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Dear Sir/Madam

DECISION

Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) Act 1990

Listed Building Consent Granted

Address:
252 High Holborn
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Proposal:
Installation of eight removable steel brackets at high level for the hanging of Christmas lights on cross-street wires
Drawing Nos: Location plan, design & access statement, heritage statement, mock-up of decorations, elevation showing proposed eyebolts

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:

Location plan, design & access statement, heritage statement, mock-up of

decorations, elevation showing proposed eyebolts

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 The site is a baroque insurance company headquarters of 1912, now an hotel, grade-II-listed and making a positive contribution to the Bloomsbury Conservation Area.

The applicant wishes to install eight rings attached to plates, the plates each being bolted by four bolts into threaded sleeves drilled into the bases of rustication channels in the side reveals of attached columns at either end of the building. The intention is to use the rings to allow Christmas decorations to be strung across the road.

Although the slight damage to the stonework is regrettable, it is clear that, given the massiveness of the building, the height of the intervention from the street, the public benefit of the Christmas decorations and, most importantly, the reversibility of the works, as explained by a trustworthy contractor, the harm is negligible. When the decorations are taken down, the rings and plates will also be removed and the holes will be plugged in a way that will allow their reuse in future years without further damage being required. Alternatively, a procedure has been described whereby they can be permanently plugged with mortar, should that be desirable.

Any works other than those specifically mentioned in the consented documents are unauthorised. If further works are found to be needed, the permission of the council's conservation team must be obtained in writing, or further listed building consent may be required.

The proposed works will not harm the special interest of the listed building.

The application has been advertised in the press and by means of a site notice, whereby there were no consultation responses. Bloomsbury CAAC wrote to express no comment. The site's planning history has been taken into account in making this decision.

Special attention has been paid to the desirability of preserving the special interest of the listed building, under s.16 of the 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 policy D2 of the Camden Local Plan 2017. The proposed development also accords with the London Plan 2021.

- 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 blue rectangular background.

Daniel Pope
Chief Planning Officer