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Application Ref: **2015/4617/P**
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Dear Sir/Madam

DECISION

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

Full Planning Permission Granted

Address:
Whittington House
19-30 Alfred Place
London
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Proposal:

Installation and replacement of air handling unit. Installation of cooling condenser units on existing first floor flat roof. On the seventh floor roof, the replacement of an existing generator with new air handling unit and associated ductwork, incorporating an architectural louvre to screen the air handling unit.

Drawing Nos: EX(05)010, EX(03)011, EX(04)011, EX(03)017, EX(04)010, EX(05)012, PL-A(03)111, PL(27)002, PL(27)003, PL(27)004, PL-A(03)011, PL-A(05)012, PL-A(05)010, PL-A(31)020, PL(27)001, PL-A(04)011, PL-A(04)010, PL-A(03)117, PL-A(03)017, PL-A(02)001, Noise Impact Statement ref: EPL:4271/PBG/R2 and Design & Access Statement dated 15th July 2015.

The Council has considered your application and decided to grant permission subject to the following condition(s):

Condition(s) and Reason(s):

- 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 All new external work shall be carried out in materials that resemble, as closely as possible, in colour and texture those of the existing building, unless otherwise specified in the approved application.

Reason: To safeguard the appearance of the premises and the character of the immediate area in accordance with the requirements of policy CS14 of the London Borough of Camden Local Development Framework Core Strategy and policies DP24 and DP25 of the London Borough of Camden Local Development Framework Development Policies.

- 3 The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans: EX(05)010, EX(03)011, EX(04)011, EX(03)017, EX(04)010, EX(05)012, PL-A(03)111, PL(27)002, PL(27)003, PL(27)004, PL-A(03)011, PL-A(05)012, PL-A(05)010, PL-A(31)020, PL(27)001, PL-A(04)011, PL-A(04)010, PL-A(03)117, PL-A(03)017, PL-A(02)001, Noise Impact Statement ref: EPL:4271/PBG/R2 and Design & Access Statement dated 15th July 2015.

Reason:

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

- 4 Noise levels at a point 1 metre external to sensitive facades shall be at least 5dB(A) less than the existing background measurement (LA90), expressed in dB(A) when all plant/equipment (or any part of it) is in operation unless the plant/equipment hereby permitted will have a noise that has a distinguishable, discrete continuous note (whine, hiss, screech, hum) and/or if there are distinct impulses (bangs, clicks, clatters, thumps), then the noise levels from that piece of plant/equipment at any sensitive façade shall be at least 10dB(A) below the LA90, expressed in dB(A).

Reason: To safeguard the amenities of the [adjoining] premises [and the area generally] in accordance with the requirements of policy CS5 of the London Borough of Camden Local Development Framework Core Strategy and policies DP26 and DP28 of the London Borough of Camden Local Development Framework Development Policies.

Informative(s):

- 1 Reasons for granting permission:

The works to the first floor include the installation of 7 x cooling condenser unit to the existing flat roof, set in line with existing units on the centre of the roof. Although there are views of the unit from the rear of the surrounding buildings, the unit would be located amongst existing plant and is therefore not considered to cause

additional harm to the visual amenity of nearby residential occupants. Furthermore, the units would be painted a mid-grey colour to blend into the background, reducing the visibility of the proposed, and existing, units. An existing window would be altered to allow access to the first floor. This would be a minor alteration as the appearance of the window would remain the same, and is therefore considered acceptable.

At the seventh floor level, the proposed air handling unit would replace an existing generator, and 3 x condenser units would be installed within an existing rooftop plant area. A new Louvre screen would be installed, which would serve to shield views of the existing and proposed plant. The Louvre screen would not exceed the height of the existing roof, would not be visible from street level, and is considered to improve the appearance of the existing plant.

The application is accompanied by an acoustic report which demonstrates that the proposed units would comply with Camden's Noise standards for 24 hour use, following the installation of acoustic screens. Furthermore, the Council's Environmental Health Officer does not object to the development. As a safeguarding measure, the permission would be granted subject to the standard condition that the machinery is operated within the Council's noise thresholds.

The proposal is not considered to result in any harm to neighbouring amenity in terms of loss of privacy, daylight, outlook or noise levels.

No objections have been received prior to making this decision. The planning history of the site has been taken into account when coming to this decision. Special attention has been paid to the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character or appearance of the Conservation Area, under s.72 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 as amended by the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act (ERR) 2013.

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, DP25, DP26 and DP28 of the London Borough of Camden Local Development Framework Development Policies. The proposed development also accords with policies 7.4, 7.6 and 7.11 of The London Plan March 2015, consolidated with alterations since 2011 and paragraphs 14, 17, 56 - 68 and 126-141 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

- 2 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.

- 3 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).

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