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**FAO Elaine Quigley**

**PLANNING PORTAL REF: 13500414**

Dear Elaine,

**THE BRITISH MUSEUM, GREAT RUSSELL STREET, LONDON, WC1E 7JW  
THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (AS AMENDED) AND THE TOWN PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS  
AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990 DISCHARGE OF PART I) AND II) CONDITION 4 PURSUANT TO LISTED  
BUILDING CONSENT 2023/4903/L DATED 16 OCTOBER 2024**

#### **PLANNING AND HERITAGE STATEMENT**

On behalf of our client, the Trustees of the British Museum (“the Museum” / “the Applicant”), please find enclosed an application for the partial discharge of part (i) and (ii) Condition 4 attached to Listed Building Consent (2023/4903/L) at The British Museum, Great Russell Street, London, WC1B 3DG (“the Site”), approved on 16 October 2024 for the following works:

*‘Erection of new energy centre incorporating maintenance support accommodation to internal West Road, new substation off Montague Street, all together with associated internal and external works, service runs, erection of plant, landscaping, and temporary works associated with construction following demolition of existing Energy Centre to internal West Road and removal of temporary buildings to the south of the existing energy centre on the internal West Road and to the north and east of the White Wing facing Montague Street’*

#### **CONDITION 4**

Condition 4 which is a pre-commencement condition requires:

*“4. Prior to the relevant part of the works, detailed method statements covering dismantling, storage and reinstatement of all architectural components affected by the works shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority:*

- (i) The removal of gates, gate posts and sections of railing forming the westernmost section of the British Museum’s main frontage onto Great Russell Street;*
- (ii) The removal of sections of railings forming the southeast section of the British Museum’s frontage onto Montague Street; and*
- (iii) The removal of the lampposts in the southeast section of the British Museum’s frontage onto Montague Street;*
- (iv) The removal of a section of flagstone paving within the northwest area of the British Museum’s main forecourt.*

*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.”*

This part-discharge refers to **part (i) and (ii) only**, specifically :

- i) *The removal of gates, gate posts and sections of railing forming the westernmost section of the British Museum's main frontage onto Great Russell Street and;*
- ii) *The removal of sections of railings forming the southeast section of the British Museum's frontage onto Montague Street.*

The area in question forms part of the separately designated structure known as the Main Entrance Gateway, Railings and Attached Lodges to the British Museum (Grade II\*). .

Specialists in historic architectural metalwork restoration, Acorn Restorations Limited, have prepared a method statement which is submitted for approval. The method statement covers the approach to both the south west gates and railings and also the approach to the removal of cast iron railings adjacent to Montague Street.

The following information has been submitted in order to part discharge Condition 4:

- o Method Statement by Acorn Restorations Limited and supporting enclosures, containing a step-by-step approach for the:
  - 1) Dismantling of the areas to be affected;
  - 2) Their storage and;
  - 3) Their reinstatement
- o Plans and elevations which include the following:
  - Enabling Works- South West Gate Plans Drawing No. *SW001-WWA-1000-X\_01-DDG-A-1920*
  - Enabling Works - South West Gate Proposed Temporary Construction Access Drawing No. *SW001-WWA-1000-X\_01-DDG-A-1921*
  - Enabling Works - South West Gate Elevations Drawing No. *SW001-WWA-1000-X\_01-DDG-A-1922*
  - Enabling Works – South East Gate and Portacabins Plans Drawing No. *SW001-WWA-1145-X\_01-DDG-A-1950*
  - Enabling Works - South East Gate Elevations Drawing No. *SW001-WWA-1145-X-DDG-A-1951*
  - Enabling Works - South East Portacabins East Elevations Drawing No. *SW001-WWA-1000-X-DDG-A-1952*

## **ASSESSMENT**

The method statement specifies an approach which is conservation-led to protect the heritage assets during construction and remove the risk of accidental damage or harm being caused. The dismantled components will be stored within the Museum's specialist facility, the British Museum Archaeological Research Collection (BM ARC), where they will be subject to appropriate environmental conditioning for the duration of the storage period.

For these reasons we consider that the requirements of Condition 4 part (i) and (ii) are complied with.

## **CONCLUSION**

In summary, the proposals are considered to accord with the relevant sections of the Development Plan and meet with national guidance and with the statutory provisions of the town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) and the Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**



The application has been submitted via the Planning Portal under reference **PP-13500414**.

We would be grateful if LB Camden could confirm that our Application is completed and will be validated shortly. In the meantime, should any further clarification, information or assistance be required, please contact Honor Munro Hall (Tel. 07823 800 731/ [honor.munro-hall@montagu-evans.co.uk](mailto:honor.munro-hall@montagu-evans.co.uk)) Graham Allison (Tel. 07818 012 421 / [graham.allison@montagu-evans.co.uk](mailto:graham.allison@montagu-evans.co.uk)) or Rosie Adamson (Tel. 07990 273 260 / [rosie.adamson@montagu-evans.co.uk](mailto:rosie.adamson@montagu-evans.co.uk)) of this office in the first instance.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Montagu Evans".

**Montagu Evans LLP**