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Application for listed building consent for alterations, extension or demolition of a listed building. Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990

Publication of applications on planning authority websites.

Please note that the information provided on this application form and in supporting documents may be published on the Authority's website.
If you require any further clarification, please contact the Authority's planning department.

1. Applicant Name, Address and Contact Details

Title:	-	First Name:	-	Surname:	-
Company name:	Trades Union Congress				
Street address:	Congress House				
	23-28 Great Russell Street				
Town/City:	LONDON	Telephone number:			
Country:		Mobile number:			
Postcode:	WC1B 3LS	Fax number:			
		Email address:			
Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?		<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No		

2. Agent Name, Address and Contact Details

Title:	Mr	First Name:	Andrew	Surname:	Bartlett
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Street address:	The Printworks				
	Dunstable Road				
Town/City:	Richmond	Telephone number:	07801545123		
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Postcode:	TW9 1RR	Fax number:			
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3. Description of the Proposal

Please describe the proposed works:

Congress House is the headquarters of the Trades Union Congress (TUC) and is one of the most important British buildings of the immediate post war period. Designed and realized between 1948-1958, like the Royal Festival Hall (1951), it is a completely realised demonstration of the principles of modernist architecture utilised as an expression of an aspirational hope for a better future.

It was one of the earliest post war buildings to receive a Grade II* listing in 1988.

The public areas on the basement and ground floors have a grandeur and sense of free flowing space. People passing at street level can see, through the curved glass façade, the internal central courtyard with its wall relief sculpture by Jacob Epstein.

The office areas (where the work described below is sited) are more modest and have been adapted over time. There is no general air conditioning. Heating is by radiators which were installed in the late 1980's in place of the original space heating. Suspended ceilings, incorporating modular fluorescent lighting, have been retro-fitted in most areas. What redeems these spaces is the quality and craftsmanship of the joinery - most particularly in the lifts and proposed Hub areas.

Purpose of Proposed Work

3. Description of the Proposal

The TUC is looking to consolidate its operational staff within the Congress House (facing Great Russell Street) and Link Block (facing Dyott Street) areas (wings) of the 3rd and 4th floors of the building. These areas are to be refurbished.

NOTE: The General Secretariat cellular spaces on the 4th floor Link Block are to be retained as existing.

The area outside the lifts on both floors, linking the two wings has been designed as a Hub Space, incorporating meeting and refreshment facilities. The layout has been specifically planned to minimize the impact of the changes on the more historically and architecturally sensitive elements of the building.

Extent of Works

- Removal of existing non-structural partitions (and doors)
- Installation of new non structural glazed and solid partitions (and doors - with re-use of existing where possible) to new layout
- Careful removal of existing floorcoverings; Existing revealed timber flooring (within hub areas) to be retained and cleaned/polished; new floorcoverings to be installed throughout elsewhere
- Existing ceilings are to be rationalised and upgraded with new tiles and new LED lighting; Existing plasterboard ceilings to be extended where applicable to suit new layout
- Re-decorations throughout
- Existing WC accommodation on both floors to be refurbished and upgraded
- Upgraded power and data installations within existing containment

Has the work already started?

Yes No

4. Site Address Details

Full postal address of the site (including full postcode where available)

Description:

House: Suffix:

House name:

Street address:

Town/City:

Postcode:

Description of location or a grid reference
(must be completed if postcode is not known):

Easting:

Northing:

5. Related Proposals

Are there any current applications, previous proposals or demolitions for the site?

Yes No

If Yes, please describe and include the planning application reference number(s), if known:

Planning and Listed Building Consent Application - Ref: P0002905346 (Not yet validated) submitted on 13/06/2016 by Hugh Broughton Associates on behalf on the TUC and its associated previous pre-application submission (Ref. 2014/1385/PRE)
These applications are in connection with proposed works to another area of the building.

The works included in this current application are separate from, and unrelated to, the earlier applications.

6. Pre-application Advice

Has assistance or prior advice been sought from the local authority about this application?

Yes No

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If Yes, please complete the following information about the advice you were given (this will help the authority to deal with this application more efficiently):

Officer name:

Title: First name: Surname:

Reference:

Date (DD/MM/YYYY): (Must be pre-application submission)

Details of the pre-application advice received:

Email sent by Helen Bilton - TUC Estates Officer requesting a pre-application consultation - No response received.

"Dear Antonia

I am the Estates Officer for The TUC and have been given your details by our colleagues at Hugh Broughton Architects, who you may know have recently made an application for consent to alter the south side of our building.

In addition and totally separately to this project, using an alternative architect, Harmsen Tilney & Shane, we have been reviewing the space that The TUC occupy within Congress House. We are in the enviable position where we own and occupy a unique and quite remarkable building and would like to upgrade the office space we occupy whilst making the most of some of the original features located in the lift core areas of the north side of the building in the process. I understand that many of the alterations we would like to make involve areas that are of no significant importance and therefore will not require consent, but I am also aware that a couple of the walls in these areas on the third and fourth floors are considered of significant architectural interest and consent will be required in order for us to make any alterations.

I would be most grateful if you could give me a call in order to give me some advice on the most appropriate course of action and to discuss the potential changes prior to submitting a full application. My full contact details are below. If a set of plans would be beneficial at this stage, please do let me know, and I will email these over to you.

Many thanks in advance for your assistance and I look forward to hearing from you shortly.

With kind regards
Helen

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7. Neighbour and Community Consultation

Have you consulted your neighbours or the local community about the proposal?

Yes No

8. Authority Employee/Member

With respect to the Authority, I am:

- (a) a member of staff
- (b) an elected member
- (c) related to a member of staff
- (d) related to an elected member

Do any of these statements apply to you?

Yes No

9. Materials

Please provide a description of existing and proposed materials and finishes to be used in the build (demolition excluded):

Ceiling - description:

Description of *existing* materials and finishes:

600 x 600mm exposed lay-in grid suspended ceiling system;
M/F suspended plasterboard ceiling soffit (to lift lobbies)

Description of *proposed* materials and finishes:

600 x 600mm exposed lay-in grid suspended ceiling system;

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M/F suspended plasterboard ceiling soffit (to lift lobbies and extended adjacent hub areas)

Floors - description:

Description of *existing* materials and finishes:

Predominantly carpet tiles with some exposed timber flooring to lift lobbies and ceramic tiling to toilets

Description of *proposed* materials and finishes:

Predominantly carpet tiles with some exposed timber flooring to lift lobbies and hub areas and ceramic tiling to toilets

Internal Doors - description:

Description of *existing* materials and finishes:

Joinery doors and frames (incorporating compliant vision panels where required) designed in accordance with the "Trades Union Congress - Congress House Management Guidelines – April 2004" (Prepared by Ove Arup & Partners and Hugh Broughton Architects)
In conjunction with the London Borough of Camden, English Heritage and the Twentieth Century Society and circulated to the Bloomsbury Conservation Area Advisory Committee;
Single glazed system partition doors;

Description of *proposed* materials and finishes:

Joinery doors and frames (incorporating compliant vision panels where required) designed in accordance with the "Trades Union Congress - Congress House Management Guidelines – April 2004" (Prepared by Ove Arup & Partners and Hugh Broughton Architects)
In conjunction with the London Borough of Camden, English Heritage and the Twentieth Century Society and circulated to the Bloomsbury Conservation Area Advisory Committee;
Single glazed system partition doors;

Internal Walls - description:

Description of *existing* materials and finishes:

Plasterboard stud partitioning with plant on skirtings;
Single glazed/part glazed system partitioning;

Description of *proposed* materials and finishes:

Plasterboard stud partitioning with plant on skirtings;
Double glazed system partitioning;

Lighting - description:

Description of *existing* materials and finishes:

Predominantly 600 x 600mm and 1200 x 600mm lay-in fluorescent luminaires with feature circular downlighters

Description of *proposed* materials and finishes:

600 x 600mm lay-in LED luminaires with feature circular downlighters

Are you supplying additional information on submitted plan(s)/drawing(s)/design and access statement?

Yes No

If Yes, please state references for the plan(s)/drawing(s)/design and access statement:

Heritage Plans

69218 03 Rev 0 : Level 3 - Analysis of Special Architectural and Historic Interest Plan (Scale 1.200 @ A3)

69218 04 Rev 0 : Level 4 - Analysis of Special Architectural and Historic Interest Plan (Scale 1.200 @ A3)

(Extracted from SECTION 3 of "Trades Union Congress - Congress House Management Guidelines – April 2004". Prepared by Ove Arup & Partners and Hugh Broughton Architects in conjunction with the London Borough of Camden, English Heritage and the Twentieth Century Society and circulated to the Bloomsbury Conservation Area)

Scheme Plans

Level 3

689 003 Rev 0 : Existing General Arrangement Plan (Scale 1.200 @ A3)

689 103 Rev 0 : Proposed General Arrangement Plan (Scale 1.200 @ A3)

689 153 Rev 0 : Demolitions Plan (Scale 1.200 @ A3)

689 203 Rev 0 : Partitions Plan (Scale 1.200 @ A3)

689 013 Rev 0 : Existing Ceiling Plan (Scale 1.200 @ A3)

689 303 Rev 0 : Proposed Ceiling Plan (Scale 1.200 @ A3)

Level 4

689 004 Rev 0 : Existing General Arrangement Plan (Scale 1.200 @ A3)

689 104 Rev 0 : Proposed General Arrangement Plan (Scale 1.200 @ A3)

689 154 Rev 0 : Demolitions Plan (Scale 1.200 @ A3)

689 204 Rev 0 : Partitions Plan (Scale 1.200 @ A3)

689 014 Rev 0 : Existing Ceiling Plan (Scale 1.200 @ A3)

689 304 Rev 0 : Proposed Ceiling Plan (Scale 1.200 @ A3)

689 DAS Rev 0 : Design and Access and Heritage Impact Assessment Statement

10. Demolition

Does the proposal include total or partial demolition of a listed building? Yes No

11. Listed building alterations

Do the proposed works include alterations to a listed building? Yes No

If Yes, will there be works to the interior of the building? Yes No

Will there be works to the exterior of the building? Yes No

Will there be works to any structure or object fixed to the property (or buildings within its curtilage) internally or externally? Yes No

Will there be stripping out of any internal wall, ceiling or floor finishes (e.g. plaster, floorboards)? Yes No

If the answer to any of these questions is Yes, please provide plans, drawings and photographs sufficient to identify the location, extent and character of the items to be removed, and the proposal for their replacement, including any new means of structural support, and state references for the plan(s)/drawing(s).

State references for these plan(s)/drawing(s):

12. Listed Building Grading

If known, what is the grading of the listed building (as stated in the list of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historical Interest)? Don't know Grade I Grade II* Grade II

Is it an ecclesiastical building? Don't know Yes No

13. Immunity from Listing

Has a Certificate of Immunity from listing been sought in respect of this building? Yes No

14. Site Visit

Can the site be seen from a public road, public footpath, bridleway or other public land? Yes No

If the planning authority needs to make an appointment to carry out a site visit, whom should they contact? (Please select only one)

The agent The applicant Other person

15. Certificates (Certificate A)

Certificate of Ownership - Certificate A Certificate under Regulation 6 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990

I certify/The applicant certifies that on the day 21 days before the date of this application nobody except myself/the applicant was the owner (*owner is a person with a freehold interest or leasehold interest with at least 7 years left to run*) of any part of the land or building to which the application relates.

Title: First name: Surname:

Person role: Declaration date: Declaration made

16. Declaration

I/we hereby apply for planning permission/consent as described in this form and the accompanying plans/drawings and additional information. I/we confirm that, to the best of my/our knowledge, any facts stated are true and accurate and any opinions given are the genuine opinions of the person(s) giving them.



Date

18/07/2016