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Dear Sir/Madam

DECISION

Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) Act 1990

Listed Building Consent Granted

Address:
UCL South Wing Building
Gower Street
London
WC1E 6BT

Proposal:

Provision of improved access to Garwood Theatre by widening of entrances, uncovering of original ceiling and associated works.

Drawing Nos: Heritage Statement; Design and Access Statement; Site Location Plan (Drawing No. 11500-PR-S-G02-GLT-ZZ-DR-A-EB100); Existing Ground Floor Plan (Drawing No. 11500-PR-S-G02-GLT-ZZ-DR-A-EB101); Existing Ground Floor Plan (Drawing No. 11500-PR-S-G02-GLT-ZZ-DR-A-EB102); Existing Elevations (Drawing No. 11500-PR-S-G02-GLT-ZZ-DR-A-EB201); Demo Plan (Drawing No. 11500-PR-S-G02-GLT-ZZ-DR-A-TD101); Proposed Elevations (Drawing No. 11500-PR-S-G02-GLT-ZZ-DR-A-TD201); Proposed Plan (Drawing No. 11500-PR-S-G02-GLT-ZZ-DR-A-TD301); Proposed Section AA (Drawing No. 11500-PR-S-G02-GLT-ZZ-DR-A-TD401).

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:

Heritage Statement; Design and Access Statement; Site Location Plan (Drawing No. 11500-PR-S-G02-GLT-ZZ-DR-A-EB100); Existing Ground Floor Plan (Drawing No. 11500-PR-S-G02-GLT-ZZ-DR-A-EB101); Existing Ground Floor Plan (Drawing No. 11500-PR-S-G02-GLT-ZZ-DR-A-EB102); Existing Elevations (Drawing No. 11500-PR-S-G02-GLT-ZZ-DR-A-EB201); Demo Plan (Drawing No. 11500-PR-S-G02-GLT-ZZ-DR-A-TD101); Proposed Elevations (Drawing No. 11500-PR-S-G02-GLT-ZZ-DR-A-TD201); Proposed Plan (Drawing No. 11500-PR-S-G02-GLT-ZZ-DR-A-TD301); Proposed Section AA (Drawing No. 11500-PR-S-G02-GLT-ZZ-DR-A-TD401).

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 listed building consent:

The Garwood Lecture Theatre is located within the South Wing Building, part of the main University College Building, Gower Street. The entire main building is listed Grade I and located within sub-area 3 of Bloomsbury Conservation Area.

The Garwood Lecture Theatre, a relatively small room on the first floor, is utilised by various departments and courses within the university. The seats of the lecture theatre have been recently replaced, but the remainder of the space reflects previous post-war refurbishment.

The need to refurbish the theatre stems from both accessibility issues and the desire to improve the quality of the teaching environment. In terms of accessibility, there are two narrow entrances to the lecture theatre from the corridor, a stepped dias and no specific wheelchair accessible seating. In terms of functionality, the screen and audio-visual technology does not meet current teaching needs.

The works involve the widening of the two doorframes to better accommodate wheelchair users, the uncovering of the original ceiling height which has been covered with various acoustic materials and services, and the reordering of the dias and the wall behind.

The works are considered not to impact to the overall significance of the South Wing. Moreover, the improvements to the legibility of the room and the improved relationship with the external quad are considered to be positive interventions. As such, no harm is caused to the special interest of the listed building.

Public consultation was undertaken by way of a site notice and a press notice, but no responses were received. Historic England was consulted, and responded on 17 April 2025, authorising the Council to determine the application as it thinks fit (with the letter stamped by the Secretary of State on 25 April 2025). 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 listed building and its features of special architectural or historic interest, under s.16 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 D1 and D2 of the Camden Local Plan 2017. The proposed development also accords with the London Plan 2021 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.
- 3 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 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).
- 5 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.

- 6 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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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 background.

Daniel Pope
Chief Planning Officer