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Application Ref: **2017/1055/P**
Please ask for: **Elaine Quigley**
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28 June 2017

Dear Sir/Madam

DECISION

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

Full Planning Permission Granted

Address:
**British Museum
Great Russell Street
LONDON
WC1B 3DG**

Proposal:

External and internal works to galleries 42-46 including installation of 3 new windows on the second floor northern elevation of gallery 42, 1 new window on the second floor southern elevation of gallery 42, one new window on the second floor western elevation of galleries 43-45, removal of existing ductwork at second floor level on the western elevation and installation of new glazing bricks (retrospective), all in association with the White Wing Building.

Drawing Nos: A-IWG-100 rev B; A-IWG-200 rev A; A-IWG-300 rev A; A-IWG-501 rev C; A-IWG-911 rev A; SK_051; Design and Access Statement and Conservation significance statement rev P1 produced by HOK dated 23rd February 2017; Report in support of mechanical ventilation removal to Galleries 43 and 45 produced by HOK dated 6th April 2017 and email from Simon Douch of HOK dated 06th April 2017.

The Council has considered your application and decided to grant permission subject to the following condition(s):

Condition(s) and Reason(s):



- 1 The development hereby permitted must be begun not later than the end of three years from the date of this permission.

Reason: In order to comply with the provisions of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).

- 2 All new external work shall be carried out in materials that resemble, as closely as possible, in colour and texture those of the existing building, unless otherwise specified in the approved application.

Reason: To safeguard the appearance of the premises and the character of the immediate area in accordance with the requirements of policy CS14 of the London Borough of Camden Local Development Framework Core Strategy and policy DP24 and DP25 of the London Borough of Camden Local Development Framework Development Policies and policies D1 and D2 of the Camden Local Plan Submission Draft 2016.

- 3 The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans A-IWG-100 rev B; A-IWG-200 rev A; A-IWG-300 rev A; A-IWG-501 rev C; A-IWG-911 rev A; SK_051; Design and Access Statement and Conservation significance statement rev P1 produced by HOK dated 23rd February 2017; Report in support of mechanical ventilation removal to Galleries 43 and 45 produced by HOK dated 6th April 2017 and email from Simon Douch of HOK dated 06th April 2017.

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and in the interest of proper planning.

Informative(s):

- 1 Reasons for granting permission.

The external works relate to the northern elevation and the lightwell area of the White Wing Building that lies within the eastern part of the Museum site. The proposal includes the reinstatement of three new window openings within blind windows at second floor level on the northern elevation and one new window at second floor level on the southern elevation facing onto the lightwell serving gallery 42. A new window opening would also be installed in the western elevation facing into the lightwell serving gallery 43-45. The new windows would be sliding 6-over-6 box sash windows. They would follow the proportions and detailing of existing windows in the White Wing, other than they would have sealed unit double glazing. A condition would be required to ensure that the profiles would match adjacent work and the double-glazing should have spacers to match the finished colour of the window joinery. Double glazing is acceptable here as the windows face onto the rear of properties fronting Montague Street and an internal lightwell and would not be visible from the surrounding public areas.

The proposal would also include the removal of redundant mechanical ventilation

that faces onto the lightwell and projects over the roof. This is welcomed. The lightwell is faced in historic glazed bricks and the proposal includes the bricking up of the apertures with new Ibstock London White glazing bricks to match the existing (this work has already been completed and is therefore retrospective).

It is considered that no harm will be caused to the building and there will be no impact on the surrounding townscape and no negative visual effect on the Bloomsbury Conservation Area.

It is therefore considered that the proposal will not harm the character and appearance of the building or the Bloomsbury Conservation Area.

Due to the nature of the works the proposal would not impact on the amenity of neighbouring properties.

The planning history of the site has been taken into account when coming to this decision. No objection was received prior to making this decision.

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.66 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 as amended by the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act (ERR) 2013.

Special attention has been paid to the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character or appearance of the conservation area, under s.72 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas Act) 1990 as amended by the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act (ERR) 2013.

As such, the proposed development is in general accordance with policies CS5 and CS14 of the London Borough of Camden Local Development Framework Core Strategy and policies DP24, DP25 and DP26 of the London Borough of Camden Local Development Framework Development. The proposal would also comply with policies D1 and D2 of the Camden Local Plan Submission Draft 2016. The proposed development also accords with the London Plan March 2016 and the National Planning Policy Framework.

- 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).
- 3 Noise from demolition and construction works is subject to control under the Control of Pollution Act 1974. You must carry out any building works that can be heard at the boundary of the site only between 08.00 and 18.00 hours Monday to Friday and 08.00 to 13.00 on Saturday and not at all on Sundays and Public Holidays. You are advised to consult the Council's Compliance and Enforcement team [Regulatory Services], Camden Town Hall, Argyle Street, WC1H 8EQ (Tel. No. 020 7974 4444 or on the website <http://www.camden.gov.uk/ccm/content/contacts/council->

contacts/environment/contact-the-environmental-health-team.en or seek prior approval under Section 61 of the Act if you anticipate any difficulty in carrying out construction other than within the hours stated above.

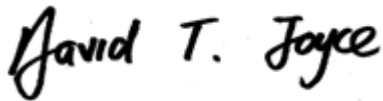
- 4 The Inspector's report on the Local Plan was published on 15 May 2017 and concludes that the plan is 'sound' subject to modifications being made to the Plan. While the determination of planning applications should continue to be made in accordance with the existing development plan until formal adoption, substantial weight may now be attached to the relevant policies of the emerging plan as a material consideration following publication of the Inspector's report, subject to any relevant recommended modifications in the Inspector's report.

In dealing with the application, the Council has sought to work with the applicant in a positive and proactive way in accordance with paragraphs 186 and 187 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

You can find advice about your rights of appeal at:

<http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/planning/appeals/guidance/guidancecontent>

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David T. Joyce". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

David Joyce
Director of Regeneration and Planning