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Dear Sir/Madam

DECISION

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

Full Planning Permission Granted

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Proposal: Removal of small section of pavement light slab below grating on the Tonbridge Walk elevation.

Drawing Nos: 242931-PUR-01-SL-DR-A-0100 rev C01, 242931-PUR-01-SL-DR-A-0101 rev C01, 242931-PUR-01-B1-DR-A-2000 rev P01, 242931-PUR-01-ZZ-DR-A-2014 rev P01, 242931-PUR-01-B1-DR-A-6050 rev C01, Basement Ventilation Cover letter dated 04/12/2024 by Purcell, Heritage Statement by Heritage Potential dated 11 December 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: 242931-PUR-01-SL-DR-A-0100 rev C01, 242931-PUR-01-SL-DR-A-0101 rev C01, 242931-PUR-01-B1-DR-A-2000 rev P01, 242931-PUR-01-ZZ-DR-A-2014 rev P01, 242931-PUR-01-B1-DR-A-6050 rev C01, Basement Ventilation Cover letter dated 04/12/2024 by Purcell, Heritage Statement by Heritage Potential dated 11 December 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 and D2 of the London Borough of Camden Local Plan 2017.

Informative(s):

- 1 Reasons for granting permission.

Works sought for minor amendments below street level and at basement level to the north-east side of Grade-II Listed Camden Town Hall. The building has a rectangular form and is set over three main storeys with a basement. The proposal is to remove a pavement light within the boundary of the building on Tonbridge Walk, on the north-east side. The pavement light historically provided natural light the WCs at basement level, however the WCs have since been removed and the area at basement level currently houses a bin store. The removal of the pavement light, which is lower than ground floor level and is covered by metal grating at ground floor level, creates an area where plant outlets can be ventilated. This particular application is for the exhaust from the kitchen supply fan to separate clean intake air and used return air.

As the pavement light is not visible, being currently covered by the metal grate, and is of limited historic value, its removal is not contentious especially as its removal allows the building's plant to be sensitively ventilated.

In terms of neighbouring amenity, the nature of the proposal means there will not be any harm in terms of loss of lighting, outlook or privacy. The lighting proposed is not considered to be excessive or overly bright and therefore is not expected to present any material harm to neighbouring buildings in terms of light pollution or disturbance.

No objections have been raised. The application site's planning history was taken into account when coming to this decision.

In the exercise, with respect to any buildings or other land in a conservation area, of any functions under or by virtue of any of the provisions mentioned in subsection (2) [i.e. the planning acts et al], special attention shall be paid to the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character or appearance of that

area.

In considering whether to grant planning permission or permission in principle for development which affects a listed building or its setting, the local planning authority or, as the case may be, the Secretary of State shall have special regard to the desirability of preserving the building or its setting or any features of special architectural or historic interest which it possesses..

The proposal is in general accordance with Policies A1, D1 and D2 of the Camden Local Plan 2017. The proposal also accords with the London Plan 2021; and the provisions of the National Planning Policy Framework 2024.

- 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 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.
- 4 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.
- 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, but you should check the legislation yourself and ensure you meet the statutory requirements.

Based on the information provided, this will not require the approval of a BGP before development is begun 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).

++ Summary of transitional arrangements and exemptions for biodiversity gain condition

The following are provided for information and may not apply to this permission:

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 of one or more of the reasons below:
 - It is not “major development” and the application was made or granted before 2 April 2024, or planning permission is granted under section 73 and the original (parent) permission was made or granted before 2 April 2024.
 - The application is a Householder Application.
 - It is for development of a “Biodiversity Gain Site”.
 - It is Self and Custom Build Development (for no more than 9 dwellings on a site no larger than 0.5 hectares and consists exclusively of dwellings which are Self-Build or Custom Housebuilding).
 - It forms part of, or is ancillary to, the high-speed railway transport network (High Speed 2

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 both the post-development value of the onsite habitat and 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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