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Dear Sir/Madam

#### **DECISION**

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

## **Full Planning Permission Granted**

Address:

1 Wharf Road London N1C 4BZ

### Proposal:

External alterations to the facade of the building to allow for the provision of a secondary fire escape door and internal alterations to create an escape corridor. Drawing Nos: XXXXX-BAR-CR-XX-DR-T-00001\_S2- Rev P01; XXXXX-BAR-CR-XX-DR-T-01001\_S2- Rev P01; XXXXX-BAR-CR-00-DR-T-03010\_S2- Rev P01; XXXXX-BAR-CR-XX-DR-T-03030\_S2- Rev P02; XXXXX-BAR-CR-00-DR-T-03110\_S2- Rev P01; XXXXX-BAR-CR-XX-DR-T-31140\_S2- Rev P02; XXXXX-BAR-CR-XX-DR-T-31141\_S2- Rev P02;

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:

XXXXX-BAR-CR-XX-DR-T-00001\_S2- Rev P01; XXXXX-BAR-CR-XX-DR-T-01001\_S2- Rev P01; XXXXX-BAR-CR-00-DR-T-03010\_S2- Rev P01; XXXXX-BAR-CR-XX-DR-T-03030\_S2- Rev P02; XXXXX-BAR-CR-00-DR-T-03110\_S2-Rev P01; XXXXX-BAR-CR-XX-DR-T-03020\_S2- Rev P01; XXXXX-BAR-CR-XX-DR-T-31140\_S2- Rev P02; XXXXX-BAR-CR-XX-DR-T-31141\_S2- Rev P02;

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and in the interest of proper planning.

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 if in CA] of the London Borough of Camden Local Plan 2017.

# Informative(s):

1 Reasons for granting planning permission (delegated):

The buildings forms part of the grade II listed Granary building, which also lies within Regent's Canal Conservation Area. They form part of what was a goods interchange, designed to store grain before being transferred onto the Regent's Canal for transportation to the wider London area. The part affected by this application was historically the Midland's Good Shed, which was originally a temporary passenger terminal whilst King's Cross Station was being built. After the completion of the station, it was used for storing goods bought from across the country by railway. It is now in use as a supermarket.

The building's special interest and the character and appearance of the conservation come from its industrial origins and use as a goods interchange. It has gone through a number of uses, with this functionality exhibited in its plain design and the clear visibility of changes which have taken place over the years.

The provision of an additional door into the glazing would be in keeping with the character of the building. The glazing is not original, being installed when the building was converted to a supermarket approximately ten years ago, so no historic fabric will be lost. The design uses matching materials and is detailed to reflect the prevailing modern glazing on this elevation.

The proposed works do not impact on any historic fabric and are appropriate to the appearance of the buildings. Therefore, the special interest of the listed buildings and character and appearance of the conservation area are preserved.

The proposals involve the insertion of a glazed door into an area of glazing, on

a busy supermarket frontage. There will be no amenity impact on neighbouring properties.

Public consultation was undertaken for this application by means of a press notice and a site notice, but no responses were received. Regent's Canal CAAC was also consulted and responded with no comment or objection on 05 May 2025. The site's planning history was taken into account when arriving at this decision.

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

As such, the proposal is in general accordance with policies A1, D1 and D2 of the Camden Local Plan 2017 and policies A1, D4 and D5 of the Draft New Camden Local Plan (January 2024). The proposed development also accords with the London Plan 2021 and the National Planning Policy Framework 2024.

- 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).
- 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.
- 4 Noise from demolition and construction works is subject to control under the Control of Pollution Act 1974. You must carry out any building works that can be heard at the boundary of the site only between 08.00 and 18.00 hours Monday to Friday and 08.00 to 13.00 on Saturday and not at all on Sundays and Public Holidays. You are advised to consult the Council's Noise and Licensing Enforcement Team, Camden Town Hall, Judd St, Kings Cross, London NW1 2QS (Tel. No. 020 7974 4444 or search for 'environmental health' on the Camden website or seek prior approval under Section 61 of the Act if you anticipate any difficulty in carrying out construction other than within the hours stated above.
- All works should be conducted in accordance with the Camden Minimum Requirements a copy is available on the Council's website (search for 'Camden Minimum Requirements' at www.camden,gov.uk) or contact the Council's Noise and Licensing Enforcement Team, 5 Pancras Square c/o Town Hall, Judd Street London WC1H 9JE (Tel. No. 020 7974 4444)

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6 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.
- 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).
- 7 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

Daniel Pope

Chief Planning Officer