

<b>Delegated Report</b>		<b>Analysis sheet</b>		<b>Expiry Date:</b>		<b>01/04/2010</b>	
		N/A / attached		<b>Consultation Expiry Date:</b>		10.03.10	
<b>Officer</b>				<b>Application Number(s)</b>			
Victoria Fowles				2010/0741/C			
<b>Application Address</b>				<b>Drawing Numbers</b>			
British Museum Great Russell Street London WC1B 3DG				See decision letter.			
<b>PO 3/4</b>	<b>Area Team Signature</b>	<b>C&amp;UD</b>	<b>Authorised Officer Signature</b>				
<b>Proposal(s)</b>							
Submission of details of contract for redevelopment pursuant to condition 2 of conservation area consent (2009/4644/C) granted on 13/01/10 for demolition of existing EDF Sub-station, BMS Store, Stonemasons/Locksmiths workshops and portakabins in connection with the erection of 5-storey building (plus 3 basement levels) with roof level plant to provide a special exhibition gallery, logistics bay (accessed via new vehicular lift off Montague Place), collection storage facilities, conservation laboratories, associated offices and management facilities for the British Museum (Class D1).							
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>		Approve details.					
<b>Application Type:</b>		Approval of Details (Conservation Area Consent)					
<b>Conditions or Reasons for Refusal:</b>		Refer to Draft Decision Notice					
<b>Informatives:</b>							
<b>Consultations</b>							
<b>Adjoining Occupiers:</b>		No. notified	00	No. of responses	00	No. of objections	00
				No. electronic	00		
<b>Summary of consultation responses:</b>		Site notice displayed – no responses received.					
<b>CAAC/Local groups* comments:</b> *Please Specify		n/a					

## Site Description

Grade I listed museum building situated on the north side of Great Russell Street within the Bloomsbury Conservation Area. The original portions of the building date from 1823-47 and were built to the designs of Robert Smirke. Constructed of Portland stone it was originally planned as a big quadrangle with an open central courtyard. The building consists of two principal storeys and adheres to the Greek Revival style in the most part. Various additions, most recent of which is the Norman Foster designed Great Court scheme which created a central glass covered space around the Sidney Smirke designed Reading Room dating 1852-57.

Planning permission, listed building consent and conservation area consent have recently been granted for works of demolition, alteration and extension to create a new World Conservation and Exhibitions Centre, which will provide a dedicated Temporary Exhibitions space, object conservation and science facilities, object storage, and logistics hub.

## Relevant History

**2009/4644/C – conservation area consent granted 13 January 2010** for *Demolition of existing EDF Sub-station, BMS Store, Stonemasons/Locksmiths workshops and portakabins in connection with the erection of 5-storey building (plus 3 basement levels) with roof level plant to provide a special exhibition gallery, logistics bay (accessed via new vehicular lift off Montague Place), collection storage facilities, conservation laboratories, associated offices and management facilities for the British Museum (Class D1).*

### Associated applications

**2009/1638/P – planning permission granted 13 January 2010** for *Erection of 5-storey building (plus 3 basement levels) with roof level plant to provide a special exhibition gallery, logistics bay (accessed via new vehicular lift off Montague Place), collection storage facilities, conservation laboratories, associated offices and management facilities for the British Museum (Class D1), associated alterations to the facades of the North Range and King Edward Building, and hard and soft landscaping works (following demolition of Nos. 1 and 2 Montague Place, Book Bindery, EDF Sub-station, BMS Store, Stonemasons/Locksmiths workshops and portakabins) (Includes Environmental Impact Assessment).*

**2009/4643/L – listed building consent granted 13 January 2010** for *Demolition of Nos. 1 & 2 Montague Place and Book Bindery, alterations to the facades of the North Range and King Edward Building, internal alterations to the North Range and Great Court, and hard and soft landscaping works all in connection with the erection of 5-storey building (plus 3 basement levels) with roof level plant to provide a special exhibition gallery, logistics bay (accessed via new vehicular lift off Montague Place), collection storage facilities, conservation laboratories, associated offices and management facilities for the British Museum (Class D1).*

## Relevant policies

### **Replacement Unitary Development Plan 2006**

B7 – conservation areas

### **LDF Core Strategy and Development Policies**

*As the draft LDF Core Strategy and Development Policies documents have now been published, they are material planning considerations. However, as a matter of law, limited weight should be attached to them at this stage.*

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## Assessment

Condition 2 of the conservation area consent granted under ref. 2009/4644/C required details to be submitted of the contract for the redevelopment of the site. The relevant documents have been submitted, and the requirements of the condition are therefore met.

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