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Dear Mr Baxter

**Arrangements for Handling Heritage Applications Direction 2015 & T&CP (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015  
Application for Listed Building Consent**

**53-54 CAREY STREET , LONDON , WC2A 2JB  
Application No 2017/1658/L**

Thank you for your letter of 2 May 2017 notifying Historic England of the scheme relating to the above site.

The current proposals are for the replacement of the main staircase within its existing location. It is our view that the staircase has been heavily altered over time, and that there is opportunity for enhancement in association with ensuring the stairs remain safe for its users. It is possible that some of the timber and lower stone slabs may be original. We suggest further information is sought regarding the age of the underside of the staircase and that the extent of what is being demolished is clarified, as required under paragraph 128 of the NPPF.

It is our view that any early fabric should be incorporated into the new staircase where possible. Should such information be provided and you are minded to grant consent, I have attached the necessary draft authorisation letter

**Recommendation**

**This application should be determined in accordance with national and local policy guidance and on the basis of your specialist conservation advice.**

We have therefore drafted the necessary letter of authorisation (draft attached) for your Council to determine the application as you see fit and referred the case to National Planning Casework Unit. Subject to the Secretary of State not directing reference of the application to him, they will return the letter of authorisation to you. If your authority is minded to grant listed building consent, you will then be able to issue a formal decision. Please send us a copy of your Council's decision notice in due



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course.

Please note that this response relates 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 3712).

Yours sincerely

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Enc: Draft letter of authorisation

List of documents received by Historic England

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Documents as approved



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