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Dear Sir/Madam

## **DECISION**

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

### **Advertisement Consent Granted**

Address:

40-42 Woburn Place Bloomsbury London WC1H 0JX

### Proposal:

Display of 1 x fascia sign, 1x externally illuminated projecting signs and awnings. Drawing Nos: Site Location Plan 40\_42WP\_AC(000), 40\_42WP\_AC(001A), 40\_42WP\_AC(002) A.

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

#### Conditions and Reasons:

1 No advertisement is to be displayed without the permission of the owner of the site or any other person with an interest in the site entitled to grant permission.

Reason: - As required by regulation 2(1) and Schedule 2 of the Town & Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) (England) Regulations 2007.

2 No advertisement shall be sited or displayed so as to
(a) endanger persons using any highway, railway, waterway, dock, harbour or aerodrome (civil or military);

- (b) obscure, or hinder the ready interpretation of any traffic sign, railway signal or aid to navigation by water or air; or
- (c) hinder the operation of any device used for the purpose of security or surveillance or for measuring the speed of any vehicle

Reason: - As required by regulation 2(1) and Schedule 2 of the Town & Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) (England) Regulations 2007.

3 Any advertisement displayed and any site used for the display of advertisements, shall be maintained in a condition that does not impair the visual amenity of the site.

Reason: - As required by regulation 2(1) and Schedule 2 of the Town & Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) (England) Regulations 2007.

4 Any structure or hoarding erected or used principally for the purpose of displaying advertisements shall be maintained in a safe condition.

Reason: - As required by regulation 2(1) and Schedule 2 of the Town & Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) (England) Regulations 2007.

Where an advertisement is required under these Regulations to be removed, the site shall be left in a condition that does not endanger the public or impair visual amenity.

Reason: - As required by regulation 2(1) and Schedule 2 of the Town & Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) (England) Regulations 2007.

# Informative(s):

1 Reasons for granting advertisement consent:

The proposed signs with three awnings are considered to be acceptable in terms of scale, design, material, positioning, and illumination; and would not appear incongruous in this setting. It is noted that an existing fascia sign is already in place and its replacement would be of the same size and of very similar design.

The initial proposal specified a single awning across the frontage, however this was deemed to be inappropriate in scale and dominance. The revised proposal to include three separate awnings, one above each window, helps maintain the architectural integrity of the host building.

The proposal is not considered to cause any highways safety concerns, nor would it negatively impact on any residential amenity.

The proposal is considered to preserve the character and appearance of the conservation area. Special attention has been paid to the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character or appearance of the Conservation Area, under s.72 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 as amended by the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013.

The site's planning and appeals history has been taken into account when coming to this decision. No objections have been received prior to making this decision.

As such, the proposal is in general accordance with policy D4 of the Camden Local Plan 2017, the London Plan 2021 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 in regard to your rights of appeal at: http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/planning/appeals/guidance/guidancecontent

Yours faithfully

Daniel Pope

**Chief Planning Officer**