

Delegated Report		Analysis sheet		Expiry Date:		04/03/2013	
		N/A / attached		Consultation Expiry Date:		14/02/2013	
Officer				Application Number(s)			
Victoria Pound				2012/6810/L			
Application Address				Drawing Numbers			
University of London Senate House Malet Street London WC1E 7HU				See decision letter.			
PO 3/4		Area Team Signature		C&UD		Authorised Officer Signature	
Proposal(s)							
The addition of a timber mezzanine level within a large storage room (93sqm) on the first floor, and the addition of a second escape door from the space to educational establishment (Class D1).							
Recommendation(s):		Grant listed building consent.					
Application Type:		Listed Building Consent					
Conditions or Reasons for Refusal:		Refer to Draft Decision Notice					
Informatives:							
Consultations							
Adjoining Occupiers:		No. notified	00	No. of responses	00	No. of objections	00
				No. electronic	00		
Summary of consultation responses:		Press and site notices displayed – no responses. English Heritage – flexible authorisation granted.					
CAAC/Local groups* comments: *Please Specify		N/a – LBC only.					

Site Description

Senate House is Grade II * listed and was designed by Charles Holden in 1932-38. The building is a monumental Portland stone faced structure which rises at its centre to an 18 storey tower. The building is a local landmark for the University of London and dominates Malet Street. It is located within the Bloomsbury Conservation Area.

Relevant History

Various; none relevant to this application.

Relevant policies

LDF Core Strategy and Development Policies

CS14 Promoting high quality places and conserving our heritage
DP25 Conserving Camden's heritage

Assessment

Minor works of alteration are proposed within a back of house area, behind the Senate Room, at first floor level.

The area is a double height L-shaped space which is utilitarian in nature, and used for storage. It is accessed from one end only. It is proposed to install a mezzanine within this in order to provide an additional area for storage. This will be constructed in timber, with a timber stair access at either end.

The length of the space coupled with the additional travel time from the proposed upper level requires an additional means of escape to be provided, in order to meet the building regulations. It is proposed to form a simple, single door opening through a plasterboard partition into the lobby area next to the entrance to the Senate Room. The proposed door opening will not detrimentally affect the character of this lobby area nor will it affect any significant historic fabric.

The proposals are considered to preserve the building's special interest, in line with local and national policies and guidance, and therefore approval is recommended.

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