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Dear Mr Baxter

**Arrangements for Handling Heritage Applications Direction 2015 &
T&CP (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015
99 GREAT RUSSELL STREET LONDON WC1B 3LH
Application No 2017/6105/L**

Thank you for your letter of 22 December 2017 notifying us of the application for listed building consent relating to the above site.

The proposal is for brickwork repair to the rear elevation of this grade II* building. The rear elevation of the building dates from the late seventeenth century and is of high significance, having been minimally altered except for the addition of the topmost storey and some piecemeal repairs. There are clearly some minor issues with the brickwork which include cracking, and the relatively light-touch approach to repair generally appears to be appropriate, subject to use of matching bricks and accurately matched mortar mixes.

The loss of historic fabric to masonry of this period in a listed building should be kept to a minimum. The Schedule of Works included in the application state that bricks are to be cut out and replaced in all eight identified areas, but the criteria for and extent of replacement is not clear. Although in some areas (e.g. area 4) several bricks are clearly degraded and in one area (area 6) later non-matching brickwork will be replaced, in other areas where replacement is specified the condition of the masonry appears relatively good, with only the occasional fracture. We recommend that the applicant is asked to provide a clearer indication of the criteria for replacement and approximate number of bricks to be replaced, to provide greater assurance that the interventions will be kept to a minimum.

Recommendation

Providing that the above issues are addressed, we would be minded to direct as to the granting of listed building consent, subject to conditions regarding sample panels. We therefore look forward to notification of the necessary further information regarding these proposals.



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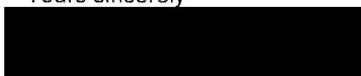


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Please note that this response relates to listed building matters only. If there are any archaeological implications to the proposals it is recommended that you contact the Greater London Archaeological Advisory Service for further advice (Tel: 020 7973 3712).

Yours sincerely



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