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Title: Ceiling Methodology for 64 Tottenham Court Road (LPA Ref: 2023/3481/L and 2023/3499/A)

This note relates to the strip out works and proposed ceiling plan associated the listed building consent application submitted to the London Borough of Camden for the ground floor premise at 64 Tottenham Court Road (LPA ref 2023/3481/L and 2023/3499/A).

The aim of this methodology is to establish principles to be evoked in relation to the removal of the suspended ceiling and resultant works.

Principles:

1. Carry out strip out of the suspended ceiling to remove fixtures and fittings as well as deleterious materials. Materials that are to be removed by the strip can include modern framing, redundant plant and service equipment as well as modern plasterboard.
2. Hand demolish and separate any modern structures or fabric which adjoin the 'original' structure to avoid damage to the historic structure and details.
3. Should any fabric of architectural or historic interest be found which was unexpected, advice is sought from a Heritage Professional prior to proceeding. Details of interest will be retained in situ and repaired where required.
4. Where no historic features remain above the suspended ceiling, ie cornicing, the new wall to conceal kitchen services will be taken up to the ceiling. Should fabric of interest be found, the new wall will be returned (or capped off) short of the ceiling to allow the fabric to be revealed.
5. Resultant debris will be cleared up and removed from the site safely and with respect to the retained elements of heritage and architectural interest.
6. Retained fabric of historic or architectural interest will be protected against harm during the course of demolition and beyond.