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Dear Sir/Madam

DECISION

Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) Act 1990

Listed Building Consent Granted

Address:

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Proposal:

Installing new suspended ceilings and ceiling linings to the ground and first floor of Camden Town Hall within the demise of the Camden Centre.

Drawing Nos: 6410_Camden Centre_Heritage Statement, Camden Centre Ceilings
DAS, 242931-PUR-01-01-DR-A-2002 - Existing First Floor, 242931-PUR-01-GF-DR-A-2001 - Existing Ground Floor, 242931-PUR-01-SL-DR-A-0100 - Site Location Plan, 242931-PUR-01-SL-DR-A-0101 - Block Plan, 242931-PUR-01-01-DR-A-2621 P01 - Proposed RCP First Floor 1 P02, 242931-PUR-01-01-DR-A-2625 P01 - Proposed RCP First Floor P02, 242931-PUR-01-01-DR-A-5102 P01 - Strategy Plan - First Floor P01, 242931-PUR-01-GF-DR-A-2611 P01 - Proposed RCP Ground Floor 1 P02, 242931-PUR-01-GF-DR-A-2615 P01 - Proposed RCP Ground Floor 2 P02, 242931-PUR-01-GF-DR-A-5101 P01 - Strategy Plan - Ground Floor P01, 242931-PUR-01-XX-DR-A-0020 P01 - Sections P01, 242931-PUR-01-XX-DR-A-6314 P01 - Details P01, 242931-PUR-ZZ-XX-DR-A-6413 - Detail Ceiling Stairs P01.

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:

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 Camden Town Hall is a grade II listed building. It was built during 1934-7 and is constructed on a steel frame with Portland Stone cladding. The building is set over three main storeys with a basement. To the eastern side of the building to the ground and first floors is the Camden Centre, an assembly hall which is entered via Bidborough Street. The entrance opens into a foyer, which leads into the hall where to the northern end is a stage with proscenium arch. Galleries line the east, west and south walls at first floor level.

The proposals are to insert suspended ceilings in order to conceal plant equipment in the green rooms to the rear of the stage at ground floor level and within the store and control rooms to the rear of the stage at first floor level. Suspended ceilings are also added within the four staircases.

The green rooms are largely undecorated with no historic features to the ceiling. The suspended ceiling drops 30cm from the original ceiling ensuring it does not cover any part of the window or window surround.

Within the store rooms at first floor level there is a simple cornice running round the perimeters of the two rooms. The cornice is concealed by the suspended ceiling that drops 50cms from the original ceiling. Whilst covering over the cornice is not ideal, the cornice will remain in situ and will be protected by the works. Furthermore the rooms are not of great significance when considered within the context of the rest of the Camden Centre and the wider Town Hall, furthermore the rooms will be visually improved with the plant concealed rather than surface mounted and visible.

The ceilings to the underside of the staircase have surface mounted servicing. A plaster board lining is erected to cover the servicing and create a cleaner and neater staircase. The plaster board lining is 50mm in depth. A shadow gap is created between the plasterboard lining and the edge of the concrete staircase to create a respectful and aesthetic relationship between the two elements.

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

The site's planning history has been taken into account in making this decision.

Special 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 2024 and the NPPF.

- 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 blue rectangular stamp.

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