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Dear Sir/Madam

DECISION

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

Full Planning Permission Granted

Address:

Somerset Court
Aldenham Street
London
NW1 1AS

Proposal:

Removal of existing facade cladding and replacement with new facade materials and remedial works

Drawing Nos: 6235-P101, 6235-P105, 6235-P100, 6235-P104, 6235-P90

Design and Access Statement (13/06/2024), Sustainable Design and Construction Statement (R00221) (06/09/2024), Fire Statement (FS 001.0), Cover Letter (06/09/2024)

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

Condition(s) and Reason(s):

- 1 The development hereby permitted must be begun not later than the end of three years from the date of this permission.

Reason: In order to comply with the provisions of Section 91 of the Town and

Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).

- 2 The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans

6235-P101, 6235-P105, 6235-P100, 6235-P104, 6235-P90

Design and Access Statement (13/06/2024), Sustainable Design and Construction Statement (R00221) (06/09/2024), Fire Statement (FS 001.0), Cover Letter (06/09/2024)

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

- 3 All new external work shall be carried out in materials that resemble, as closely as possible, in colour and texture those of the existing building, unless otherwise specified in the approved application.

Reason: To safeguard the appearance of the premises and the character of the immediate area in accordance with the requirements of policy D1 of the London Borough of Camden Local Plan 2017.

Informative(s):

- 1 Reasons for granting permission:

The property provides accommodation for 168 students, offering both ensuite rooms in shared flats and studios. The Main entrance to the building is accessed at ground floor level directly on the corner of both Aldenham and Werrington Street. The building is formed of an 'L' shape. The building rises to 5 storeys in height, with the top floor being just over 16m from street level. The building is clad in a diverse range of materials consisting of Face Brick, Insulated Render, Soft wood timber boarding, Aluminium cladding panels and glazed and aluminium spandrel panels.

It is proposed that areas of combustible material on the building is to be replaced with material that have non-combustible properties, these include the existing insulated render system and softwood timber boarding that is currently in place on the building. Overall the new materials will match closely to the existing material palette that exists on site. The timber cladding is the largest change but the new 'hardieplank' cladding is a similar colour and finish to the existing cladding and is therefore acceptable. The scheme also provides energy efficiency improvements as well as the use high fire rated materials which is welcomed by the Council.

In consultation with the Council's Environmental Health officer, the materials are deemed acceptable in terms of their fire rating.

Given the minor scope and scale of the proposed works to the front, it is not considered that they would create any harmful impacts to neighbouring

residential amenity with regards to loss of daylight/sunlight, outlook, or privacy.

Based on the information available this permission will not require the approval of a Biodiversity Gain Plan before development is begun because it is below the de minimis threshold, meaning it does not impact an onsite priority habitat and impacts less than 25sqm of onsite habitat with biodiversity value greater than zero and less than 5 metres in length of linear habitat

The planning history of the site was taken into account when coming to this decision. No objections were received.

As such, the proposal is in general accordance with policies A1, CC1 and D1 of the Camden Local Plan 2017. The proposed development also accords with the policies of the London Plan 2021 and National Planning Policy Framework 2023.

- 2 Your proposals may be subject to control under the Building Regulations and/or the London Buildings Acts that cover aspects including fire and emergency escape, access and facilities for people with disabilities and sound insulation between dwellings. You are advised to consult the Council's Building Control Service, Camden Town Hall, Judd St, Kings Cross, London NW1 2QS (tel: 020-7974 6941).
- 3 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.
- 4 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.

- 5 Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) Informative (1/2):

The effect of paragraph 13 of Schedule 7A to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 ("1990 Act") is that planning permission granted in England is subject

to the condition (“the biodiversity gain condition”) that development may not begin unless:

- (a) a Biodiversity Gain Plan has been submitted to the planning authority, and
- (b) the planning authority has approved the plan.

The local planning authority (LPA) that would approve any Biodiversity Gain Plan (BGP) (if required) is London Borough of Camden.

There are statutory exemptions and transitional arrangements which mean that the biodiversity gain condition does not always apply. These are summarised below.

Based on the information available, this will not require the approval of a BGP before development is begun because

++ Summary of statutory exemptions for biodiversity gain condition:

1. The planning application was made before 12 February 2024.
2. The planning permission is retrospective.
3. The planning permission was granted under section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and the original (parent) planning permission was made or granted before 12 February 2024.
4. The permission is exempt because:
 - It is below the de minimis threshold (because it does not impact an onsite priority habitat AND impacts less than 25 square metres of onsite habitat with biodiversity value greater than zero and less than 5 metres in length of onsite linear habitat).

6 Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) Informative (2/2):

+ Irreplaceable habitat:

If the onsite habitat includes Irreplaceable Habitat (within the meaning of the Biodiversity Gain Requirements (Irreplaceable Habitat) Regulations 2024) there are additional requirements. In addition to information about minimising adverse impacts on the habitat, the BGP must include information on compensation for any impact on the biodiversity of the irreplaceable habitat. The LPA can only approve a BGP if satisfied that the impact on the irreplaceable habitat is minimised and appropriate arrangements have been made for compensating for any impact which do not include the use of

biodiversity credits.

++ The effect of section 73(2D) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990

If planning permission is granted under section 73, and a BGP was approved in relation to the previous planning permission (“the earlier BGP”), the earlier BGP may be regarded as approved for the purpose of discharging the biodiversity gain condition on this permission. It will be regarded as approved if the conditions attached (and so the permission granted) do not affect the post-development value of the onsite habitat, or any arrangements made to compensate irreplaceable habitat, as specified in the earlier BGP.

++ Phased development

In the case of phased development, the BGP will be required to be submitted to and approved by the LPA before development can begin (the overall plan), and before each phase of development can begin (phase plans). The modifications in respect of the biodiversity gain condition in phased development are set out in Part 2 of the Biodiversity Gain (Town and Country Planning) (Modifications and Amendments) (England) Regulations 2024.

In dealing with the application, the Council has sought to work with the applicant in a positive and proactive way in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework. The Council publishes its adopted policies online, along with detailed Camden Planning Guidance. It also provides advice on the website for submitting applications and offers a pre-application advice service.

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



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Chief Planning Officer