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Dear Sir/Madam

DECISION

Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) Act 1990

Approval of Details (Listed Building) Granted

Address:

Wiener Library Institute Of Contemporary History
29 Russell Square
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Proposal:

Details of stone sample and plan of stone paving required by condition 4 of listed building consent dated 21/1/22 (2021/3228/L) for the alterations to external entrance steps.
Drawing Nos: PL(01)00 B; Scoutmoor Yorkstone diamond sawn stone sample;

The Council has considered your application and decided to grant Approval of Details (Listed Building) subject to the following condition(s):

Conditions And Reasons:

Informative(s):

- 1 The application building is a townhouse dating from circa 1814 lying on the west side of Russell Square and is in Bloomsbury Conservation Area. It is Grade II listed as part of a terrace of five buildings at 25-29 Russell Square. It is four storeys in height above a basement with the front entrance accessed via a set of stairs. Both the basement and ground floor are rendered in stucco with

the upper floors built in stock brick.

Planning permission and listed building consent were granted in early 2022 to repave the front entrance steps (refs: 2021/3837/P and 2021/3228/L).

Condition 4 of the listed building consent required the submission of the following:

- a) Sample of proposed stone used on front entrance steps.
- b) Plan at scale 1:10 showing size and positioning of York stone paving stone on front entrance steps including details of how they will be fitted around existing railings and bootscrapers.

The stone sample submitted a grey coloured Yorkstone which is an appropriate material for a building of this period. Whilst it will initially appear quite bright it will quickly weather to sit harmoniously on the façade.

The stone will be installed in large pieces meaning there will be minimal joints visible. It will be cut and fitted around the railings which can remain in situ and unaltered. The boot scrapers will be removed and refitted into the new stone as otherwise a significant portion of these would be hidden by the raised level of the steps.

The proposed works would preserve the special interest of the listed building and therefore it is recommended that the condition is approved.

The application was advertised by means of a site notice and press notice. Bloomsbury CAAC was consulted and raised no objection.

The planning history of the site has been taken into account when coming to 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 proposed development is in general accordance with policy D2 of the London Borough of Camden Local Plan 2017. The proposed development also accords with the London Plan 2021 and the National Planning Policy Framework 2021.

- 2 You are advised that all conditions relating to listed building consent granted on 21/01/2022 (2021/3228/L) which need details to be submitted, have been approved.

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:

Yours faithfully

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Daniel Pope
Chief Planning Officer