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Dear Sir/Madam

## **DECISION**

Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) Act 1990

### **Listed Building Consent Granted**

Address:

**British Museum**  
**Great Russell Street**  
**London**  
**WC1B 3DG**

Proposal:

Roof alterations including replacement of existing copper roofs with new copper roof at the main portico; replacement lead roof over contractors' desk, replacement copper roof of the east advancing wing with copper roof and replacement of 3 roof lanterns, relocation of access hatches with new maintenance route and guard rails. Structural repairs, including soffit repairs, repairs to South Colonnade flagstones and repair to roof timbers.

Drawing Nos: BMSC-HOK-ZZ- (PREFIX) XX-DR-A-1010 rev 03; 7-DR-A-2000 rev 02; G-DR-A-2001 rev 02; 7-DR-A-2002 rev 03; 7-DR-A-2003 rev 01; G-DR-A-2011; XX-DR-A-3001 rev 03; R-DR-A-4001 rev 03; R-DR-A-4002 rev 03; R-DR-A-4003 rev 03; XX-DR-A-4004 rev 03; R-DR-A-4005 rev 02; R-DR-A-4006 rev 02; R-DR-A-4007 rev 02; R-DR-A-4008 rev 02; XX-DR-A-4100 rev 02; XX-DR-A-4101 rev 02; XX-DR-A-4102 rev 02; ZZ-XX-DR-A-4103 rev 02; XX-DR-A-4104 rev 02; G-DR-A-4200 rev 02; G-DR-A-4201 rev 02; G-DR-A-4202 rev 02; G-DR-A-4203 rev 02; G-DR-A-4204 rev 02; XX-DR-A-5001 rev 02; XX-DR-A-7001 rev 02; XX-DR-A-7002 rev 01; XX-DR-A-8001 rev 02; XX-DR-A-8002 rev 02; XX-DR-A-8003 rev 02; XX-DR-A-8004 rev 02; XX-SP-A-9001; XX-SH-A-9010; XX-SH-A-9011; XX-SH-A-9012; XX-SH-A-9013; Cover letter produced by The Planning Lab dated 01/11/2019; Design and Access Statement produced by HOK dated 31/10/2019.

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:  
BMSC-HOK-ZZ- (PREFIX) XX-DR-A-1010 rev 03; 7-DR-A-2000 rev 02; G-DR-A-2001 rev 02; 7-DR-A-2002 rev 03; 7-DR-A-2003 rev 01; G-DR-A-2011; XX-DR-A-3001 rev 03; R-DR-A-4001 rev 03; R-DR-A-4002 rev 03; R-DR-A-4003 rev 03; XX-DR-A-4004 rev 03; R-DR-A-4005 rev 02; R-DR-A-4006 rev 02; R-DR-A-4007 rev 02; R-DR-A-4008 rev 02; XX-DR-A-4100 rev 02; XX-DR-A-4101 rev 02; XX-DR-A-4102 rev 02; ZZ-XX-DR-A-4103 rev 02; XX-DR-A-4104 rev 02; G-DR-A-4200 rev 02; G-DR-A-4201 rev 02; G-DR-A-4202 rev 02; G-DR-A-4203 rev 02; G-DR-A-4204 rev 02; XX-DR-A-5001 rev 02; XX-DR-A-7001 rev 02; XX-DR-A-7002 rev 01; XX-DR-A-8001 rev 02; XX-DR-A-8002 rev 02; XX-DR-A-8003 rev 02; XX-DR-A-8004 rev 02; XX-SP-A-9001; XX-SH-A-9010; XX-SH-A-9011; XX-SH-A-9012; XX-SH-A-9013; Cover letter produced by The Planning Lab dated 01/11/2019; Design and Access Statement produced by HOK dated 31/10/2019.

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 Reasons for granting consent-

Proposal is for urgent repair works to the roof of the South Colonnade which forms the main entrance of the Museum. The works include replacement of the copper and lead roof coverings of parts of the roof with similar materials, replacement of 3 centrally located roof lanterns on the roof of the easterly wing, new access roof hatches and 1.1m high guard rails on the main portico roof. Structural repairs include soffit render repairs, repairs to the South Colonnade flagstones, repairs to roof timbers and stone repairs to the column bases and

fluting.

The centrally located replacement roof lanterns on the easterly wing of the South Colonnade would main unchanged from the existing and their replacement would not result in any harm to the historic fabric. The new hatches would be in similar positions behind the pediment of the main portico. They would be clad in copper and would be slightly raised at 0.3m above the main roof. The existing voids would be infilled with timber boarding and covered in new copper roofing which would age naturally over time. The new 1.1m guarding rails are required for health and safety whilst using the roof. Given the age of this part of the roof and the location behind the main pediment, the new guard rails would not be considered to result in any visual clutter on the roof and their installation would not harm any historic fabric.

The various works would constitute minor alterations which would not be visible at all from ground level; they would not detract from the visual appearance of the listed buildings and would not cause harm to its special interest as a Grade I listed building.

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

Special regard has been attached to the desirability of preserving the listed building and its features of special architectural or historic interest, under s.16 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 as amended by the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 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 National Planning Policy Framework 2019.

- 2 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.

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 be 'DRP', is written over a light grey rectangular background.

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