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**Proposed reinstatement of window bars to the lightwell at 42 Bedford Square, WC1B 3HX.**

Dear Antonia,

This covering letter accompanies the Planning and Listed Building Consent application of 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022 for the reinstatement of external metalwork window bars to the front lightwell of 42 Bedford Square. The proposal to reinstate window bars is in addition to the recent Listed Building Consent application 2022/1487/L (consented on 14.06.22). The proposals have been reviewed with yourself in a pre-application meeting held on 1st June 2022.

Records show that there were external metal bars to the Lower Ground Floor lightwell windows prior to the commencement of the current works that continue the restoration and refurbishment of the house. The bars were proposed as omitted in the applications 2017/6975/L (consented on 22.11.18) and 2020/2253/L (consented on 17.03.21). Removal of the bars has enabled the windows and surrounding masonry to be restored and refurbished.

For security reasons the occupants wish to reinstate bars to these windows. The window bars are proposed as wrought iron, circa 20mm square in section, with a black paint finish. The window bars are openable to enable emergency escape from the windows as required by the fire strategy. Hinged panels are proposed with discreet pin hinges and rounded edges to the horizontal members. Bars will be made and installed by a specialist architectural metalwork contractor who has also completed other metalwork restoration on the project.

There is existing precedent on Bedford Square for window bars to lightwell windows, including to neighbouring No.41 Bedford Square. The proposed bars for No.42 Bedford Square will be similar in style and finish to bars found in other lightwells on the square.

Please refer to the following drawings and information submitted with the application:

- **Drawing No: (15) AE 101 Revision C - Front and Rear Elevations, Main House** - drawing shows the previously consented arrangement with security bars removed.
- **Drawing No: (15) AE 101 Revision D - Front and Rear Elevations, Main House** - drawing shows the revised proposals with security bars reinstated.
- **Window Bar Precedent Study** - photographs and supporting images for information.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries or require further information.

Yours sincerely,

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