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Application Ref: **2016/0462/L**  
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4 August 2016

Dear Sir/Madam

## **DECISION**

Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) Act 1990

### **Listed Building Consent Granted**

Address:  
**British Museum**  
**Great Russell Street**  
**London**  
**WC1B 3DG**

#### **Proposal:**

Internal and external alterations including replacement of existing copper, uninsulated flat roof and single glazed skylights, with new lead, insulated roof with double glazed skylights with external louvres to the roof of galleries 42-45 of the White Wing gallery of the museum. Drawing Nos: A200 rev A; A201 rev A; A202 rev A; A203 rev A; A204 rev A; A205 rev A; A206 rev A; 0699/454/006 rev A; 0699/454/007; 0699/454/010; 0699/454/011; 0699/454/012; Design and Access Statement rev A prepared by HOK International dated 27th January 2016; Scope of Works rev A prepared by HOK International dated 27th January 2016.

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

#### **Conditions And Reasons:**

- 1 The works hereby permitted shall be begun not later than the end of three years from the date of this consent.



Reason: In order to comply with the provisions of Section 18 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.

- 2 All new work and work of making good shall be carried out to match the original work as closely as possible in materials and detailed execution.

Reason: In order to safeguard the special architectural and historic interest of the building in accordance with the requirements of policy CS14 of the London Borough of Camden Local Development Framework Core Strategy and policy DP25 of the London Borough of Camden Local Development Framework Development Policies.

- 3 The works hereby approved are only those specifically indicated on the drawing(s) referred to above.

Reason: In order to safeguard the special architectural and historic interest of the building in accordance with the requirements of policy CS14 of the London Borough of Camden Local Development Framework Core Strategy and policy DP25 of the London Borough of Camden Local Development Framework Development Policies.

#### Informative(s):

- 1 Reasons for granting listed building consent.

The removal of the postwar copper sheeting, which is non-original, and its replacement with lead sheeting laid to authentic details is welcomed. The addition of new insulation and other environmental improvements to the flat roofs are supported in principle.

The renewal of the lantern rooflights with replacements of an upgraded specification using modern materials is in line with other replacements across the museum in recent years. The loss of historic fabric is justified by the closer controlled internal environment provided by the new rooflights plus reduced maintenance. The detailed design of the new rooflights, including the profiles of framing and glazing bars matches the historic pattern as closely as possible and will not have a negative impact on the historic character of the gallery interiors.

The works will not harm the special interest of the grade I listed building and would be considered acceptable.

Historic England was consulted, whereby a response was received on 7th June 2016 authorising the London Borough of Camden to determine this application in accordance with national and local policy guidance and on the basis of its specialist conservation advice.

The site's planning history was taken into account when coming to this decision.

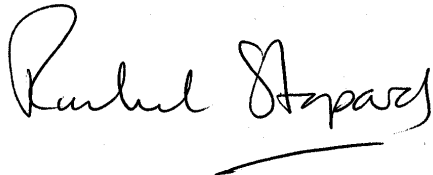
Special regard has been attached to the desirability of preserving the listed building and its features of special architectural or historic interest, under s.16 of the Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas Act 1990 as amended by the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act (ERR) 2013.

As such, the proposal is in general accordance with policy CS14 of the London Borough of Camden Local Development Framework Core Strategy, and policy DP25 of the London Borough of Camden Local Development Framework Development Policies. The proposed development also accords with policy 7.8 of The London Plan 2015 consolidated with alterations since 2011, and paragraphs 14, 17 and 126-141 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

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Rachel Stopard  
Executive Director Supporting Communities