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Dear Sir/Madam

## **DECISION**

Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) Act 1990

### **Listed Building Consent Granted**

Address:

**German Historical Institute**  
**17 Bloomsbury Square**  
**London**  
**WC1A 2NJ**

Proposal:

Installation of a wireless fire detection and alarm system  
Drawing Nos: LF-SW2279-8-FA-01 (propo B), LF-SW2279-8-FA-02 (propo G), LF-SW2279-8-FA-03 (propo 1F), LF-SW2279-8-FA-04 (propo 2F), LF-SW2279-8-FA-05 (propo 3F), heritage statement July 2019, equipment overview and datasheets

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

Conditions And Reasons:

- 1 The works hereby permitted shall be begun not later than the end of three years from the date of this consent.

Reason: In order to comply with the provisions of Section 18 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.

- 2 The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans:

LF-SW2279-8-FA-01 (propo B), LF-SW2279-8-FA-02 (propo G), LF-SW2279-8-FA-03 (propo 1F), LF-SW2279-8-FA-04 (propo 2F), LF-SW2279-8-FA-05 (propo 3F), heritage statement July 2019, equipment overview and datasheets

Reason: In order to safeguard the special architectural and historic interest of the building in accordance with the requirements of policy D2 of the Camden Local Plan 2017.

- 3 All new work and work of making good shall be carried out to match the existing adjacent work as closely as possible in materials and detailed execution.

Reason: In order to safeguard the special architectural and historic interest of the building in accordance with the requirements of policy D2 of the Camden Local Plan 2017.

Informative(s):

- 1 The site is a 17th-century townhouse, speculatively altered by Nash and decorated with Adam ceilings, listed grade II and making a positive contribution to the Bloomsbury Conservation Area. It was formerly the Royal Pharmaceutical Society and is now the German Historical Institute.

The applicant wishes to install a fire detection and warning system.

A heritage advisor has collaborated with a firm of installers experienced in historic buildings to provide optimal positions for the various devices. The original wired spec has been upgraded to a wireless one. The differing levels of significance of the various rooms have been taken into account and it is now believed that the proposal is as sympathetic as it can be, with the less-than-substantial harm caused offset by the public benefit of protecting the building from fire. It is recommended that, where possible, at least the base parts of the devices be painted to match their surroundings.

Any works other than those specifically mentioned in the consented drawings are unauthorised. If further works are found to be needed, the permission of the council's conservation team must be obtained in writing, or further listed building consent may be required.

The proposed works will not harm the special interest of the grade-II-listed building.

The site's planning history has been taken into account in making this decision.

Special attention has been paid to the desirability of preserving the special interest of the listed building, 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 D2 of the Camden Local Plan 2017. The proposed development also accords with the London

Plan 2016 and the NPPF.

- 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 You are advised that any works of alterations or upgrading not included on the approved drawings which are required to satisfy Building Regulations or Fire Certification may require a further application for listed building consent.
- 4 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.
- 5 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.
- 6 All works should be conducted in accordance with the Camden Minimum Requirements - a copy is available on the Council's website at <https://beta.camden.gov.uk/documents/20142/1269042/Camden+Minimum+Requirements+%281%29.pdf/bb2cd0a2-88b1-aa6d-61f9-525ca0f71319> or contact the Council's Noise and Licensing Enforcement Team, 5 Pancras Square c/o Town Hall, Judd Street London WC1H 9JE (Tel. No. 020 7974 4444)

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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, appearing to read 'DPope', is written over a light grey rectangular background.

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