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Dear Sir/Madam

## **DECISION**

Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) Act 1990

### **Listed Building Consent Granted**

Address:

**The British Museum**  
**Great Russell Street**  
**London**  
**WC1B 3DG**

Proposal:

External works including installation of ventilation grille on the ground floor western side elevation, new cast iron downpipes, and replacement windows on the Hirayama Studio and lowering of the ground level on the north side of the building. Internal works including installation of new utility access stair and handrail, new mechanically operated conservation blinds, internal redecoration including renovating plaster, new light fittings and repair of underfloor heating system, repairs of existing doors, windows, walls and re-render on south, east and west elevations.

Drawing Nos: 001 rev A; 161; 162; 163; 171; 173; 261; 262; 263; 561; 562; 761;  
Heritage, Design and Access Statement prepared by Wright and Wright Architects dated 02/07/2021.

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:  
001 rev A; 161; 162; 163; 171; 173; 261; 262; 263; 561; 562; 761; Heritage, Design and Access Statement prepared by Wright and Wright Architects dated 02/07/2021.

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.

#### Informative(s):

- 1 Reasons for granting consent.

The proposed works would have very limited impact on the external appearance and fabric of the host listed building due to their nature. The majority of the works are repairs of existing doors and windows as well as repair of cracked render on the elevations. The proposed ventilation grille would be modest in size on the western side elevation of the building (facing the main Museum building). The cast iron down pipes would be constructed using appropriate materials.

Internal works include installation of new utility access stair and handrail, new mechanically operated conservation blinds, internal redecoration including renovating plaster, new light fittings and repair of underfloor heating system, repairs of existing doors, windows, walls and re-render on south, east and west elevations. Many of the works are conservative in nature, such as re-rendering in lime and tackling damp problems. The staircase and rail affect a modern lobby structure used as a mezzanine and would not have a harmful impact on the special interest of the Grade I listed building. The external mansafe system is a low-level type that is unlikely to be visible externally.

The various works are considered acceptable in heritage terms and will have minimal impact on the listed building.

The site's planning history has been taken into account when making this decision. No objections have been received prior to making this decision. Historic England have authorised the issuing of a consent for this proposal.

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 2021 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.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DPope', is written over a light grey rectangular background.

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