

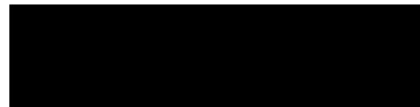


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Your Ref: 2020/0802/P & 2020/0846/L
Our Ref: CLO30912

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03 March 2020

Dear Mr McClue,

**TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (AS AMENDED)
NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK 2019**

The Diorama 18 Park Square East London NW1 4LH

Change of use of building from institutional use (sui generis) to be used as Offices (Class B1), extension at roof level to provide new third floor, internal subdivision, infilling, refurbishment and associated works.

Recommend No Archaeological Requirement

Thank you for your consultation dated 20 February 2020.

The Greater London Archaeological Advisory Service (GLAAS) gives advice on archaeology and planning. Our advice follows the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and the GLAAS Charter.

NPPF section 16 and the Draft London Plan (2017 Policy HC1) make the conservation of archaeological interest a material planning consideration.

Having considered the proposals with reference to information held in the Greater London Historic Environment Record and/or made available in connection with this application, I conclude that the proposal is unlikely to have a significant effect on heritage assets of archaeological interest.



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The site does not lie within an archaeological priority area.

It is evident from the submitted documents that there is unlikely to be an archaeological impact at this location, particularly given the relatively small scale of the development works which includes small localised areas of ground reduction. The Greater London Historic Environment Record does not indicate that any significant archaeological remains are likely to be located on site. Additionally, the geotechnical investigation report (January 2020) shows substantial disturbance across the site.

The site was once used as a Baptist chapel. There is often a risk for burials associated with Baptist chapels, however the submitted Heritage Statement identifies that it did not become a chapel until 1855 which is three years after the publication of the first Burial Act of 1852 which required the discontinuation of burials within metropolitan areas for public health reasons. It is therefore highly unlikely that the site would have been used for Baptist burials.

No further assessment or conditions are therefore necessary.

This response relates solely to archaeological considerations. If necessary, Historic England's Development Advice Team should be consulted separately regarding statutory matters.

Yours sincerely



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