

**LBC – confirmation of LEASEHOLDER CONSENT – School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS)
Blue plaque to Lilian Lindsay at 23 Russell Square**

From: Francine Hill [mailto:fh12@soas.ac.uk]
Sent: 09 April 2019 09:00
To: Power, Cathy; Rychard Scrase Field
Subject: Re: blue plaque at number 23 Russell Square - Lilian Lindsay

Dear Cathy,

I can confirm SOAS are happy for the Blue Plaque to be installed on the Russell square terrace Facade for Lilian Lindsay.

Moving forward can you liaise with Rychard Scrase field copied in, as i am leaving SOAS.

Thank you for your patience while we got internal approval.

Regards,

Francine

On Sat, 6 Apr 2019 at 13:22, Julia Race <jr53@soas.ac.uk> wrote:
Hi Francine, see below: SOAS is happy to go ahead.
Please can you let us know timing of the announcement and who to liaise with on communications?
Thanks
Julia

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Soas Director** <director@soas.ac.uk>
Date: Fri, 5 Apr 2019 at 17:40
Subject: Re: blue plaque at number 23 Russell Square - Lilian Lindsay
To: Julia Race <jr53@soas.ac.uk>
Cc: Ruth O'Hanlon <ro7@soas.ac.uk>
Thanks. It's fine to go ahead

Sent from my iPhone

On 5 Apr 2019, at 16:06, Julia Race <jr53@soas.ac.uk> wrote:

Valerie, I hope all is going well.
You asked whether Lilian Lindsay held any views that were contrary to SOAS values.
Please see below. I would recommend we go ahead. Grateful for your approval.
Julia

On Wed, 3 Apr 2019 at 10:58, Penny Crossland <pc57@soas.ac.uk> wrote:

Dear Julia,

There is nothing controversial about Lilian Lindsay. On the contrary, she sounds like a very suitable person to be associated with a SOAS building:

Lilian Lindsay Due Diligence

Nothing adverse or controversial was found on Lilian Lindsay.

Lilian Lindsay OBE, née Murray (1871 – 1960) was a pioneer in dentistry, becoming the first qualified woman dentist and the first female President of the BDA in 1946.

Upon her retirement in 1920, she and her husband, Robert moved to a flat at 23 Russell Square, at the time the headquarters of the BDA, where she established a dental library. She was made honorary librarian of the BDA and taught herself several languages, including French, German, Latin, Spanish and Old English to help her with historical research.

Robert Lindsay died in 1930. Lilian Lindsay remained at [23 Russell Square](#) for a further five years. According to English Heritage, she was so devoted to her research that she stayed in London during the Blitz.

Blue Plaque

In 2013 English Heritage placed a blue plaque at Lilian Lindsay's childhood home in Holloway at [3 Hungerford Road](#), but in 2017 the house along with one attached to it was illegally demolished by a development company called Hungerford, for which the company was fined £60,000.

This prompted English Heritage to announce in February 2019 that it was moving Lilian Lindsay's plaque to 23 Russell Square, the former BDA headquarters and where Mrs Lindsay worked and lived from 1920 to 1935.

Best wishes,

Penny

From: Power, Cathy <Cathy.Power@english-heritage.org.uk>

Sent: 27 February 2019 15:00

To: Francine Hill (fh12@soas.ac.uk) <fh12@soas.ac.uk>; Caroline Bidder <Caroline.Bidder@london.ac.uk>

Subject: blue plaque at number 23 Russell Square - Lilian Lindsay

Dear Caroline and Francine

I have attached a letter, planned positioning images, and an image of the blue plaque. Please do forward to the directors at SOAS and UCL and let me know if they have any questions. I shall look forward to hearing from you both – with hoped for – final consent.

Best wishes

Cathy

Cathy Power|Blue Plaques
English Heritage
6th Floor, 100 Wood Street
London
EC2V 7AN

office 0207 973 3757
mobile 07802 775022



Step into England's story

English Heritage cares for over 400 historic monuments, buildings and places - from world famous prehistoric sites to grand medieval castles, from Roman forts on the edges of empire to cold war bunkers. Through these we bring the story of England to life for over 10 million visitors each year.

The English Heritage Trust is a charity, no. 1140351, and a company, no. 07447221, registered in England.

This e-mail (and any attachments) is confidential and may contain personal views which are not the views of English Heritage unless specifically stated. If you have received it in error, please delete it from your system and notify the sender immediately. Do not use, copy or disclose the information in any way nor act in reliance on it. Any information sent to English Heritage may become publicly available..