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Our ref: L00521517

9 August 2016

Dear Mrs Powell

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

**UCL WILKINS BUILDING (MAIN BUILDING) , GOWER STREET , LONDON, WC1E 6BT
Application No 2016/3830/L**

Thank you for your letter of 2 August 2016 notifying Historic England of the scheme relating to the above site.

These proposals are for the refurbishment and fire safety improvements to 6 doors at the Grade I Wilkins Building in Bloomsbury. This would involve the replacement of the existing kicker plates, glazing and beading. The work would have a slight impact on the appearance and historic character of the doors. However, we recognise the operational needs of the University and consider that these changes can be accommodated relatively discretely.

Your Council should consider requesting samples of the new materials to ensure that these would match the historic fabric as closely as possible. Also, from the information provided, it would appear that the doors contain their original brass screws, and these should be carefully removed and reinstated as part of these works, and, again, any replacements must match the originals.

Recommendation

We would urge your Council to address the above advice, and determine the application in accordance with national and local policy and guidance. 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



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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.

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 [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

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Alasdair Young
Inspector of Historic Buildings and Areas

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Enc: Draft letter of authorisation

List of documents received by Historic England

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