

Principal Conservation Officer – No Objection

Having reviewed the details I have no objection to the variation of condition 2 on application APP/17/00061. The condition was originally added to ensure that no premature demolition was undertaken on site which created a “gap site” that would be harmful to the character of the conservation area. However, it has come to light that ground condition, archaeological and structural tests are needed. This means it is necessary to demolish part of the existing structure as without this the essential tests cannot take place.

Discussions have been held with the applicant over the wording of the condition which will ensure the front façade is retained. This would only be for a temporary period and I believe the retention of the front façade will ensure that the conservation area is not harmed.