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Dear Sir/Madam

DECISION

Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) Act 1990

Listed Building Consent Granted

Address:
Corner of Murray Street and St Augustine's Road
Camden
London

Proposal:

Temporary removal of telephone box to an off-site location pending re-construction of railway bridge beneath. Upon completion of bridge works reinstate the telephone box in-situ.

Drawing Nos: 165223-BNU-DRG-ECV-002100, rev P01; 165223-BNU-DRG-ECV-002200, rev P03; Design and Access Statement prepared by Network Rail, dated 15/08/2023; Telephone box dimensions document, prepared by Giles Gilbert Scott

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: 165223-BNU-DRG-ECV-002100, rev P01; 165223-BNU-DRG-ECV-002200, rev P03; Design and Access Statement prepared by Network Rail, dated 15/08/2023; Telephone box dimensions document, prepared by Giles Gilbert Scott

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.

- 4 The telephone kiosk shall be reinstated in its existing condition within 1 year of the telephone kiosk being removed.

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 The proposal involves the temporary removal of a telephone box on Murray Street, as part of the proposed remediation works to the existing Network Rail overbridge at the junction of Agar Grove, Murray Street and St Augustine's Road.

The telephone kiosk is of both architectural and historic interest. The K2 telephone box, by the celebrated architect Sir Giles Gilbert Scott, is an iconic design and found throughout the country. Its historic interest is derived from it being an example of a structure associated with early telecommunications in the UK.

Although removal of the telephone box technically amounts to demolition, the demonstrable harm through its removal is only of a temporary nature for the duration of the construction works associated with the bridge. This is expected to be a period of no more than two years maximum, and a condition of consent would secure the reinstatement of the telephone box within one year of it being removed. As there will be considerable construction activity surrounding the whole of the bridge, the temporary disappearance of the telephone box is not considered to be detrimental to the long-term appearance of the conservation area.

The public benefits of the temporary removal of the telephone box, thereby facilitating implementation of the bridge remediation works, would outweigh the

less than substantial harm to the heritage asset.

Council's Conservation Officer has raised no concerns with the proposal.

No objections have been received. 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 2016 and the National Planning Policy Framework.

2 Historic England have no objection to the proposal.

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
Chief Planning Officer