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Application Ref: **2016/4051/L**
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19 October 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:

Formation of new opening through external wall of the north east entrance to maintain staff/pedestrian access.

Drawing Nos: AL1/1; SK 1/3; SK 1/2; SK 1/1; Heritage and Design and Access Statement.

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

Conditions And Reasons:

- 1 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.

- 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 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.

Informative(s):

- 1 The proposal is for the formation of a new opening through the external wall of the northeast entrance. The doorway would be located adjacent to the existing access to the staircase turret and the new hardwood door would be in keeping with the existing turret door. The external alterations are minor and of a functional nature, affecting a back-of-house area and as such would not harm the special interest of the grade I listed King Edward VII Building or the Bloomsbury Conservation Area.

Paragraph 132 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) indicates that when considering the impact of a proposed development upon the significance of a designated heritage asset, great weight should be given to the asset's conservation. The more important the asset, the greater the weight should be. Significance can be harmed or lost through alteration or destruction of the heritage asset or development within its setting. As heritage assets are irreplaceable, any harm or loss should require clear and convincing justification. As stated above, given the location and minor nature of the proposed works they are not judged to be harmful to the special interest of the listed building.

Public consultation was undertaken by placement of a press notice and site notice, whereby no responses were received. The site's planning history was taken into account when coming to this decision.

Historic England was consulted, whereby a response was received on 10 August 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.

Special regard has been attached to the desirability of preserving the listed building or its setting or any features of special architectural or historic interest which it possesses 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 the London Plan 2016 and National Planning Policy Framework.

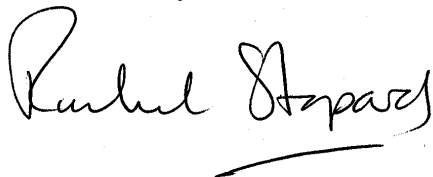
- 2 Your proposals may be subject to control under the Building Regulations and/or the London Buildings Acts which cover aspects including fire and emergency escape, access and facilities for people with disabilities and sound insulation between dwellings. You are advised to consult the Council's Building Control Service, Camden Town Hall, Argyle Street WC1H 8EQ, (tel: 020-7974 6941).

- 3 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 Holidays. You are advised to consult the Council's Noise and Licensing 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/council-contacts/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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