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Our ref: L00541105

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Dear Mr Whittingham

Arrangements for Handling Heritage Applications Direction 2015 & T&CP (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 39 GREAT JAMES STREET, LONDON, WC1N 3HB Application No 2016/6155/L

Thank you for your letter of 2 December 2016 notifying Historic England of the application for listed building consent relating to the above site.

39 Great James Street is a Grade II* terrace house dating from the 1720s. The building has deteriorated in recent years, in part due to a series of unsuccessful redevelopment proposals, and as such it is included on Historic England's Heritage at Risk Register. This development, which seek to return the building to a single residential, should allow the building to be removed from the Register. We are therefore supportive of the scheme in principle.

However, the work would appear to involve the removal of the existing staircase between ground and basement level, as well as alterations to the rear to accommodate a two-storey extension. We understand that the house retains many features of interest internally, and we therefore consider that these elements of the scheme have the potential to cause harm. We would therefore welcome the opportunity to visit the property so we have a better understanding of the areas subject to alteration. I have good availability Tuesday to Thursday (inclusive) on the weeks beginning the 9th and 16th of January.

Please note that this response related to historic building matters only. If there are any archaeological implications to the proposals it is recommended that you contact the Greater London Archaeological Advisory Service for further advice (Tel: 020 7973 3735).



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Yours sincerely

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