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Dear Sir/Madam

DECISION

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

Full Planning Permission Granted

Address:
Wilkins Terrace
UCL Bloomsbury Campus
Gower Street
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Proposal: Installation of art work to existing wall at Wilkins Terrace.

Drawing Nos: All Drawings Prefix 2971A -0010 revP1 Location Plan, -0020 revP1 (Existing East Elevation), -0100 revP1 (Proposed Donor Wall), 0150 RevP1 (Proposed East Elevation), 0101 revP1 (Proposed Donor Wall Future Works).

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 D1 and D2 of the London Borough of Camden Local Plan 2017.

- 3 The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans : All Drawings Prefix 2971A -0010 revP1 Location Plan, -0020 revP1 (Existing East Elevation), -0100 revP1 (Proposed Donor Wall), 0150 RevP1 (Proposed East Elevation), 0101 revP1 (Proposed Donor Wall Future Works).

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

Informative(s):

- 1 Reasons for granting permission

The proposal is for an artwork to be fixed to an existing Portland stone wall at UCL's Wilkins Terrace. The artwork would comprise the permanent installation of up to 100 no. bronze and aluminium hands on grey stems. The artwork arose from a competition which invited artists and designers from The Slade School of Fine Art and The Bartlett School of Architecture to submit an expression of interest for an inaugural UCL donor recognition wall. Each hand would be cast from individual donor's hands and would include their name on the stem.

The Wilkins Terrace (ref 2014/0257/P) is one of UCL's most recent new outdoor amenity spaces for students and the public, created by decking over the service yard at lower ground level. The Terrace is accessible from the grade I Wilkins Building and while the wall to which the artwork is not listed, it sits within the setting of the Wilkins building and is within the Bloomsbury Conservation Area.

Camden Design CPG advises that artworks are only likely to be acceptable if they meet the requirements of Camden's corporate guidance on new statues, memorials and artworks in parks and open spaces. However, while the site is publically accessible it is a privately owned and managed site and therefore the key relevant considerations relate to the quality of design and impact of the proposals on the listed building and conservation area.

The scale and design of the proposed artwork is considered to represent an interesting and high quality piece of public art that would engage both students and visitors to the site. The use of sculpted bronze and aluminium materials link the proposals to a traditional form of artwork, while ensuring that it is durable and robust. The proposals would add visual interest to this corner of the Wilkins Terrace and provide a local focal point. The hands have been positioned to deter access for climbing, but have also been designed to ensure that no harm results to the wall or the artwork in the event that weight is

applied. Lighting would be added in the form of spill light from existing luminaires and new dedicated spotlights, which are designed for add a sense of dramatic visual appearance and change the appearance of the installation between day and night.

Given the above, the artwork is considered to be a high quality piece of public art that would preserve the setting of the Grade I listed Wilkins building, and would not cause harm to the character and appearance of the conservation area.

The proposed development would not cause harm to any residential amenity. No objections were received following statutory consultation. The site's planning history was taken into account when coming to this decision.

Special regard has been attached to the desirability of preserving or enhancing 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 and special regard has been attached to the desirability of preserving the setting of the listed building, under s.66 of the Act.

As such, the proposal is in general accordance with policies D1, D2 and A1 of the Camden Local Plan 2017. The proposed development also accords with the policies of the London Plan 2016 and National Planning Policy Framework 2019.

- 2 Your proposals may be subject to control under the Building Regulations and/or the London Buildings Acts that 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, Judd St, Kings Cross, London NW1 2QS (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 Noise and Licensing Enforcement Team, Camden Town Hall, Judd St, Kings Cross, London NW1 2QS (Tel. No. 020 7974 4444 or search for 'environmental health' on the Camden website 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 This approval does not authorise the use of the public highway. Any requirement to use the public highway, such as for hoardings, temporary road closures and suspension of parking bays, will be subject to approval of relevant licence from the Council's Streetworks Authorisations & Compliance Team London Borough of Camden 5 Pancras Square c/o Town Hall, Judd Street London WC1H 9JE (Tel. No 020 7974 4444) . Licences and authorisations need to be sought in advance of proposed works. Where development is subject to a Construction Management Plan (through a requirement in a S106 agreement), no licence or authorisation will be granted until the Construction

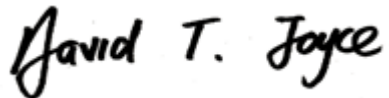
Management Plan is approved by the Council.

In dealing with the application, the Council has sought to work with the applicant in a positive and proactive way in accordance with paragraph 38 of the National Planning Policy Framework 2019.

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