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Dear Mr Rose

**Arrangements for Handling Heritage Applications Direction 2015 &
T&CP (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015
4 WOBURN WALK LONDON LONDON WC1H 0JL
Application No 2018/0041/L**

Thank you for your letter of 23 January 2018 notifying Historic England of the application for listed building consent relating to the above site.

Historic England Advice

Woburn Walk is a terrace of shops with accommodation above, built c.1822 by Thomas Cubitt and restored in the late 20th century. With the adjacent contemporary terrace in Duke's Road, the coherently designed group forms an exceptional architectural composition and survival, reflected in the Grade II* listing. The upper floors are faced in stucco with the party walls articulated in the elevational treatment using narrow recessed bays.

The proposals are to install a commemorative plaque to George Jacob Holyoake at first floor level. Whilst we commend the intended commemoration of this historical figure, we are concerned about the impact of the proposed plaque on the coherent architectural character of the grouping and question its appropriateness given the very high significance of the grouping. As stated in the English Heritage guidance document on commemorative plaques, 'Celebrating People & Place', *'suitability will be affected by the nature of the building concerned, its special interest and character, and the type of subject that is being commemorated.'*

Recommendation

Historic England recommends that in determining this application your authority takes the above comments into account, alongside 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



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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 course.

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).

Yours sincerely

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