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> Application Ref: **2016/5079/L** Please ask for: **Sarah Freeman** Telephone: 020 7974 **2437**

16 December 2016

Dear Sir/Madam

## **DECISION**

Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) Act 1990

## **Listed Building Consent Granted**

Address:

London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine Keppel Street London WC1E 7HT

Proposal: Installation of internal lighting to the main library, Library Annex Rooms and Stair Lobby and installation of wifi access points within the Main Library.

Drawing Nos: LH005 PL: -001 P1, -002 P1, -003 P1, -004 P1, -005 P1, -006 P1, -007 P1, -008 P2, -009 P2; Design & Access Statement Rev E, dated November 2016; Conservation Management Plan prepared by Richard Griffiths Architects, dated August 2013; Optelma Lighting Specifications; Library Lighting Specifications; Frieze Lighting Specifications; Annex Rooms Lighting Specifications; Wifi Access Points.

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 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.

3 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.

## Informative(s):

1 The proposals involve minor internal works to the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, a Grade II listed building designed by Percy Morley Horder, built between 1926 and 1929.

The proposals involve the installation of new lighting within the main library, library annex and library entrance lobby, as well as the installation of wifi points to meet modern functional requirements. Within the main library, existing modern strip lights that detract from the building's significance are proposed to be removed and replaced with a combination of aged brass and opal glass chandeliers, LED uplighting located within existing coffers, more sensitively designed LED strip lighting and LED down-lighting for bookcases. The proposed replica chandeliers to match historic examples recorded in a historic photograph of the main library included within the Design & Access Statement will positively contribute towards this historic interior and result in heritage benefits. Initially chandeliers were proposed within the library annex room, however as this was not supported by any historic evidence this element of the proposals was revised during the application process; the revised proposals involve the renewal of modern hanging lighting and are not considered to result in harm to the building's significance. The proposals also include the installation of lighting to the historic frieze within the library entrance lobby, recognising the significance of this historic architectural feature. Two wifi access points are also proposed to be mounted to the ceiling of the main library and are not considered to harm the significance of the building due to their reversibility and relatively discreet appearance. The proposed works are not considered to cause harm to the special interest of the listed building.

No objections were received prior to the determination of this application.

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 and 126-141 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

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Yours faithfully

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