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Dear Sir/Madam

## **DECISION**

Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) Act 1990

### **Listed Building Consent Granted**

Address:

**German Historical Institute**  
**17 Bloomsbury Square**  
**London**  
**WC1A 2NJ**

Proposal:

Internal refurbishment and alterations, including reinstatement of historic layout and planform. Proposed works include: (i) Ground Floor: new low level fixed Joinery to the reception room, reinstatement of double doors separating the twin elliptical staircases, replacement of later doors at ground floor circulation spaces and reception room (ii) First Floor: Structural support for new joinery to housing AV and (iii) Second Floor: Removal of non-original partition wall between to enlarge staff kitchenette

Drawing Nos: Location plan, site plan, site location plan, 311338-HAH-XX-00-DR-S-13111 T01, SCH-198-50-1001-01, heritage statement, design & access statement, 311338-HAH-XX-01-D-S-11111 T02, Exist: SCH-198-10-0000 D, 1000 D, 2000 D, 1001D, 0002D, 0003D, 0015D,

Demo: SCH-198-05-0000 F, 1000E, 2000A, 0001F, 0002F, 0003G, 0015,

Propo: SCH-198-20-0000 G, 1000G, 2000D, 0001G, 0002H, 0003G, 0015

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:

Location plan, site plan, site location plan, 311338-HAH-XX-00-DR-S-13111 T01, SCH-198-50-1001-01, heritage statement, design & access statement, 311338-HAH-XX-01-D-S-11111 T02, Exist: SCH-198-10-0000 D, 1000 D, 2000 D, 1001D, 0002D, 0003D, 0015D, Demo: SCH-198-05-0000 F, 1000E, 2000A, 0001F, 0002F, 0003G, 0015, Propo: SCH-198-20-0000 G, 1000G, 2000D, 0001G, 0002H, 0003G, 0015

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 site is a pair of grade II listed late-17th-century terraced houses remodelled by Nash in 1777, now in use as a non-residential cultural institution and making a positive contribution to the Bloomsbury Conservation Area.

The works to the ground floor consist of low-level fixed joinery to the reception room, reinstatement of double doors separating the twin elliptical staircases, which reinforces plan form, renewal of modern doors at ground floor circulation spaces and reception room and removal of non-historic doorsets harmful to plan form. On the first floor, structural support is proposed for new joinery to housing for a previously consented audio-visual unit (2023/1044/L); and on the second Floor, a non-original partition wall will be removed within a kitchenette, to the benefit of plan form. The works are either neutral, in the case of the fitted furniture, or positive, in the case of the reinstatement of plan form. There is no impact on the Bloomsbury Conservation Area.

Any works other than those specifically shown in the consented drawings are unauthorised. If further works are found to be needed, the permission of the council's conservation team must be obtained in writing, and further listed building consent may be required.

The proposed works will not harm the special interest of the listed building.

The application has been advertised in the press and by means of a site notice, whereby there were no consultation responses. The site's planning history has been taken into account in making this decision.

Particular attention has been paid to the desirability of preserving the special interest of the listed building, under s.16 of the 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 policy D2 of the Camden Local Plan 2017. The proposed development also accords with the London Plan 2021.

- 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



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