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Application Ref: **2016/4046/L** Please ask for: **Sarah Freeman** Telephone: 020 7974 **2437** 

23 August 2016

Dear Sir/Madam

Mr Stephen Bond

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## DECISION

Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) Act 1990

## Listed Building Consent Granted

Address: Freemasons Hall 60 Great Queen Street London WC2B 5AZ

Proposal: Renewal of tower entrance steps in Portland stone to match existing and reinstatement of bronze inlaid 5-pointed star to upper platform.

Drawing Nos: Site Plan; Block Plan; FM01 Rev A; Design & Access Statement dated 19 July 2016; Method Statement prepared by Stonewest, dated 27 April 2016; Portland Stone Specification.

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 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.

3 All new external works and finishes and works of making good to the retained fabric, shall match the existing adjacent work with regard to the methods used and to material, colour, texture and profile, unless shown otherwise on the drawings or other documentation hereby approved or required by any condition(s) attached to this consent.

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 The site is the grade II\* listed Freemason's Hall, built 1927-33 to a design by HV Ashley and Winton Newman. The proposal involves the renewal of the shallow tower entrance steps in Portland stone to match the existing, a number of which are cracked and worn. It is also proposed to reinstate the missing 5-pointed star bronze inlay to the upper platform. The proposed development is considered to preserve and enhance the appearance and special interest of the listed building.

Public consultation was undertaken by placement of a press notice and site notice. One response was received from the Covent Garden Community Association, who raised no objection. Historic England was consulted, whereby a response was received on 03/08/2016, duly endorsed by the National Planning Casework Unit on the 10/08/2016, 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 2016, 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 You are advised to consult the Council's Noise and Licensing Holidavs. Enforcement Team, Camden Town Hall, Argyle Street, WC1H 8EQ (Tel. No. 020 7974 4444 or on the website http://www.camden.gov.uk/ccm/content/contacts/councilcontacts/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.

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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