For the attention of Miss MA Baynham

Your ref: MAB/N/2006/1511

Our ref: EMP 2825/271/20

Date: 17 April 2007

Dear Sir

PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND BUILDINGS IN
CONSERVATION AREAS) REGULATIONS 1990
APPLICATION FOR LISTED BUILDING CONSENT
APPLICATION NO. N/2006/1511

1. I am directed by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government to refer to your letter dated 13 April 2007 and to say that consideration has been given to Northamptonshire County Council’s application dated 21 November 2006 for listed building consent for alterations to existing office on first floor to provide toilet facilities for disabled users and baby change facilities at The Central Library, Abington Street, Northampton. The application was made to the Secretary of State in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 13 of the Town and Country Planning (Listed Buildings and Buildings in Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990.

2. The information supplied by the Council in support of the application has been considered together with representations from your Council and English Heritage. The Secretary of State considers that the proposed works will not adversely affect the character of The Central Library as a building of special architectural or historic interest. Accordingly she hereby grants listed building consent for the works specified in paragraph 1 of this letter in accordance with the submitted drawings subject to the following conditions:-

(i) the works to which this consent relates shall be begun not later than 3 years from the date of this letter;
except as otherwise required by conditions attached to this permission the development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the submitted application i.e. Drawing Nos. L(2)01, L(2)02B, L(2)03, L(2)04, L(2)05, L(2)06A, L(2)07A, L(2)08A, L(2)09, L(02)10, C(32)01, N0301A Site Plan (scale 1:1250), N0301A Building Plan (1 of 4), N0301A Building Plan (2 of 4), N0301A Building Plan (3 of 4), N0301A Building Plan (4 of 4), Photographs dated 18.10.2006, Schedule of Works dated 12.02.2007, Design and Access Statement and Planning Support Statement;

(iii) all new works of making good to the retained fabric, whether internal or external, shall be finished to match the adjacent work with regard to the methods used and to material, colour, texture and profile; and

(iv) suitable precautions shall be taken to secure and protect the interior elements against accidental loss or damage during building work and no such elements shall be disturbed or removed temporarily or permanently except as indicated on the approved drawings or with the prior approval, in writing, of the County Planning Authority. Particular regard shall be given to the following items:

- Glazed Brickwork
- Glazed Brick Cills
- Doors, frames and furniture (ref. D01 and D02)

3. This letter does not convey any consent or approval required under any enactment, byelaw, order or regulation other than Sections 8 and 17 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.

4. A separate note is attached, setting out the circumstances in which the validity of the Secretary of State's decision may be challenged in the High Court, and I am to draw your attention to the 6 weeks time limit on such a challenge.

Yours faithfully

LESLEY FLINT
Authorised by the Secretary of State to sign in that behalf