

<b>Delegated Report</b>		<b>Analysis sheet</b>		<b>Expiry Date:</b>		21/11/2007	
				<b>Consultation Expiry Date:</b>			
<b>Officer</b>				<b>Application Number(s)</b>			
Jenny Fisher				1. 2007/4840/P 2. 2007/4841/L			
<b>Application Address</b>				<b>Drawing Numbers</b>			
British Museum Great Russell Street London WC1B 3DG							
<b>PO 3/4</b>		<b>Area Team Signature</b>		<b>C&amp;UD</b>		<b>Authorised Officer Signature</b>	
<b>Proposal(s)</b>							
1. Replacement of two high-level turret stair windows with glazed louvres. 2. Works associated with the replacement of two high-level turret stair windows with glazed louvres.							
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>		1. Grant planning permission with conditions 2. Grant listed building consent with conditions					
<b>Application Type:</b>		Full Planning Permission 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>		<u>English Heritage</u> Authorisation to determine 26/10/2007					
<b>CAAC/Local groups* comments:</b> <small>*Please Specify</small>		<u>Bloomsbury CAAC</u> Committee would wish to see the louvres finished in a dark colour to minimise their visual impact given the elevated location.					

## Site Description

The British Museum is a grade 1 listed building bounded to the north by Bury Place, to the east by Montague Street, to the west by Bloomsbury Street and to the south by Great Russell Street. Constructed of Portland stone it was originally planned as a large quadrangle with an open central courtyard.

The building consists of two principal storeys and adheres to the Greek Revival style in the most part. There have been various additions, most recent of which is the Norman Foster designed Great Court scheme which created a central glass covered space around the Sidney Smirke designed Reading Room dating 1852-57.

Located within the Bloomsbury Conservation Area.

## Relevant History

None relevant

## Relevant policies

Replacement UDP B1; B3; B6

Camden Planning Guidance: conservation areas; design; listed buildings

Bloomsbury Conservation Area Statement

## Assessment

Proposed is the replacement of two high-level slot windows to the rear stair towers of the King Edward VII building (Burnet, 1913/14). They are not visible from the public realm.

The uppermost fixed steel-framed lights would be replaced with glazed, aluminium-framed louvres, within the same aperture, to create a smoke vent.

Existing windows are subdivided into three panes; replacement louvres will comprise 6 panes.

This is a minor alteration, which will not have a detrimental effect upon the special architectural or historic interest of this part of the building, nor will it affect the character or appearance of the Bloomsbury Conservation Area. Proposal is in line with UDP B6 and B7.

A condition is recommended to ensure frames would be painted black.

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