

Delegated Report		Analysis sheet		Expiry Date:		20/07/2007	
		N/A / attached		Consultation Expiry Date:		09/07/07	
Officer				Application Number(s)			
Victoria Fowlis				2007/2645/L			
Application Address				Drawing Numbers			
The British Museum Great Russell Street London WC1B 3DG				See decision letter			
PO 3/4	Area Team Signature	C&UD	Authorised Officer Signature				
Proposal(s)							
Removal of existing door and installation of new door with glazed fanlight including the installation of security system to lobby in West residence at ground floor level.							
Recommendation(s):		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:		<u>Site notice</u> displayed – no responses <u>English Heritage</u> – flexible authorisation. Authorised by GOL 28.06.07					
CAAC/Local groups* comments: *Please Specify		n/a - internal works only					

Site Description

Grade I listed museum building situated on the north side of Great Russell Street within the Bloomsbury Conservation Area. The original portions of the building date from 1823-47 and were built to the designs of Robert Smirke. Constructed of Portland stone it was originally planned as a big quadrangle with an open central courtyard. The building consists of two principal storeys and adheres to the Greek Revival style in the most part. 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.

Relevant History

Lengthy history; none relevant to this application.

Relevant policies

UDP 2006:

B6 – listed buildings

Assessment

Minor alterations are proposed within the ground floor of the West residence, which is part of the original Robert Smirke plan. Enhanced security is sought between the corridor area and adjacent Directors' offices. It is proposed to remove a pair of C20 double doors from the corridor, which are of no architectural or historic interest, and install a single leaf door within the arched corridor area adjacent. The proposed door is a painted timber four panel design, with a plain glass fanlight above, infilling the arch area over the door. Associated security card /entryphone accoutrements will be mounted adjacent to the door.

The alterations are minor in nature and the design and position of the door and security measures is not considered to harm the special architectural or historic interest of this part of the Museum. As such the proposal is recommended for approval.