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From: Richard Simpson

Sent: 03 August 2022 10:21

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Dear Alan,

I hope you are well?

I am sending you the RPCAAC advice on this application through the email because the system doesn't allow time for LB application comments! Happy to discuss if it would help.

all good wishes, as always,

Richard

ADVICE from The Regent's Park Conservation Area Advisory Committee 12A Manley Street, London NW1 8LT

1 August 2022

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We acknowledge that the climate crisis makes it critical that measures such as secondary glazing are undertaken to improve thermal insulation. At the same time, in a Listed Building subdivided like Cambridge Gate it is essential to ensure that the approach adopted would work across the whole building without introducing inconsistencies which would disrupt the historic appearance and so harm the significance of the Listed Building as well as the character and appearance of the conservation area.

On the secondary glazing itself we accept the principle of the secondary glazing, with one exception and one proviso.

The exception is 1W.04 where the vertical meeting frame in the centre of the upper section would be harmful to the historic appearance of the window and its group seen from outside (as well as internally). A single, removable, panel would be preferable here.

The proviso is that we advise that it is critical to the success of the installation in terms of the external appearance that the secondary glazing is as 'invisible' as possible from the outside. To help achieve this the outer face of the secondary frames should be coloured grey, not white, to minimise their visibility from the outside.

On the proposal to fix the secondary glazing with new timber grounds which in some cases bring the secondary glazing forward (internally) of the reveal. We are concerned about the new grounds and request a detail of the form of the timber section given its prominence in the interior of the Listed Building.

We have no objection to the application.

We note that draft-proofing of the historic windows is **also** important to achieving significant thermal insulation. We also note that secondary glazing may require changes to ventilation to protect the fabric of the Listed Building.

We suggest a site visit when the work is complete to check both external and internal impacts to see if this installation provides a model for others in the Terrace to follow. This might be arranged through a condition?

Richard Simpson FSA Chair