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Dear Ms Ampoma

**Arrangements for Handling Heritage Applications Direction 2015 & T&CP (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015
28 CHURCH ROW , LONDON , NW3 6UP
Application No 2014/3324/L**

Thank you for your letter of 12 May 2015 notifying Historic England of the application for listed building consent relating to the above site.

In principle the proposed conversion to residential usage of this basement unit is acceptable. However, in our view the information that you have sent with the notification letter is insufficient to provide a full understanding of the proposal, without which (in line with government guidance) we do not consider that the application can be determined.

We would draw attention specifically to Government guidance regarding the sufficient particulars required in an application. The Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 also empowers an authority to seek any particulars necessary to ensure that it has a full understanding of the impact of a proposal.

We therefore recommend that you should seek further information from the applicant, to include the following:

- Heritage Statement;
- Structural engineer's reports regarding the impact of the proposed excavations to the lightwell and ancillary vaults, and the internal structural supports;
- Details of the proposed window reinstatement;
- A method statement for the removal of the render to the basement lightwell. This render should be presumed to be cementitious and its removal may have a destructive effect on the integrity of the brick work beneath;
- Detail drawings and a method statement for the internal finish of the ancillary vaults - a cementitious treatment here will trap moisture within the original brickwork and is likely to cause long term damage;



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- Detail of the proposed courtyard door with glazed section over;
- Updated drawings showing the precise works intended (i.e. full extent of excavations, removal of lift) and accurate representation of proposed rear bathroom which does not at present appear to conform to the volume of space available.

Without this information we are unable to assess the effect of the proposal in relation to the significance of the application site and we will not therefore be able to advise further on this application.

Please let me have the necessary additional information in time for us to comment again before the application is determined. It would therefore be helpful if you could let me know the deadline for receiving our advice once the additional information has been provided.

Yours sincerely

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