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Dear Sir/Madam

## **DECISION**

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

### **Full Planning Permission Granted**

Address:

**Bma House  
13 Tavistock Square  
London  
WC1H 9JP**

Proposal:

Erection of a 2.9 high memorial sculpture within the courtyard of BMA House.

Drawing Nos: CSWE 870 P 001 A, CSWE 870 P 001 B, CSWE 870 P 001 C, CSWE 870 P 001 D, CSWE 870 P 002 A, CSWE 870 P 002 B, CSWE 870 P 002 C, CSWE 870 P 002 D, CSWE 870 P 003 a, CSWE 870 P 003 A, CSWE 870 P 004 A, CSWE 870 P 005 A Material Samples and Heritage Statement (November 2021)

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

Condition(s) and Reason(s):

- 1 The development hereby permitted must be begun not later than the end of three years from the date of this permission.

Reason: In order to comply with the provisions of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).

- 2 The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans CSWE 870 P 001 A, CSWE 870 P 001 B, CSWE 870 P 001 C, CSWE 870 P 001 D, CSWE 870 P 002 A, CSWE 870 P 002 B, CSWE 870 P 002 C, CSWE 870 P 002 D, CSWE 870 P 003 a, CSWE 870 P 003 A, CSWE 870 P 004 A, CSWE 870 P 005 A Material Samples and Heritage Statement (November 2021)

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and in the interest of proper planning.

- 3 All new external work shall be carried out in materials that resemble, as closely as possible, in colour and texture those of the existing building, unless otherwise specified in the approved application.

Reason: To safeguard the appearance of the premises and the character of the immediate area in accordance with the requirements of policy D1 and D2 of the London Borough of Camden Local Plan 2017.

Informative(s):

- 1 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).

- 2 Reasons for granting permission.

The site is located within Tavistock Square, surrounded by the Grade II listed BMA house and directly adjacent to the Grade II\* Memorial Fountain within Tavistock Square and the remembrance gates. The memorial itself is of relatively small scale measuring 0.9m in width, 2.9m in height and 0.7m in depth. The proposed sculpture is to honour healthcare workers that have lost their life during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The design of the sculpture is two rings intertwined and will stand independently within the existing courtyard. The courtyard itself has been symmetrically designed and therefore the proposal would impact this part of the character. However, the proposal is small and does not appear overbearing and also set away from the middle of the square as to reduce the impact as much as possible. The proposed sculpture is subservient in scale to both BMA House and to the four figurative sculptures of the War Memorial Fountain. Its location off to the side off the main axis from Woburn Walk means that it would not intrude on this planned view.

It is also noted that this space is already used for commemoration due to the installation of both the memorial gates, which honours the members of the BMA who died during the First World War, and the fountain which honours the medical men and women who died during the Second World War. In this context a memorial to healthcare workers who died during the COVID-19 pandemic is in character with this space and to the setting of both listed

buildings.

Special attention has been paid to the desirability of preserving or enhancing the historic significance of the listed buildings and character and appearance of the Conservation Area, under s.66 and s.72 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 as amended by the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013.

The proposals would not cause harm to neighbouring amenity in terms of loss of light, outlook or privacy.

No objections were received prior to making this decision. The planning history of the site has been taken into account when coming to this decision.

As such, the proposed development is in general accordance with policies A1, 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 2021

- 3 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, 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.
- 4 All works should be conducted in accordance with the Camden Minimum Requirements - a copy is available on the Council's website (search for 'Camden Minimum Requirements' at [www.camden.gov.uk](http://www.camden.gov.uk)) 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)

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 must secure the approval of the Council's Noise and Licensing Enforcement Team prior to undertaking such activities outside these hours.

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 positioned above the printed name and title.

Daniel Pope  
Chief Planning Officer