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Application Ref: **2016/3083/P**Please ask for: **Elaine Quigley**Telephone: 020 7974 **5101**

19 October 2016

Dear Sir/Madam

DECISION

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

Full Planning Permission Granted

Address:

British Museum Great Russell Street London WC1B 3DG

Proposal:

External extensions and alterations including erection of a four storey extension to the existing Crawford stair within the courtyard of the White Wing Building following the removal of the existing roof of the two storey extension.

Drawing Nos: A-CS- 100 C, 101 C, 102 C, 103 D, 104 C, 200 D, 201 D, 202 D, 203 D, 204 D, 205 C, 206 D, 400 C, 401 C, 402 C, 403 D; 0699-454- 014; 015; 016; 017; 018; 19; 20; 21; 71; 72; 73; 162A; 164B; 165B; 166B; 167B; 168B; SK16; SK17.

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

Condition(s) and Reason(s):

The development hereby permitted must be begun not later than the end of three years from the date of this permission.

Reason: In order to comply with the provisions of Section 91 of the Town and



Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).

All new external work shall be carried out in materials that resemble, as closely as possible, in colour and texture those of the existing building, unless otherwise specified in the approved application.

Reason: To safeguard the appearance of the premises and the character of the immediate area in accordance with the requirements of policy CS14 of the London Borough of Camden Local Development Framework Core Strategy and policy DP24 [and DP25 if in CA] of the London Borough of Camden Local Development Framework Development Policies.

The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans: A-CS- 100 C , 101 C, 102 C, 103 D, 104 C, 200 D, 201 D, 202 D, 203 D, 204 D, 205 C, 206 D, 400 C, 401 C, 402 C, 403 D; 0699-454-014; 015; 016; 017; 018; 19; 20; 21; 71; 72; 73; 162A; 164B; 165B; 166B; 167B; 168B; SK16; SK17.

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and in the interest of proper planning.

Informative(s):

1 Reasons for granting permission.

The proposed works comprise the upwards extension of the 19th century Crawford Stair and associated enclosure. The works are to facilitate and provide better access for the planned new Islamic galleries, which are to be housed in Rooms 42-45 of the White Wing, as well as to improve access to the existing galleries in Rooms 41 and 47.

Externally the works will impact only on an internal lightwell within the White Wing building, which is not visible from the public areas. The lightwell is faced in historic glazed bricks, so the cladding of the extension will be a white render to complement but contrast with the existing finishes. As such, no harm will be caused to the building and there will be no impact on the surrounding townscape and no negative visual effect on the Bloomsbury Conservation Area.

It is therefore considered that the proposal will not harm the character and appearance of the building or the Bloomsbury Conservation Area.

Due to the nature of the works the proposal would not impact on the amenity of neighbouring properties.

The planning history of the site has been taken into account when coming to this decision. No objection was received prior to making this decision.

Special regard has been attached to the desirability of preserving the building or its setting or any features of special architectural or historic interest which it

possesses, under s.66 and s72 of the Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas Act 1990 as amended by the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act (ERR) 2013.

As such, the proposed development is in general accordance with policies CS5 and CS14 of the London Borough of Camden Local Development Framework Core Strategy and policies DP24, DP25 and DP26 of the London Borough of Camden Local Development Framework Development. The proposed development also accords with the London Plan March 2016 and the National Planning Policy Framework.

- 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).
- 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 Compliance and Enforcement team [Regulatory Services], 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.

In dealing with the application, the Council has sought to work with the applicant in a positive and proactive way in accordance with paragraphs 186 and 187 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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