

Delegated Report		Analysis sheet		Expiry Date:		19/03/2009	
		N/A / attached		Consultation Expiry Date:		09/03/2009	
Officer				Application Number(s)			
Antonia Powell				2008/5515/L			
Application Address				Drawing Numbers			
Kings Cross Station Euston Road London N1 9AP				Refer to decision notice			
PO 3/4	Area Team Signature	C&UD	Authorised Officer Signature				
Proposal(s)							
Installation of new customer information units comprising smart columns and electronic poster boards.							
Recommendation(s):		To Grant Listed Building Consent					
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>English Heritage wrote recommending that “This application should be determined in accordance with national and local policy guidance and on the basis of your specialist conservation advice”. A letter of Authorisation, signed and stamped by the Secretary of State was received on 5th March 09.</p> <p>Site Notice – No responses were received</p>					
CAAC/Local groups* comments: <small>*Please Specify</small>		N/A					

Site Description

King's Cross Station, Euston Road NW1. Grade I. The King's Cross Station Conservation Plan 2005 states – "The station was completed in 1852 to the designs of Lewis Cubitt, for the Great Northern Railway Company, to serve Lincoln, Yorkshire and Scotland. The station is one of the earliest major termini, built at a time of considerable expansion of the railways and employing innovative construction technology, similar to that used on the main transept of the Crystal Palace, constructed a year earlier for the Great Exhibition.

This application relates to two signage installations within the late 20th century green canopy to the front of the historic station

Relevant History

None

Relevant policies

London Borough of Camden Replacement UDP 2006 Policy B6

Assessment

This application concerns the installation of two internally lit information display signs within the 20th century green canopy which fronts the Listed Grade I King's Cross Station.

This application relates to :

- a. the installation of a 2.8 m high "Smart Column" for National Express East Coast Line located on the Concourse adjacent to the main customer Information Display Board. The power supply for the column will be from the adjacent telephone units.
- b. the installation of a 1m. Electronic Poster Board mounted on a free standing column to the rear of the existing Customer Information Point on the main Concourse. Power supply will be via the 20th century ceiling void and through a baton to the roof of the information point.

The fixings for the Smart Column and the Electronic Poster Board support frame will be through the 20th century terrazzo surfacing.

Both installations are clearly within the twentieth century structure which is due for demolition as part of the development of the Western Concourse. The consented scheme, 2006/3394/L and 2006/3387/P, granted consent on 9th November 2007 for Alterations, extensions, refurbishment works to King's Cross Station has already commenced although the removal of the green canopy is not due until after 2012. On removal of the green canopy the station frontage will be transformed into a public open space.

On the basis that the signs do not interfere with the historic structure and that they will essentially be temporary, i.e. for the remaining life of the green canopy also, that they will be removed as part of the overall development, I recommend that this application is acceptable.

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