

Delegated Report		Analysis sheet	Expiry Date:	08/08/2013
		N/A	Consultation Expiry Date:	25/7/13
Officer			Application Number(s)	
Alan Wito			2013/1796/L	
Application Address			Drawing Numbers	
7 Stone Buildings Lincoln's Inn Fields London WC2A 3SZ			See decision notice	
PO 3/4	Area Team Signature	C&UD	Authorised Officer Signature	
Proposal(s)				
Internal alterations at first floor level including the creation of new structural opening and infill existing doors, and installation of new lighting, heating and fire alarm systems in connection with the amalgamation of two existing offices (Class B1a).				
Recommendation(s):		Grant		
Application Type:		Listed Building Consent		

Conditions or Reasons for Refusal:	Refer to Draft Decision Notice					
Informatives:						
Consultations						
Adjoining Occupiers:	No. notified	00	No. of responses	00	No. of objections	00
			No. electronic	00		
Summary of consultation responses:	<p>A site notice was put up outside of the property from 28/6/13 to 19/7/13 and a press notice published on 4/7/13 but no responses were received as a result of this.</p> <p>English Heritage was notified of the application and a letter was received back authorising the council to determine the application as is seen fit.</p>					
CAAC/Local groups* comments: *Please Specify	N/A					

Site Description

Stone Buildings comprise a set of seven chambers. Nos. 1 and 2 constructed in 1780; Nos. 3 to 6 constructed in 1775 all by Sir Robert Taylor; No. 7 constructed in 1845 by P. Hardwick, the whole forming a group of classical style buildings faced in stone.

They are grade I listed and lie within Bloomsbury Conservation Area.

Relevant History

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Planning Permission and Listed Building Consent were granted on 7/1/2005 for the replacement of an existing door and window to a basement plant room with a new timber sash window and facing brickwork; the extension of basement toilet facilities; the installation of two additional doors to the basement library; the creation of a new store off the ground floor lobby area; the installation of a partition and replacement dividing wall at basement and ground floor levels; the installation of a new sliding screen between conference rooms and alterations to the entrance and Lobby doors at the ground floor (refs: 2004/4845/P and 2004/4842/L).

Listed Building Consent was refused on 18/3/05 for Installation of stainless steel spiral staircase between ground and basement floor levels in number 7 (ref: 2005/0285/L). This scheme was allowed on appeal on 5/12/05.

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Listed Building Consent was granted on 11/4/07 for alterations involving the removal of three partitions, infilling of two existing doorways, formation of two new openings and associated works to layout at first and second floor level.

Planning Permission and Listed Building Consent was granted on 28/3/13 for the installation of a new air conditioning system at basement level including external condenser unit and associated pipework (refs: 2013/0324/P and 2013/0342/L).

Listed Building Consent was granted on 4/7/13 for the installation of glass screens and glazed door to arches at 2nd floor level (ref: 2013/2310/L).

Relevant policies

LDF Core Strategy and Development Policies

CS14 (Promoting high quality places and conserving our heritage)

DP25 (Conserving Camden's heritage)

National Planning Policy Framework 2012

Assessment

The plan form of the building is interesting with the ground, first and second floors laid out in the manner of an Italian palazzo with suites of rooms opening off an internal gallery and atrium which is arcaded. On the first floor the arches have been infilled and the corridor behind divided up to form toilet and kitchen spaces.

The proposed works better reveal the plan form of this level by opening up the corridor. A dividing wall is removed to create a larger barrister chamber. The wall removed is probably an Edwardian intervention and although of some interest it's removal is considered acceptable as nibs and a downstand would be retained to acknowledge that there had been a wall in this position.

Where doors are to be relocated the doors and architraves will be re-used.

The special interest of the building will be preserved by the works and therefore it is recommended that consent is granted.