Application ref: 2025/1196/L

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Dear Sir/Madam

DECISION

Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) Act 1990

Listed Building Consent Granted

Address:

50 Doughty Street London WC1N 2JS

Proposal:

Insertion of new windows at ground floor level within rear courtyard.

Drawing Nos: 100, 101, PL-099, Design and Access Statement (prepared by Studio ASD, dated 05/03/2025), Planning and Heritage Statement (prepared by Urban Space Planning, dated February 2025)

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:

100, 101, PL-099, Design and Access Statement (prepared by Studio ASD, dated 05/03/2025), Planning and Heritage Statement (prepared by Urban Space Planning, dated February 2025)

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.

The new windows hereby approved shall be carried out to match the existing adjacent modern windows as closely as possible in materials, colour, finish, reveal depths, and detailed execution.

Reason: In order to safeguard the special architectural and historic interest of the building in accordance with the requirements of policies D1 and D2 of the Camden Local Plan 2017.

Informative(s):

1 Reasons for granting permission:

The site comprises a mid-block Grade II listed terrace, located on the east side of Doughty Street. The host building, and the wider terrace for which is forms a part of, are noted as making a positive contribution to the character and appearance of the Bloomsbury Conservation Area. The proposed works have also been assessed under parallel planning permission ref. 2025/1188/P.

The two proposed windows are at upper level in the return wall of the closet wing, which has a part-render finish and already has aluminium-framed fenestration. As such, it has a modern appearance which differentiates it from the main body of the historic house which is faced in brick with traditional timber sliding sash windows. The subject elevation is north-facing and looks into the rear courtyard of the property. It will have some visibility from the backs of neighbouring properties, but the additional windows will have a neutral impact and will not affect the host building or its listed neighbours. Furthermore, there will be no impact on the character and appearance of the Bloomsbury Conservation Area.

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

The council has had special regard to the desirability of preserving the character and appearance of the Bloomsbury Conservation Area, and the listed building, its setting, and its special interest.

As such, the proposed development is in general accordance with policies D1 and D2 of the Camden Local Plan 2017. The proposed development also accords with the London Plan 2021, the Draft Camden Local Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework 2024.

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

Daniel Pope

Chief Planning Officer