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Proposal

Installation of hand rail on the flat roof at third floor level of the station building (sui generis).

Recommendation: Refer to Draft Decision Notice

Assessment

A certificate of lawfulness for proposed development is sought for the installation of perimeter safety handrail to protrude 0.5m above an existing 0.6m high parapet wall. Additional handrails are proposed around a raised flat roof area to the back of the building).

The handrail is to be erected to both main elevations (Kentish Town Road and Camden High Street) and the raised area to be set back from the road. The handrail is to be relatively thin metal silver in finish. The works are required in connection with the operation of the underground railway, for the safety of people maintaining signalling cable etc.

Part 17 Class A of the General Permitted Development Order 1995 allows development by railway undertakers on their operational land, required in connection with the movement of traffic by rail. It states that development is not permitted by Class A if it consists of or includes—

- (a) the construction of a railway,
- (b) the construction or erection of a hotel, railway station or bridge, or
- (c) the construction or erection otherwise than wholly within a railway station of—
 - (i) an office, residential or educational building, or a building used for an industrial process, or
 - (ii) a car park, shop, restaurant, garage, petrol filling station or other building or structure provided under transport legislation.

An interpretation of Class A is also included (A.2) "For the purposes of Class A, references to

the construction or erection of any building or structure include references to the reconstruction
or alteration of a building or structure where its design or external appearance would be
materially affected."

As the proposals are not development which fall into either categories a), b) or c) then the exemption under Class A.2 is not relevant.

As such it is considered that the works fall under permitted development rights GPDO 1995 Part 17 Class A and it is recommended that a Certificate of Lawfulness is granted.

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