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Dear Sir/Madam

DECISION

High Speed Rail (London - West Midlands) Act 2017

Schedule 18 - Heritage Agreement Approval

Address:

Royal George Public House
8-14 Eversholt Street
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Proposal:

Heritage Agreement Method Statement for installation of 34 prisms to front and side elevations for structural monitoring purposes during the construction of the HS2 railway.

Drawing Nos: Heritage Agreement Method Statement for the Installation of Instrumentation and Monitoring at the Royal George Public House Document number: 1EW02-CSJ-EV-MST-S003-000016 Revision: C03; Letter from Matthew Cooper dated 22 June 2022;

The Council as the Local Planning Authority & Qualifying Authority within the meaning of the above Act has **granted** permission subject to the following condition(s) and informative(s) listed below:

Condition(s) and Reason(s):

Informative(s):

1 Reasons for granting approval:

This application has been submitted by HS2 Ltd's nominated undertaker under Schedule 18 of the High Speed Rail (London to West Midlands) Act 2017. It seeks approval from the London Borough of Camden for fixing monitoring equipment to the Royal George Public House.

Under the High Speed Rail (London to West Midlands) Act 2017 listed building consent is disapplied for works to listed buildings and under Schedule 18 Table 2 they can alter or extend the building for the purposes of monitoring. Camden does not control the principle of these works. However there is a signed Heritage Agreement between Camden and the Secretary of State for Transport under which Camden can approve or refuse the details.

The Royal George Public House is a Grade II listed building on Eversholt Street. It dates from 1939-40 and is three storeys in height and topped with pitched roof with overhanging eaves. The external elevation is largely constructed from stock brick although the second floor is built from artificial stone and features relief sculptures on the corners.

As the buildings lies just to the east of Euston Station it comes within the HS2 construction area and has been identified as requiring vibration and ground movement monitoring due to nearby construction works. It is anticipated that the equipment will need to be in place for 10-15 years.

It is proposed to affix mini circular prisms, levelling points and crack meters to the façade of the building. Where possible fixings will be made into mortar joints or areas of previous repairs to minimise the need for repairs once they are removed.

On completion of HS2 construction works all monitoring equipment will be removed and damage made good with matching materials.

Whilst the works will cause a small element of harm to the special interest of the listed building this is not permanent and the fixings will be removed and damage made good. This is also balanced against ensuring that the structural stability of the building is monitored which is to the long term benefit of the listed building.

Public consultation was undertaken by means of a site notice and a press notice. Historic England sent in a response raising no objection although sought clarification that no fixings would be made to the relief sculptures. A letter from the applicant has been received confirming that this will not happen.

This application sufficiently meets the requirements of the Heritage Agreement to warrant approval by the London Borough of Camden.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DPope', is positioned above the printed name.

Daniel Pope
Chief Planning Officer