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Dear Sir/Madam

## **DECISION**

Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) Act 1990

### **Listed Building Consent Granted**

Address:

**50 Downshire Hill  
London  
NW3 1PA**

Proposal:

Installation of one blue ceramic plaque, recessed into the brick and render facade of number 50 Downshire Hill, Hampstead; the plaque to be at ground floor level, to the right of the entrance door and centred between the entrance door and window; vertical height centred on the top pane of the French window door.

Drawing Nos: 1- LBC Cover letter - heritage statement

2 - LBC Design and Access statement

3 - LBC current site photographs

4 - LBC - location map site outlined

5 - LBC - site location - Listed in Hampstead Consv Area

6 - LBC - Listed Buildings entry

7 - LBC - historic map - 1970

8 - LBC - scale surveyor orthoviews 1-50 Positioning - Henson

9 - LBC - Plaque Design - JIM HENSON 3

10 - LBC - material Plaque description

11 - LBC method Installation Note

12 - LBC - Historic England Conservation Architect - supporting advice

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:

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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 listed building consent (delegated):

The proposal is for the erection of a blue plaque to Jim Henson at 50 Downshire Hill.

The property is listed Grade II (ref entry 1078269), and located within in the Hampstead Conservation Area.

Jim Henson is best remembered as a talented puppeteer and storyteller and the man behind The Muppets and Sesame Street and as a producer and director of a wide range of television programmes and films.

No.50 Downshire Hill is a distinctive semi-detached house (paired with No.51 (consecutive)) and dates from the mid-nineteenth century.

The erection of the blue plaque is considered not to cause harm to the architectural significance of the building.

The proposal is supported by English Heritage's Blue Plaques Panel.

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 2021 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