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Our ref: S00247255

15 April 2025

Dear Ms Blezard,

**Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979 (as amended); Section 2
control of works
Application for Scheduled Monument Clearance**

**TOWER OF LONDON, TOWER HAMLETS, GREATER LONDON, EC3N 4AB
Scheduled Monument No: SM LO 10, HA 1002061
Our ref: S00247255**

APPLICATION BY ROSE BLEZARD ON BEHALF OF HISTORIC ROYAL PALACES

1. I am writing to advise you of the decision regarding your application for Scheduled Monument Clearance dated 7 April 2025 in respect of proposed works at the above scheduled monument concerning adaptations to the modern Reveller building and internal elements of Tower Bridge to permit to development of a schools welcome and education centre and facilities. The works were described in the following documentation submitted by you:

Architect Drawings:

TOL_PA01_DAS - Design and Access Statement
TOL-PA01-003 - Section Key Plan
TOL_PA01-051 - The Reveller Demolition Ground Floor Plan
TOL-PA01-080 - Reveller Rooflight Demolition Section
TOL-PA01-052 - Reveller Demolition Roof Plan
TOL-PA01-110 - Reveller Proposed Moat Level Plan
TOL-PA01-122 - Reveller Proposed Section GG
TOL-PA01-123 - Reveller Proposed Section HH
TOL-PA01-132 - Reveller Proposed West Elevation
TOL-PA01-140 - Proposed Reveller Rooflight Detail
TOL-PA01-141 - Reveller Box frame Details

Conservation Architect Drawings:

243442_ToLEF_Reveller_&_Arches_HIA
243442-PUR-01-00-DR-A-0201 - Moat Arches Key Plan



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243442-PUR-01-00-DR-A-0205 - Proposed Wharf Level Call Out Plan
243442-PUR-01-00-DR-A-0215 - Tower Bridge Arch 01 External Elevations
243442-PUR-01-00-DR-A-0225 - Tower Bridge Arch 02 External Elevation
243442-PUR-01-00-DR-A-0232 - Tower Bridge Arch 03 Internal Elevations
243442-PUR-01-00-DR-A-0235 - Tower Bridge Arch 03 External Elevation
243442-PUR-01-00-DR-A-0245 - Tower Bridge Arch 04 External Elevation
243442-PUR-01-B1-DR-A-0206 - Proposed Moat Level Call-out Plan (1 of 2)
243442-PUR-01-B1-DR-A-0207 - Proposed Moat Level Call-out Plan (2 of 2)
243442-PUR-01-B1-DR-A-0255 - Moat Arches 01 & 02 External Elevation
243442-PUR-01-B1-DR-A-0265 - Moat Arches 03 - 05 External Elevation
243442-PUR-01-B1-DR-A-0275 - Moat Arches 06 - 08 External Elevations
243442-PUR-01-B1-DR-A-0285 - Moat Arches 09-10 External Elevations
243442-PUR-01-XX-DR-A-0321 - Footing Detail 01 -Tower Bridge Arch 01 & 02
243442-PUR-01-XX-DR-A-0322 - Footing Detail 02 -Tower Bridge Arch 02 & 03
243442-PUR-01-XX-DR-A-0323 - Footing Detail 03 -Tower Bridge Arch 03 & 04
243442-PUR-01-XX-DR-A-0324- Footing Detail 04 -Tower Bridge Arch 04 & Moat Arch 01
243442-PUR-01-XX-DR-A-0325 - Transverse Footing Detail 2.1 -Tower Bridge Arch 03
243442-PUR-01-XX-DR-A-0326 - Proposed Lift Pit Detail
243442-PUR-01-XX-DR-A-0327 - Typical Head Detail 01 Tower Bridge Arches
243442-PUR-01-XX-DR-A-0330 - Tower Bridge Arch 03 Internal Elevation of External Wall Suspended Ceiling to Grilles
243442-PUR-01-XX-DR-A-0331 - Tower Bridge Arch 03 Louvre Detail
243442-PUR-01-XX-DR-A-0332 - Tower Bridge Arch 03 Replacement Louvre Detail - Junction with stone window surround

Structural Engineer's Drawings

21996 PR 03 P3A - Structural Scheme details

21996 PR 1 02 P3 A - Structural Scheme Moat Level

Civil Engineer's Drawings:

313240-HAH-05-UB-DR-C-00212 P05 - Arches Moat Level - Proposed Drainage Layout

313240-HAH-XX-XX-DR-C-00300 P05 - Proposed Drainage Details

MEP Engineer's Drawings:

312857-HAH-05-XX-T-ME-00001 - MEP Stage 3 Report P02 (section 7.0 only)

2. As works by or on behalf of Historic Royal Palaces have Crown Exemption from statutory Scheduled Monument Consent controls under section 50 of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979, the application has been treated as a



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non-statutory application for Scheduled Monument Clearance in accordance with paragraph 17 of the DCMS Policy Statement *Scheduled Monuments and nationally important but non-scheduled monuments* (DCMS 2013).

3. Historic England considers the effect of the proposed works upon the monument to be minor ground works and works to a modern structure which would alter the present condition and appearance of the monument but where restriction by condition can avoid damage to its buried archaeological deposits and visual amenity. The provision of a schools welcome centre and education facilities will benefit visitors and also greatly help manage visitor flow within the Tower and is considered to be a very positive aspect delivered by the project.

I can confirm that the works described in paragraph 1 above may proceed providing the conditions set out below are adhered to, and that accordingly Scheduled Monument Clearance is hereby granted under paragraph 17 of the DCMS Policy Statement *Scheduled Monuments and nationally important but non-scheduled monuments* (DCMS 2013) for the works described in paragraph 1 above, subject to the following conditions:

(a) The works to which this consent relates shall be carried out to the satisfaction of the Secretary of State, who will be advised by Historic England (the Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England). At least 1 weeks notice in writing of the commencement of work shall be given to Jane Sidell, Historic England, Cannon Bridge House, 25 Dowgate Hill, London EC4R 2YA, jane.sidell@historicengland.org.uk in order that an Historic England representative can have the opportunity to inspect and advise on the works and their effect in compliance with this consent.

(b) Works shall be overseen by Historic Royal Palaces staff.

(c) The trench in the moat for new services, and any other groundwork in the moat or on the wharf around the Reveller Building and arches shall be the subject of an archaeological watching brief, detailed in a Written Scheme of Investigation to be sent to Historic England for approval.

(d) No significant archaeological remains shall be removed; if encountered the service route must be diverted to allow preservation *in situ*.

(e) Opening up of the arches that form part of the retaining wall of the moat shall be carefully undertaken and recorded.

(f) A full specification for the repairs to the external elevations of the arches in the moat shall be submitted to Historic England for information.

(g) Samples of new brick, mortar, pointing and stone for the external elevations of the



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brick arches in the moat shall be supplied for approval.

(h) Final paint colours and finishes for the external elevations of the brick arches in the moat shall be submitted to Historic England for information.

(i) Drawings of new doors and windows for the external elevations of the brick arches in the moat shall be submitted to Historic England for information - they should follow traditional historic design but should incorporate elements to improve sustainability of the spaces.

(j) Redundant modern materials and ephemera should be carefully stripped away from the external elevation to the arches in the moat, and made good where necessary.

(k) A short illustrated report on the project, as it pertains to the scheduled monument, shall be sent to Historic England within six months of project completion.

4. This letter does not convey any approval or consent required under any enactment, bye law, order or regulation other than paragraph 17 of the DCMS Policy Statement *Scheduled Monuments and nationally important but non-scheduled monuments* (DCMS 2013).

Yours sincerely

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cc Dr Alden Gregory



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