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Dear Mr Wito

Arrangements for Handling Heritage Applications Direction 2021

**ROYAL GEORGE PUBLIC HOUSE 8-14 EVERSOLT STREET LONDON CAMDEN
NW1 1DG
Application No. 2022/2209/HS2**

Thank you for your letter of 26 May 2022 regarding the above application for listed building consent. On the basis of the information available to date, we offer the following advice to assist your Authority in determining the application.

Summary

The Royal George Public House is identified in Table 1 of Schedule 18 ('Listed Buildings') of the High Speed Rail (London-West Midlands) Act 2017.

The subsequent Heritage Agreement entered into by HS2 Ltd, London Borough of Camden and Historic England, requires method statements to be submitted for agreement as part of the development process. This application relates to the installation of monitoring equipment at the Royal George Public House, Eversholt Street.

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Significance

The Royal George PH was built in 1939 by Truman's Brewery as a replacement for a C19 pub of the same name that had stood on Drummond Street. It was part of a wider programme by the brewery to create a more welcoming environment for women and families and was designed, in particular, to attract people using the railway terminus.

Three storeys high plus a cellar, the pub is set on a rectangular plot. The ground and second floors are built in artificial stone and the larger 'piano nobile' first floor in stock brick.



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Although Neo-Georgian in style, there are clear influences of Art Deco, particularly on the curved corners which are emphasised by their windows. The cantilevered eaves are visually striking and beneath the set-back corners are attractive relief sculptures of eagles, the symbol of Truman's Breweries. These appear to be in artificial stone, although the material is not specifically referenced in the application.

Internally, the public bar and lounges have been combined into one large space. However, many features survive including the chimneypieces which have distinctive marquetry decorations that reflect the Art Deco style of the late 1930s.

The building is listed grade II.

Position

I have reviewed the Heritage Agreement Method Statement (HAMS) titled 'Installation of Instrumentation and Monitoring at the Royal George Public House' reference 1EW02-CSJ-EV-MST-S003-000016 revision C03. This forms the basis of the current application.

The application seeks agreement to install various forms of monitoring equipment on the building's elevations to regularly record movement of the structure throughout the course of HS2 construction works.

Sections 3.3 and 3.4 of the submitted method statement sets out the means of fixing the various types of equipment that will be required throughout the project. I note that, where possible, the anchors will be fixed by drilling holes into the mortar and not the brickwork. There will, however, be some damage to the artificial stone.

I understand that no fixings will be made directly into the eagle reliefs. Should this not be the case, there may be need to assess this aspect of the proposals further prior to the agreement of the HAMS and potentially on site in order to assess the impact on the decorative features.

The document also includes details for the removal of the equipment at the end of the project and subsequent repairs. There are no additional safeguards to reduce risk to the historic fabric during the course of the works.

Recommendation

I am content with the proposed methodology and consider that it meets the requirements of the Act for Historic England's purposes.

This response relates to designated heritage assets only. If the proposals meet the Greater London Archaeological Advisory Service's published consultation criteria we recommend that you seek their view as specialist archaeological adviser to the Local Planning Authority.





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The full GLAAS consultation criteria are on our webpage at the following link:

<https://www.historicengland.org.uk/services-skills/our-planning-services/greater-london-archaeology-advisory-service/our-advice/>

Yours sincerely

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