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Dear Mr Wito

4 STONE BUILDINGS LONDON WC2A 3XT Application No 2014/2713/L

Thank you for consulting English Heritage on the application for listed building consent (reference 2014/2713/L) relating to the above site. Consent is sought for the replacement of existing bookcases and other internal alterations. Stone Buildings was completed in 1775 to designs by Sir Robert Taylor and is listed at grade I.

We welcome the removal of the later bookcases and reinstatement of the dado rail and skirting to match that surviving in other parts of the room, a move we consider accords with the desirability of sustaining and enhancing the significance of the building under paragraph 131 of the NPPF. Particularly, the works will enable the form of the chimneybreast to be better understood.

However, in order to achieve this, it is proposed to cluster storage units and an integrated fridge against the SW wall, which would require the sealing up of an existing doorway to the larger adjacent room. From the submitted drawings it would appear that this opening is original, however this should be clarified with the applicant (in accordance with Paragraph 128 of the NPPF). If the opening is considered to be original, the proposed changes would likely lead to a blurring of the historic layout and flow of the internal spaces which could cause some harm to the significance of the listed building. Your Authority should weigh this harm against the benefits mentioned above in determining the application.

Recommendation

This application should be determined in accordance with national and local policy guidance and on the basis of your specialist conservation advice.

We have therefore drafted the necessary letter of authorisation (draft attached) for



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your Council to determine the application as you see fit and referred the case to National Planning Casework Unit. Subject to the Secretary of State not directing reference of the application to him, they will return the letter of authorisation to you. If your authority is minded to grant listed building consent, you will then be able to issue a formal decision. Please send us a copy of your Council's decision notice in due course.

Please note that this response relates to historic building matters only. If there are any archaeological implications to the proposals it is recommended that you contact the Greater London Archaeological Advisory Service for further advice (Tel: 020 7973 3712).

Yours sincerely

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