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Application Ref: **2016/6009/L**  
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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:

Security upgrade comprising installation of external CCTV cameras.

Drawing Nos: 60242395\_GA\_CTV\_YR4\_L2\_TS\_0005;

60242395\_GA\_CTV\_YR4\_L4\_TS\_0005; 60242395\_GA\_CTV\_YR4\_L6\_TS\_0005;

0242395\_GA\_CTV\_YR4\_L6\_TS\_0006.

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 drawings 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.

- 4 Detailed drawings, or samples of materials as appropriate, in respect of the following, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority before the relevant part of the work is begun:

a) Product information/specification for each installation, demonstrating that it will fit discreetly into its context.

The relevant part of the works shall not be carried out otherwise than in accordance with the details thus approved.

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 Reason for granting listed building consent.

The proposed works consist of the provision of new CCTV to the North West Quadrant. The cameras are necessary for a number of security reasons and although they are on view from the public realm they are of a sensitive nature.

The CCTV cameras are relatively small in size and are no bigger than other existing modern services. The additions of the cameras are not considered to add appreciably to the impact of the existing services.

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. Less than substantial harm can be justified on the grounds of public benefits that outweigh the harm, taking account of the greater weight to be given to conservation (paragraphs 133 and 134). In this case, the less than substantial harm caused by the provision of the new CCTV is outweighed by the significant public benefit of protecting the museum and its visitors from crime/harm (including the threat of terrorism and theft).

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 13 December 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, policy DP25 of the London Borough of Camden Local Development Framework Development Policies, and policy D2 of the London Borough of Camden Draft Local Plan Policies. The proposed development also accords with policy 7.8 of the London Plan 2015, consolidated with alterations since 2011, and paragraphs 14, 17 and 126-141 of the NPPF.

This application concerns improvements to the security of the British Museum and contains sensitive information which the applicant does not wish to be made available on the planning register. Camden Council has dealt with this application in accordance with Paragraphs 36 - 40 of the National Planning Policy Guidance on sensitive information in planning applications.

- 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).

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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