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Dear Sir/Madam

DECISION

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

Householder Application Granted

Address:
20 Church Row
London
NW3 6UP

Proposal:
Install 2x small roof windows facing the valley of the butterfly roof and to replace the existing roof window which is currently there.

Drawing Nos: Site Location Plan; Design & Access Statement; Approved Floor Plans - Third Floor & Roof (consented scheme 2024/2483/P + 2024/2589/L); Approved Site Plan & Section (consented scheme 2024/2483/P + 2024/2589/L); Proposed Floor Plans - Third Floor & Roof; Proposed Site Plan & Section.

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:

Site Location Plan; Design & Access Statement; Approved Floor Plans - Third Floor & Roof (consented scheme 2024/2483/P + 2024/2589/L); Approved Site Plan & Section (consented scheme 2024/2483/P + 2024/2589/L); Proposed Floor Plans - Third Floor & Roof; Proposed Site Plan & Section.

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 Reasons for granting consent:

No.20 Church Row is a terraced property, built c.1720, of 3 storeys, plus attic and basement. The house is built in brown brick with a tiled mansard roof with dormers. The front elevation is characterised by its flat brick frontage with modestly recessed sash windows, cast iron railings, and hooded front door. The property is listed Grade II*.

The site is located within the 'Church Row/ Hampstead Grove' sub-area of Hampstead Conservation Area.

This application is for the introduction of two roof windows, positioned to take advantage of the existing butterfly roof form of the house. Located on the internal pitch of roof valley, the roof windows will be concealed and therefore not visible from either Church Row or the back gardens of neighbouring properties.

The form of the roof windows is to be consistent with the existing roof window installed above the bathroom on the opposite pitch which is to be replaced.

The proposed works will improve the amenity of the third-floor bedrooms at the front of the house, with only limited intervention to the existing roof structure and no impact on public views. As such, there will be no harm caused to the special interest of the grade II* listed building or to the surrounding conservation area context. There are no neighbour amenity considerations.

Public consultation was undertaken by way of a site notice and a press notice, but no responses were received. Hampstead CAAC were consulted but chose

not to respond. The site's planning history has been taken into account when making this decision.

Special regard has been attached to the desirability of preserving the character and appearance of the conservation area under s.72 of the Planning (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 policies A1, D1 and D2 of the Camden Local Plan 2017 and policies DH1 and DH2 of the Hampstead Neighbourhood Plan 2018-2033. The proposed development also accords with the London Plan 2021 and the National Planning Policy Framework.

- 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.
- 3 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 the application is a Householder Application.

++ 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.

- 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).

- 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).

4 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-householder-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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DPope', is written over a light blue rectangular background.

Daniel Pope
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