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Our ref: L00905210

8 June 2018

Dear Ms Martin

**Arrangements for Handling Heritage Applications Direction 2015 &
T&CP (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015
8 NEW SQUARE LONDON LONDON WC2A 3QP
Application No 2018/2191/L**

Thank you for your letter of 21 May 2018 notifying us of the application for listed building consent relating to the above site. We do not wish to comment in detail, but offer the following general observations.

Historic England Advice

8 New Square is a Grade II* listed building, reflecting its very high degree of special architectural and historic interest. It forms part of New Square, a large and very well preserved late seventeenth century square, the form of which was established in 1682 by Henry Searle and completed after his death in 1690 by Nicholas Barbon. No.8 forms part of a terrace of chambers built c.1690-97.

The current proposals include the installation of bulkheads within the ground floor front rooms to house air conditioning units, which also involves some minor impact to historic fabric as a result of a new opening required for service runs to access the existing vertical riser. While some previous alteration has occurred to the building's interior, the plan form and spatial proportions of these rooms remains relatively intact. The proposed installation of bulkheads within the ground floor front rooms would have impact on the spatial character of these important spaces within the building, causing some minor harm to the building's significance.

Paragraph 132 of the National Planning Policy Framework states that when considering the impact of a proposed development on the significance of a designated heritage asset, great weight should be given to the asset's conservation and that any harm caused to the significance of designated heritage asset should require clear and convincing justification. Paragraph 134 states that less than substantial harm caused to the significance of a designated heritage asset should be weighed against the public benefits of the proposal. In this case there do not appear to be any public benefits that



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would outweigh the minor harm caused, and we would therefore encourage your authority to seek amendments to the proposals to reduce the harm caused to this highly significant building.

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 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 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 [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

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Sarah Freeman

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**Authorisation to Determine an Application for Listed Building Consent as Seen
Fit**

**8 NEW SQUARE LONDON LONDON WC2A 3QP
Application No 2018/2191/L**

<i>Applicant:</i>	Mr James Salisbury
<i>Grade of building(s):</i>	II*
<i>Proposed works:</i>	Removal of two window frames at lower ground level and replacement with metal louvres for ventilation. Formation of internal plant room to house a fan coil unit
<i>Drawing numbers:</i>	As published on the local authority website (dated 10/05/2018)
<i>Date of application:</i>	10 May 2018
<i>Date of referral by Council:</i>	21 May 2018
<i>Date received by Historic England:</i>	21 May 2018
<i>Date referred to CLG:</i>	8 June 2018

You are hereby authorised to determine the application for listed building consent referred to above as you think fit.



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NB: This authorisation is not valid unless it has been appropriately endorsed by the Secretary of State.



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