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Subject:

OBJECTION: 41 Doughty Street (Addition of Steel Railings)

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Dear Kristina,

There are no documents uploaded online. Could you please upload the application documents, and alter the determination date to allow for sufficient public consultation.

However we can object on the basis of the development description.

The application site is Grade II listed and situated within the Bloomsbury CA. The preserved terrace facades on this street are of high architectural and historic significance. Alterations to the facades of these buildings, in general, should not be permitted unless there is some element of restoration or conservation involved. This is because alterations which obscure or alter the historic appearance of these buildings would erode significance, and fall under harm as defined under the NPPF 2021. Applications which cause harm to heritage assets should be refused unless there is some public benefit offered (also NPPF 2021) which outweighs this harm. In this case there is not.

In layman terms, the addition of steel railings would change the preserved appearance of this terrace, which is unacceptable. Even if the railings were designed to replicate an historic example on the street, it is far preferable to retain the authentic historic appearance of a building, than attempt to add modern, yet apparently traditional, elements to its appearance.

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