

<b>Delegated Report</b>		<b>Analysis sheet</b>		<b>Expiry Date:</b>		25/08/2009	
		N/A / attached		<b>Consultation Expiry Date:</b>		N/a	
<b>Officer</b>				<b>Application Number(s)</b>			
Charlie Rose				2009/2300/L			
<b>Application Address</b>				<b>Drawing Numbers</b>			
Victoria House 37-63 Southampton Row London WC1B 4DA				Refer to decision notice			
<b>PO 3/4</b>	<b>Area Team Signature</b>	<b>C&amp;UD</b>	<b>Authorised Officer Signature</b>				
<b>Proposal(s)</b>							
Removal of internal partitions at fourth floor level (Class B1).							
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>		Grant listed building consent					
<b>Application Type:</b>		Listed Building 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>	N/a						
<b>CAAC/Local groups* comments:</b> *Please Specify	N/a						

## Site Description

Victoria House is 8 storeys, sub-basement and basement on a rectangular island site with facades to Bloomsbury Square, Bloomsbury Place, Vernon Place and Southampton Row. The building dates from 1926 with recently completed internal works including the erection of a roof over the two existing two light wells to form atria and the insertion of glazed pods in the atria. The building is grade II listed and lies within the Bloomsbury Conservation Area.

## Relevant History

18/07/2001 Listed building consent APPROVED - Refurbishment of the listed building including alterations at roof level, erection of a roof over the two existing two light wells to form atria, with new internal walls, and the insertion of pods in the atria. (LSX0004958)

## Relevant policies

Policy B6

## Assessment

Consent is sought to remove an internal partition which subdivides conference rooms 5 & 6 (known as the 'Heritage Rooms') at fourth floor level. As well as removing a partition within the original W.c on the opposite side of the corridor.

### Conference room partition

The conference rooms in question would have original been one space, and more than likely the space would have been the original board room for the Liverpool Victoria Insurance Company for whom the building was constructed as their headquarters. The subject partition matches the existing original panelling within the rooms but has been scribed around it. The floor also continues under the partition rather than including a boarder around the edge of the walls as per the remainder of the floor within both rooms. In this regard the removal of the partition is considered to improve the character and proportions of the original space and is considered to enhance the special architectural and historic interest of the building. The landlord would store the safely secure the partition for future use if necessary.

### W.c.

The partition within the existing w.c is non-original and its removal would reinstate the original proportions of the space and not harm the special interest of the building. As such the work, which has already been completed when the site inspection took place, is considered acceptable.

The proposed works are considered to comply with policy B6 and are recommended for approval.

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