and 18.00 hours Monday to Friday and 08.00 to 13.00 on Saturday and not at all on Sundays and Public Holidays. You must secure the approval of the Council's Noise and Licensing Enforcement Team prior to undertaking such activities outside these hours.

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:

<https://www.gov.uk/appeal-planning-decision>.

If you submit an appeal against this decision you are now eligible to use the new [submission form](#) (Before you start - Appeal a planning decision - GOV.UK).

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DPope', is written over a light grey rectangular background.

Daniel Pope
Chief Planning Officer