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Dear Mr McClue

## **Arrangements for Handling Heritage Applications Direction 2015**

## 1-5 FLITCROFT STREET LONDON WC2H 8DH Application No. 2019/2370/L

Thank you for your letter of 3 May 2019 regarding 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**

1-5 Filcroft Street is a warehouse building dating from 1903-4. Two storeys and constructed in brick, the building was originally designed to paint theatrical scenery. The floorplan is still discernable and historic fixtures and fittings still survive. The proposals seek to refurbish the building and make alterations to it to allow empty spaces within the building to be used.

Whilst I have no objection to the scheme in principle, I am concerned that the proposals involve the loss of two staircases between basement and ground floor as well as a seperate staircase between ground and first floor. There is very little information within the application regarding the significance the staircases, which appear on plan to be original, or adequate justification for their removal. I also note from your pre-application advice letter that LB Camden had similar concerns.

Before we can offer further advice and/or provide an authorisation letter, I ask that further information about the staircases and their significance be provided together with a clear statement justifying the loss of historic fabric.

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:

Yours sincerely

**Breda Daly** 

Inspector of Historic Buildings and Areas



