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Application Ref: **2015/1632/P**  
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Dear Madam

## **DECISION**

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

### **Full Planning Permission Granted**

Address:  
**96 The British Library**  
**Euston Road**  
**London**  
**NW1 2DB**

Proposal:

Installation of 9 free standing luminaire lights to illuminate the clock tower and 5 free standing lights and associated works to new bronze plinth to illuminate the Newton statue. Drawing Nos: Site Location Plan; Newton Statue Plinth Plan View, St Pancras Proposed; Clock Tower St Pancras level 3; British Library External Lighting Enhancements Design and Access Statement; Newton Statue Lighting Side Elevation; Newton Statue Lighting Front Elevation; Clock Tower Lighting.

The Council has considered your application and decided to grant permission subject to the following conditions:

Conditions and Reasons:

- 1 The development hereby permitted must be begun not later than the end of three years from the date of this permission.

Reason: In order to comply with the provisions of Section 91 of the Town and



Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).

- 2 The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans: Site Location Plan; Newton Statue Plinth Plan View, St Pancras Proposed; Clock tower St Pancras level 3; British Library external Lighting Enhancements Design and Access Statement; Newton Statue Lighting Side Elevation; Newton Statue Lighting Front Elevation; Clock Tower Lighting.

Reason:

For the avoidance of doubt and in the interest of proper planning.

Informatives:

- 1 Reasons for granting permission.

The proposed lighting schemes for the clock tower and the Newton statue are considered to be acceptable in their locations and are of an appropriate design. The lighting scheme will provide an element of visual interest to the street scene at night.

The lighting strategy proposed on the library only picks up on the key features of the public library such as the clock tower and the statue. It is not the intention that the entire library façade is washed in an even spread of light. Such an approach allows for the architectural quality of the building to take precedence rather than the overall scale of the building.

The light fittings and locations have been designed to project light back onto the building and the statue rather than into the night sky. The fitting positions and cable routing has also been carefully chosen to minimise the visual impact on the building and the statue during the day.

The proposed lighting has very minimal impact on surrounding residences as the library building shields them. The building is flanked by mostly commercial businesses and few residential properties. The works have been partly implemented as such a visual assessment of the impact of the lighting has been made. The level and direction of lighting does not cause any amenity concerns to neighbouring properties and it is also noted that no objections have been received.

The property is not within a conservation area and nor is the building listed. The site history has been taken into account in making this decision.

As such, the proposed development is in general accordance with policies CS5 and CS14 of the London Borough of Camden Local Development Framework Core Strategy and policies DP24 and DP26 of the London Borough of Camden Local Development Framework Development Policies. The proposed development also accords with policies 7.4, 7.6 and 7.8 of The London Plan March 2015,

consolidated with alterations since 2011; and paragraphs 14, 17, 56 -66 and 126-141 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

- 2 Your proposals may be subject to control under the Building Regulations and/or the London Buildings Acts which cover aspects including fire and emergency escape, access and facilities for people with disabilities and sound insulation between dwellings. You are advised to consult the Council's Building Control Service, Camden Town Hall, Argyle Street WC1H 8EQ, (tel: 020-7974 6941).
- 3 Noise from demolition and construction works is subject to control under the Control of Pollution Act 1974. You must carry out any building works that can be heard at the boundary of the site only between 08.00 and 18.00 hours Monday to Friday and 08.00 to 13.00 on Saturday and not at all on Sundays and Public Holidays. You are advised to consult the Council's Compliance and Enforcement team [Regulatory Services], Camden Town Hall, Argyle Street, WC1H 8EQ (Tel. No. 020 7974 4444 or on the website <http://www.camden.gov.uk/ccm/content/contacts/council-contacts/environment/contact-the-environmental-health-team.en> or seek prior approval under Section 61 of the Act if you anticipate any difficulty in carrying out construction other than within the hours stated above.

In dealing with the application, the Council has sought to work with the applicant in a positive and proactive way in accordance with paragraphs 186 and 187 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

You can find advice about your rights of appeal at:

<http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/planning/appeals/guidance/guidancecontent>

Yours faithfully



Ed Watson  
Director of Culture & Environment