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Dear Sir/Madam

## **DECISION**

Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) Act 1990

### **Listed Building Consent Granted**

Address:  
**4 Taviton Street**  
**London**  
**WC1H 0BT**

#### Proposal:

Installation of one commemorative blue plaque, recessed into the stucco/render and brick facade of 4 Taviton Street; the plaque to be centred between the ground floor windows, and the height centred on the main transom bar of the sash windows.

Drawing Nos: 1 - LBC - Cover letter and Heritage Statement; 2 - LBC - Design and Access Statement; 3 - LBC - modern map - 4 Taviton St site outlined; 4 - LBC - Site photographs; 5 - LBC - modern map - grade II listed bdg within terrace; 6 - LBC - modern map - site outline in listed bdg terrace and Bloomsbury Consv Area; 7 - LBC - Listed building entry; 8 - LBC - Positioning 1:50 scale; 9 - LBC - historic map 1876; 10 - LBC - historic map 1916; 11 - LBC - historic map 1953 - 3-4 Taviton Street interiors co-joined; 12 - LBC - historic map 1953 - 4 Taviton Street outlined; 13 - LBC - historic map 1961; 14 - LBC - Plaque design; 15 - LBC - Plaque materials description; 16 - LBC - Plaque installation Note; 17 - LBC - Supporting biographical entry.

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: 1 - LBC - Cover letter and Heritage Statement; 2 - LBC - Design and Access Statement; 3 - LBC - modern map - 4 Taviton St site outlined; 4 - LBC - Site photographs; 5 - LBC - modern map - grade II listed bdg within terrace; 6 - LBC - modern map - site outline in listed bdg terrace and Bloomsbury Conserv Area; 7 - LBC - Listed building entry; 8 - LBC - Positioning 1:50 scale; 9 - LBC - historic map 1876; 10 - LBC - historic map 1916; 11 - LBC - historic map 1953 - 3-4 Taviton Street interiors co-joined; 12 - LBC - historic map 1953 - 4 Taviton Street outlined; 13 - LBC - historic map 1961; 14 - LBC - Plaque design; 15 - LBC - Plaque materials description; 16 - LBC - Plaque installation Note; 17 - LBC - Supporting biographical entry.

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 No.4 Taviton Street is a grade II listed building forming part of a terrace of twelve houses in the Bloomsbury Conservation Area. Built around 1824 by Thomas Cubitt, the property is constructed of stock brick, with a white stucco lightly channelled facade at ground floor and basement level. Originally built for domestic use, the building is presently occupied by University College London (UCL).

The proposal comprises the installation of a commemorative blue plaque on the front elevation of the listed building at ground floor level. It is to commemorate Noor Inayat Khan, a courageous SOE (Special Operations Executive) Agent. She was the first woman radio operator to be sent into occupied France in June 1943. Noor stayed at No.4 Taviton Street with her family.

The plaque is proposed to be sited centrally between the two ground floor windows, placed vertically in height to centre on the main sash window transom bars. This location is similar to that of an existing blue plaque at No.8 Taviton Street. The size of the plaque will be 19.5-inch in diameter, and inset into the brickwork by a depth of 50mm, so that it rests flush with the surface of the elevation. This will result in modification to the building fabric through the removal of a small section of stucco and brickwork. This is considered to be

acceptable as the plaque is not intended to be reversible. The proposal is also compliant with Camden Planning Guidance 'Artworks, statues and memorials'.

The proposals are not considered to harm the special architectural or historic interest of the grade II listed building, or the character and appearance of the Bloomsbury Conservation Area.

Public consultation was undertaken by way of a press and site notice. No objections were received prior to making this decision. 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 (ERR) 2013.

As such, the proposal is in general accordance with policies D1 and D2 of the Camden Local Plan 2017. The proposed development also accords with the London Plan 2016 and the National Planning Policy Framework.

- 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', written in a cursive style.

Daniel Pope  
Chief Planning Officer