

Delegated Report		Analysis sheet		Expiry Date:		04/02/2008	
		N/A / attached		Consultation Expiry Date:		07/01/2008	
Officer				Application Number(s)			
Hannah Walker				2007/6172/L			
Application Address				Drawing Numbers			
Congress House 23-28 Great Russell Street London WC1B 3LN				Refer to decision notice			
PO 3/4	Area Team Signature	C&UD	Authorised Officer Signature				
Proposal(s)							
Amendments to details of stone previously discharged dated 28th August 2007 (ref. 2007/2897/L) pursuant to condition 3 attached to the listed building consent granted on 24 November 2006 (ref:2006/4455/L) (for external alterations involving the replacement of existing front steps with grey York stone steps to match existing but with the addition of one 20mm resin strip to each tread, and refurbishment of meeting rooms and replacement of doors to lift lobby on 2nd floor (south side)).							
Recommendation(s):		Approve Details					
Application Type:		Approval of Details (Listed Building)					
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:		English Heritage have commented that the revised stone sample is considered satisfactory. Site notice – no responses.					
CAAC/Local groups* comments: *Please Specify		N/A					

Site Description

Congress House was designed by David du R Aberdeen and built between 1953-7, the exterior is in polished granite and blue tile cladding with aluminium windows. The building is of 7 storeys in an E-shaped plan around an internal courtyard, the principal elevation to Great Russell Street, is a rectangular block on pilotis. The building is listed grade II* and is within the Bloomsbury Conservation Area.

Relevant History

Listed Building Consent (2004/5117/L) was **granted** on 3 February 2005 for alterations to the main entrance area, the enclosure of the car park ramp and works to the kitchen and light well.

Listed Building Consent (2006/1890/L) was **granted** on 15 June 2006 for alterations to widen the existing door opening in the lift lobby at 5th floor level.

Listed Building Consent (2006/0801/L) was **granted** on 3 April 2006 for alterations to the third floor.

Listed Building Consent (2006/4455/L) was **granted** on 24 November 2006 for the replacement of the existing front steps with grey York stone.

An Approval of Details application (2007/2897/L) was **granted** on 28 August 2007 for details of a sample of grey York stone pursuant to condition 3 of Listed Building Consent 2006/4455/L.

Relevant policies

B6 – Listed Buildings

Assessment

This application seeks to vary the stone sample submitted so as to discharge condition 3 of Listed Building Consent 2006/4455/L.

The original specification was for Whinney Hill York Stone which was used on the adjacent entrance ramp, completed in 2001. As an alternative, a sample of grey Scoutmoor York stone, with a diamond sawn finish, was approved under application 2007/2897/L. The agent now wishes to use diamond sawn Whitworth/Haslingden as an alternative to the Scoutmoor York stone. This was examined on site and is considered to be a suitable replacement for both the originally specified Whinney Hill and subsequent Scoutmoor. Recommend discharge of variation to condition 3.

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