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For the attention of Mr Mark Gilks

Dear Sir

**PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS ACT) 1990
THE PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) REGULATIONS 1990
APPLICATIONS FOR LISTED BUILDING CONSENT -**

84-90 PRATT STREET, LONDON NW1
50 KENTISH TOWN ROAD, LONDON NW5
107-117 CAMDEN STREET, LONDON NW1
(LB CAMDEN)

1. I am directed by the Secretary of State for the Environment to refer to your Council's applications dated 30 July 1994 submitted with your letter of 12 October 1994 for new coping stones to 84-90 Pratt Street, London NW1, 50 Kentish Town Road, London NW5 and 107-117 Camden Street, London NW1, with a new natural slate roof covering to 113-117 Camden Street, London NW1. All are on the list of buildings of special architectural or historic interest in the London Borough of Camden. The applications were made in accordance with the provisions of regulation 13 of the above Regulations.

2. An Inspector has visited the sites and has considered the written representations from English Heritage and The Georgian Group. Copies of the Inspector's reports are enclosed.

3. The Inspector records the fact that the works to which the applications for listed building consent relate have already been completed. He takes the view that the reconstruction of existing stuccoed copings at 50 Kentish Town Road, NW5 and 107-117 Camden Street, NW1 and the reslating of roofs at 113-117 Camden Street, NW1 were essentially for the purposes of repair and maintenance. The Inspector therefore recommended that your Council be informed that listed building consent was not required for the works undertaken to these buildings.

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4. On the information before him the Secretary of State has no reason to disagree with the Inspector's appraisals and recommendations. Accordingly, for the reasons given in the reports, the Secretary of State accepts that listed building consent was not necessary for the works undertaken to 50 Kentish Town Road, London NW5 and 107-117 Camden Street, London NW1 and he does not therefore intend to take any further action in respect of these two applications.

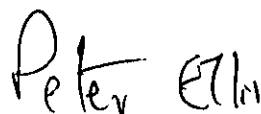
5. With regard to the works at 84-90 Pratt Street, London NW1 in view of the considerations expressed in paragraphs 6 to 11 in his report, the Inspector recommended that listed building consent should be granted for the new coping stones.

6. It is regrettable that your Council did not discharge its statutory responsibility before proceeding with the works to these buildings. However, the Secretary of State is satisfied that the works to 84-90 Pratt Street for which listed building consent is sought are acceptable as far as the special architectural and historic interests of the buildings are concerned. He therefore agrees with the Inspector's appraisal of the case and accepts his recommendation. By virtue of section 8 (3) of the above Act, the Secretary of State may grant his approval for works to a listed building which have been executed without the appropriate consent. Accordingly, for the reasons given by the Inspector, and under the provisions of section 8 (3) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) 1990, the Secretary of State hereby grants listed building consent for the new coping stones at 84-90 Pratt Street, London NW1. There is no provision for listed building consent to be granted retrospectively and the above consent takes effect only from the date of this letter.

7. This letter does not convey any approval or consent required by any enactment, byelaw, order or regulation other than sections 8 and 16 (1) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.

8. Copies of this letter are being sent to English Heritage and The Georgian Group.

Yours faithfully



Peter J Ellis