

**DISCLAIMER**

Decision route to be decided by nominated members on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2009. For further information see <http://www.camden.gov.uk/ccm/navigation/environment/planning-and-built-environment/planning-applications/development-control-members-briefing/>

<b>Delegated Report (Members' Briefing)</b>		<b>Analysis sheet</b>	<b>Expiry Date:</b>	10/11/2009
			<b>Consultation Expiry Date:</b>	23/10/2009
<b>Officer</b>			<b>Application Number(s)</b>	
Jenny Fisher			2009/3671/P	
<b>Application Address</b>			<b>Drawing Numbers</b>	
British Museum Great Russell Street London WC1B 3DG			Refer to 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>				
Erection of a single storey roofed structure to store refuse bins at the eastern end of King Edward VII building in the north east corner of site (following demolition of existing shed).				
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>		Grant planning permission with conditions		
<b>Application Type:</b>		Full Planning Permission		

<b>Conditions or Reasons for Refusal:</b>	Refer to Draft Decision Notice					
<b>Informatives:</b>						
<b>Consultations</b>						
<b>Adjoining Occupiers:</b>	No. notified	<b>00</b>	No. of responses	<b>00</b>	No. of objections	<b>00</b>
			No. Electronic	<b>00</b>		
<b>Summary of consultation responses:</b>	Site notice erected expired 23/10/2009					
<b>CAAC/Local groups* comments:</b> <small>*Please Specify</small>	<p><u>English Heritage</u> Do not wish to offer any comments.</p> <p><u>Bloomsbury CAAC</u> If this is to be a permanent structure could the roof be in lead or tern-coated zinc? It is looked down on from the rear of the buildings onto Russell Square.</p> <p><u>Officer comment</u> <i>The storage area would not be visible from the public realm, and only partially visible from upper windows to the rear of No. 43 Russell Square, a building occupied by the British Museum Projects and Estates Department. The opal polycarbonate roof proposed is considered acceptable for the purpose of covering the waste bins.</i></p>					
<b>Site Description</b>						
<p>The British Museum is a grade 1 listed building bounded to the north by Bury Place, to the east by Montague Street, to the west by Bloomsbury Street and to the south by Great Russell Street. Constructed of Portland stone it was originally planned as a large quadrangle with an open central courtyard.</p> <p>The building consists of two principal storeys and adheres to the Greek Revival style in the most part. There have been 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. Located within the Bloomsbury Conservation Area.</p>						
<b>Relevant History</b>						
None						
<b>Relevant policies</b>						
<p><u>Replacement UDP</u>: SD6, B1, B3, B6 and B7</p> <p><u>Camden Planning Guidance</u>: conservation areas, design, listed buildings</p> <p>Bloomsbury Conservation Area Statement</p>						

## Assessment

### Proposed

The installation of a lightweight steel canopy with a polycarbonate mono-pitch roof to cover waste bins. Waste bins are currently distributed across the museum site, the applicant wishes to store waste in one area.

The canopy and supports proposed would be independent of the wall and would be fixed to a concrete slab; as a consequence listed building consent is not required.

The waste storage area would be located in a narrow passageway between the main museum building and the Georgian terrace houses on Montague Place and would not be visible from the public realm. A small modern stock brick shed would be removed but this is not of historic or architectural value.

This area has a somewhat “back of house” feel and contains many items of servicing. As such the principle of a bin store in this location is considered acceptable.

The design features a relatively slender steel frame supporting a mono-pitch roof. This creates a relatively unobtrusive and lightweight structure which in this location (with limited views and a utilitarian character) would not harm the setting of the neighbouring listed buildings or the character and appearance of Bloomsbury Conservation Area.

The proposal does not raise any issues with regards to residential amenity.

It is recommended that planning permission is granted.