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Application Ref: **2015/1094/L**
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3 July 2015

Dear Sir/Madam

DECISION

Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) Act 1990

Listed Building Consent Granted

Address:

**British Museum
Great Russell Street
London
WC1B 3DG**

Proposal:

Extend the temporary listed building consent (references 2007/2934/L, 2008/1376/L, 2011/0605/P) for ticket desks on east & west sides of Great Court for 3 years.

Drawing Nos: Site Location Plan; Design and Access Statement for the Temporary Ticketing and Audio-Guide Desks; Heritage Statement - Temporary Ticket Desks in the Great Court.

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

Conditions And Reasons:

- 1 The retention of the two retail ticketing desks on the east and west sides of the Great Court shall be limited to a period of 3 years from the date of this consent, on or before the expiry of which period the desks shall be removed in their entirety, all necessary fabric repairs completed and the building restored to its former 2007 appearance.



Reason: In order to safeguard the special architectural and historic interest of the building in accordance with the requirements of policy CS14 of the London Borough of Camden Local Development Framework Core Strategy and policy DP25 of the London Borough of Camden Local Development Framework.

- 2 The works hereby approved are only those specifically indicated on the drawing(s) referred to above.

Reason: In order to safeguard the special architectural and historic interest of the building in accordance with the requirements of policy CS14 of the London Borough of Camden Local Development Framework Core Strategy and policy DP25 of the London Borough of Camden Local Development Framework Development Policies.

Informative(s):

- 1 Reason for granting listed building consent

The proposed works comprise the retention of the two retail ticketing desks on the east and west side of the Great Court for a period of 3 years from the date of this listed building consent. The ticketing desks are to be retained to allow museum visitors to purchase exhibition tickets and museum guides, and to act as markers for visitors accessing different parts of the building. This is in the absence of a middle- to long-term strategy for the use of the Round Reading Room and associated spaces which could accommodate the ticketing desks in the future. The British Museum is expected to produce a building development framework which will include alternative locations for the desks and to obtain the necessary consents within the time-frame granted by this listed building consent. The retention of the two ticketing desks in their current positions is not considered to harm the special interest of the grade I listed building.

Public consultation was undertaken by placement of a press notice and site notice, whereby no responses were received.

Historic England was consulted, whereby a response was received on 16 June 2015 authorising the London Borough of Camden to determine this application in accordance with national and local policy guidance and on the basis of its specialist conservation advice.

The site's planning history was taken into account when coming to this decision.

Special regard has been attached to the desirability of preserving the listed building and its features of special architectural or historic interest, under s.16 of the Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas Act 1990 as amended by the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act (ERR) 2013.

As such, the proposal is in general accordance with policy CS14 of the London Borough of Camden Local Development Framework Core Strategy, and policy

DP25 of the London Borough of Camden Local Development Framework Development Policies. The proposed development also accords with policy 7.8 of The London Plan 2015 consolidated with alterations since 2011, and paragraphs 14, 17 and 126-141 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

- 2 You are advised that above listed building consent has been issued for a temporary period of 3 years on the basis that a clear undertaking has been given by representatives of the British Museum to the London Borough of Camden that no further applications for an extension will be submitted.

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, appearing to read 'Ed Watson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ed Watson
Director of Culture & Environment