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Dear Sir/Madam

DECISION

Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) Act 1990

Listed Building Consent Granted

Address:

Great Hall and Library Complex
Strong Rooms
Lincoln's Inn
London
WC2A 3UP

Proposal:

External works to involve replacement of two rooftop chiller units, replacement of chilled water pipework and installation of room conditioning plant

Drawing Nos: HSLISR-IWD-XX-XX-DR-A-2400 Rev P01, HSLISR-IWD-XX-XX-DR-A-410 Rev P01, HSLISR-IWD-XX-BM-DR-M-4600 Rev P02, HSLISR-IWD-XX-RF-DR-M-4100 Rev P01, HSLISR-IWD-XX-00-DR-M-4601 Rev P02, HSLISR-IWD-XX-01-DR-M-4602 Rev P02, HSLISR-IWD-XX-02-DR-M-4603 Rev P02, HSLISR-IWD-XX-RF-DR-M-4604 Rev P02, Design & Access Statement, Noise Survey and Plant Noise Egress Limits.

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: HSLISR-IWD-XX-XX-DR-A-2400 Rev P01, HSLISR-IWD-XX-XX-DR-A-410 Rev P01, HSLISR-IWD-XX-BM-DR-M-4600 Rev P02, HSLISR-IWD-XX-RF-DR-M-4100 Rev P01, HSLISR-IWD-XX-00-DR-M-4601 Rev P02, HSLISR-IWD-XX-01-DR-M-4602 Rev P02, HSLISR-IWD-XX-02-DR-M-4603 Rev P02, HSLISR-IWD-XX-RF-DR-M-4604 Rev P02, Design & Access Statement, Noise Survey and Plant Noise Egress Limits.

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.

Informative(s):

- 1 The applicant has a previously consented system that controls the climate within two strongrooms containing valuable books. This system has now failed and the applicant wishes to replace it. The replacement system comprises of two large emitters, one in each strongroom. Coolant pipes from these descend through the floor into a basement where they join a considerable number of other services carried in trays at ceiling level. The pipes travel to the front of the building, where they rise through reception, concealed behind panelling, up through a riser in the ladies' lavatories, then up into a former tank room and then up through the ceiling to the roof. At roof level, they cross a flat lead surface and terminate at a pair of condensers/chiller units and plant equipment which are also to be replaced and renewed.

The applicant wants to replace the system like-for-like using the same positions, number and extent of devices and servicing routes and chiller units. As such, there would be limited visual impact. There would be limited views from street level, where the new chillers would be read amongst existing roof level plant. The proposals are therefore not considered to unduly impact the character and appearance of the Bloomsbury Conservation Area and there is no impact on the significance of the listed building and so the alterations are acceptable.

The planning history of the site has been taken into account when coming to this decision. No objections were received following statutory consultation on the proposals.

Special regard has been attached to the desirability of preserving the listed

building, its setting and its features of special architectural or historic interest, under s.66 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 as amended by the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013.

As such, the proposal is in general accordance with policy D2 of the Camden Local Plan 2017, the London Plan 2021, and the National Planning Policy Framework 2023.

- 2 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 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:

<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.

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