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Dear Sir/Madam

## **DECISION**

Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) Act 1990

### **Listed Building Consent Granted**

Address:

**Congress House**  
**23-28 Great Russell Street**  
**London**  
**WC1B 3LS**

Proposal:

Internal alterations. Including the removal of a non-structural partition and non-original door, the installation of a new partition, and the restoration of the existing timber flooring. The upgrading of the ceilings with a suspended plasterboard system and lighting. Re-decorating and new power and data installations within existing containment

Drawing Nos:

Site location plan;  
5905.P006.GA001;  
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Design and Access Statement with Heritage Impact Statement by Bartlett Hughes Ref: 5905.P006.DAS Rev. 0 dated 27 April 2021.

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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Design and Access Statement with Heritage Impact Statement by Bartlett Hughes Ref: 5905.P006.DAS Rev. 0 dated 27 April 2021.

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.

- 4 Should any original fabric be uncovered during the course of these works, work to stop in the relevant area and the council's conservation officer contacted with a view to achieving an appropriate design solution.

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 Congress House is the headquarter of the TUC and was built as a memorial to trade union members after the two World Wars. The building is Grade II\* listed building in recognition of its architectural and historic significance. It was completed in 1958 to designs by David du R. Aberdeen.

This application concerns enlarging a second floor room. Generally the location of the proposed works is of low architectural significance and alterations have taken place historically. The area has a hard wood floor which is currently covered and there are no other apparent elements of architectural or historic significance.

New works will comply with the guidance produced in April 2004 by Hugh Broughton Architects and Ove Arup & Partners.

These works are not considered to cause harm to the architectural or historic significance of this Grade II\* building and as such the application is supported.

Historic England responded with a letter of flexible authorisation duly stamped, signed and dated 14/09/2021 on behalf of the Secretary of State.

No comments were received as a result of the public consultation through a press notice and a site notice.

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 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.
- 3 You are advised that any additional works of alterations or upgrading not included on the approved drawings may require a further application for listed building consent.

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 2021.

You can find advice about your rights of appeal at:

<http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/planning/appeals/guidance/guidancecontent>

Yours faithfully



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