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Our ref: L00518501

4 August 2016

Dear Ms Smith

**Arrangements for Handling Heritage Applications Direction 2015 &
T&CP (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015**

**Authorisation to Determine an Application for Listed Building Consent as Seen
Fit**

**CONGRESS HOUSE , 23-28 GREAT RUSSELL STREET , LONDON, WC1B 3LN
Application No 2016/3882/L**

Applicant: Ms Matilda Quiney
Grade of building(s): II*
Proposed works: Alterations to Bainbridge Street entrance area;
refurbishment of reception area and offices at ground,
second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth floor levels including
removal of some internal partitions; rearrangement at
basement level to provide facilities and servicing; other
external alterations
Drawing numbers: Drawings as approved by the local planning authority
Date of application: 14 July 2016
Date of referral by Council: 14 July 2016
Date received by Historic England: 15 July 2016
Date referred to CLG: 4 August 2016

You are hereby authorised to determine the application for listed building consent referred to above as you think fit. In so doing Historic England would stress that it is not expressing any views on the merits of the proposals which are the subject of the application.



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Yours sincerely



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NB: This authorisation is not valid unless it has been appropriately endorsed by the Secretary of State.

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Thank you for your letter of 14 July 2016 notifying Historic England of the scheme relating to the above site. These proposals are for alterations to the Bainbridge Street entrance of the Grade II* listed Congress House, as well as general internal refurbishment.

Historic England was involved in discussions over the wider refurbishment proposals for Congress House last year, which we broadly supported. These proposals are comparatively less interventionist in nature; however we note that some original fabric will be affected by the proposed works. Nonetheless, we recognise the benefits in creating a more welcoming environment along the Bainbridge Street elevation, particularly by removing the various undesirable accretions such as the caged security screens.

Recommendation

This application should be determined in accordance with national and local policy guidance and on the basis of your specialist conservation advice.

We have therefore drafted the necessary letter of authorisation (draft attached) for your Council to determine the application as you see fit and referred the case to National Planning Casework Unit. Subject to the Secretary of State not directing reference of the application to him, they will return the letter of authorisation to you. If your authority is minded to grant listed building consent, you will then be able to issue a formal decision. Please send us a copy of your Council's decision notice in due course.



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Please note that this response relates to historic building matters only. If there are any archaeological implications to the proposals it is recommended that you contact the Greater London Archaeological Advisory Service for further advice (Tel: 020 7973 3712).

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Enc: Draft letter of authorisation



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