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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:**

Variation to condition 2 (approved drawings) of listed building consent 2019/6434/L dated 09/03/2020 relating to ducting at roof level and within the courtyard and replacement roof lanterns associated with the White Wing refurbishment works. CHANGES INCLUDE alterations to the size of the chiller plant at roof level, rearrangement of the ducting within the courtyard, reinstatement of external window in the east courtyard wall and internal alterations including the removal of bookshelves at various locations.

Drawing Nos: BMWW-HOK-ZZ-ZZ-DR-A-1100 rev P06; BMWW-HOK-ZZ-B-DR-A-2000 rev P06; BMWW-HOK-ZZ-G-DR-A-2001 rev P06; BMWW-HOK-ZZ-M-DR-A-2002 rev P06; BMWW-HOK-ZZ-F-DR-A-2004 rev P06; BMWW-HOK-ZZ-GA-DR-A 2005 rev P06; BMWW-HOK-ZZ-B-DR-A-2100 rev P07; BMWW-HOK-ZZ-G-DR-A-2101 rev P07; BMWW-HOK-ZZ-M-DR-A-2103 rev P06; BMWW-HOK-ZZ-F-DR-A-2104 rev P06; BMWW-HOK-ZZ-GA-DR-A-2105 rev P06; BMWW-HOK-ZZ-G-DR-A-2201 rev P07; BMWW-HOK-ZZ-M-DR-A-2102 rev P06; BMWW-HOK-ZZ-B-DR-A-2200 rev P07; BMWW-HOK-ZZ-M-DR-A-2202 rev P06; BMWW-HOK-ZZ-F-DR-A-2203 rev P06; BMWW-HOK-ZZ-ZZ-DR-A-4000 rev P03; BMWW-HOK-ZZ-ZZ-DR-A-4001 rev P06; BMWW-HOK-ZZ-ZZ-DR-A-4002 rev P05; BMWW-HOK-ZZ-ZZ-DR-A-5004 rev P07; BMWW-HOK-ZZ-ZZ-DR-A-5005 rev P03; BMWW-HOK-ZZ-ZZ-DR-A-5050 rev P02; BMWW-HOK-ZZ-ZZ-DR-A-7000 rev P07; BMWW-HOK-ZZ-ZZ-DR-A-7001 rev P04;

BMW-HOK-ZZ-ZZ-DR-A-8000 rev P07; BMW-HOK-ZZ-ZZ-DR-A-8003 rev P07; Cover letter prepared by The Planning Lab dated 18/12/2019 and 12/06/2020; Acoustic report prepared by CST Environmental and Acoustic Consultants dated December 2019; Heritage, Design and Access Statement rev P02 dated 06/12/2019 (ref BMW-HOK-XX-XX-RP-A-0001) and rev P04 dated 09/06/2020 (ref BMW-HOK-XX-XX-RP-A-0001A); Reference photos produced by HOK dated 12/06/2019 (ref BMW-HOK-XXXX-RP-A-0002); Joinery Schedule produced by HOK dated December 2029 (ref BMW-HOK-ZZ-XX-SH-A-1007); Extract from Airedale brochure Ultima R32.

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

#### Conditions And Reasons:

- 1 The development hereby permitted must be begun not later than the end of three years from the date of the original listed building consent ref 2019/6434/L dated 09/03/2020.

Reason: In order to comply with the provisions of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).

- 2 For the purposes of this decision, condition no.2 of listed building consent 2019/6434/L shall be replaced with the following condition:

#### REPLACEMENT CONDITION 2

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

BMW-HOK-ZZ-ZZ-DR-A-1100 rev P06; BMW-HOK-ZZ-B-DR-A-2000 rev P06; BMW-HOK-ZZ-G-DR-A-2001 rev P06; BMW-HOK-ZZ-M-DR-A-2002 rev P06; BMW-HOK-ZZ-F-DR-A-2004 rev P06; BMW-HOK-ZZ-GA-DR-A-2005 rev P06; BMW-HOK-ZZ-B-DR-A-2100 rev P07; BMW-HOK-ZZ-G-DR-A-2101 rev P07; BMW-HOK-ZZ-M-DR-A-2103 rev P06; BMW-HOK-ZZ-F-DR-A-2104 rev P06; BMW-HOK-ZZ-GA-DR-A-2105 rev P06; BMW-HOK-ZZ-G-DR-A-2201 rev P07; BMW-HOK-ZZ-M-DR-A-2102 rev P06; BMW-HOK-ZZ-B-DR-A-2200 rev P07; BMW-HOK-ZZ-M-DR-A-2202 rev P06; BMW-HOK-ZZ-F-DR-A-2203 rev P06; BMW-HOK-ZZ-ZZ-DR-A-4000 rev P03; BMW-HOK-ZZ-ZZ-DR-A-4001 rev P06; BMW-HOK-ZZ-ZZ-DR-A-4002 rev P05; BMW-HOK-ZZ-ZZ-DR-A-5004 rev P07; BMW-HOK-ZZ-ZZ-DR-A-5005 rev P03; BMW-HOK-ZZ-ZZ-DR-A-5050 rev P02; BMW-HOK-ZZ-ZZ-DR-A-7000 rev P07; BMW-HOK-ZZ-ZZ-DR-A-7001 rev P04; BMW-HOK-ZZ-ZZ-DR-A-8000 rev P07; BMW-HOK-ZZ-ZZ-DR-A-8003 rev P07; Cover letter prepared by The Planning Lab dated 18/12/2019 and 12/06/2020; Acoustic report prepared by CST Environmental and Acoustic Consultants dated December 2019; Heritage, Design and Access Statement rev P02 dated 06/12/2019 (ref BMW-HOK-XX-XX-RP-A-0001) and rev P04 dated 09/06/2020 (ref BMW-HOK-XX-XX-RP-A-0001A); Reference photos produced by HOK dated 12/06/2019 (ref BMW-HOK-XXXX-RP-A-0002); Joinery Schedule produced by HOK dated December 2029 (ref BMW-HOK-ZZ-XX-SH-A-1007); Extract from Airedale brochure Ultima R32.

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and in the interest of proper planning.

- 3 All new external and internal works and finishes and works of making good to the retained fabric, shall match the existing adjacent work with regard to the methods used and to material, colour, texture and profile, unless shown otherwise on the drawings or other documentation hereby approved or required by any condition(s) attached to this consent.

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.

- 4 All joinery comprising bookshelves and cupboards should be carefully dismantled in a reversible manner, recorded and stored on site so that they can be reused on site in the grade I listed building.

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 proposal would include an increase to the height of the approved chiller unit on the roof of the Crawford Stair at 6th floor level. The chiller would not be visible from any public vantage point due to the surrounding walling of the existing service riser and the increased height would be considered acceptable.

The approved ductwork within the courtyard would be extended in parts and rearranged but would still be confined to within the courtyard area. The ducting would not be visible from the surrounding area. The ductwork would reuse existing window openings. These amendments would not cause any further harm to the character and appearance of the buildings and would be considered acceptable. Blocked up windows facing onto the lightwell would be opened up and replaced with casement windows in keeping with the surrounding fenestration.

A new window at first floor level would be installed in the east elevation of the courtyard. This would be a timber single glazed sash window and would match the 6 over 6 glazing bars of the existing window. The details have been provided as part of the application and are considered acceptable.

The proposal would include the removal of existing bookshelves and cupboards within modestly sized rooms on level 2 rather than principal rooms. It would appear that the shelves are 20th century. The design and access statement confirms that the shelves can be easily dismantled and relocated elsewhere within the estate. A condition would be attached to ensure the joinery of the bookshelves and cupboards are reused within the Grade I listed building.

The works would not have an adverse impact on the surrounding Bloomsbury Conservation Area as they would be screened by the internal elevations of the

White Wing. The works would not harm the special interest of the listed building or the surrounding Bloomsbury Conservation Area.

The full impact of the proposed development has already been assessed by the previous permission. No other aspects of this scheme have changed and thus the consent will be subject to the same conditions as before.

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.

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 positioned above the printed name and title of the signatory.

Daniel Pope  
Director of Economy, Regeneration and Investment