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Dear Ms Martin

**Arrangements for Handling Heritage Applications Direction 2015**

**FLAT A 1 NEW SQUARE LONDON WC2A 3SA  
Application No. 2019/1158/L**

Thank you for your letter of 9th April 2019 regarding further information on the above application for listed building consent. On the basis of the information available to date, we offer the following advice to assist your Authority in determining the application.

**Historic England Advice**

In Historic England's previous advice letter regarding these proposals dated 5 April 2019, we raised concerns over the loss of the lath and plaster from the compartment walls. This was to enable the filling of the cavity wall with fire rated mineral wool and install fire rated plasterboard lining to achieve a 1 hour fire resistance to this residential flat.

In light of the concerns we previously raised, the applicant's architect has now revised the proposals to retain the lath and plaster walls and affix plasterboard 'over boarding' to the existing walls. We welcome this revised approach to preserve original historic fabric, and are content for your authority to determine the revised application as you see fit. We do remain conscious however that in isolation this revision may not meet the 1 hour resistance required and understand the applicant has been unable to seek the advice of a fire consultant to confirm this. We would therefore urge the applicant to engage in further discussions with your council's building control and conservation officers to discuss the necessary requirements and potential design revisions that strike an appropriate balance between providing the required fire resistance whilst respecting the historic fabric. Should design revisions be forthcoming, I would be happy to consider these at application stage in light of the advice and background details already provided.

**Recommendation**



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Your Authority should take these representations in account and determine the application in accordance with national and local planning policy and in consultation with your specialist conservation advice. We have drafted the necessary letter of authorisation for your Authority to determine the application as you see fit and have referred this to the National Planning Casework Unit (NPCU) (copy attached). You will be able to issue a formal decision once the NPCU have returned the letter of authorisation to you, unless the Secretary of State directs the application to be referred to them.

This response relates to designated heritage assets only. If the proposals meet the Greater London Archaeological Advisory Service's published consultation criteria we recommend that you seek their view as specialist archaeological adviser to the local planning authority.

The full GLAAS consultation criteria are on our webpage at the following link:

<https://www.historicengland.org.uk/services-skills/our-planning-services/greater-london-archaeology-advisory-service/our-advice/>

Yours sincerely

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