



Founders Hall, City of London

Listed Building Consent for Works to Grade II Listed Building, September 2018

Case

In the summer of 2018, on behalf of the Founders Company, The Heritage Advisory sought listed building consent for works of refurbishment, upgrading

and more general enhancement of the hall's interiors

Founders Hall is a 1984-90 structure, designated Grade II in 2018 for its historic and architectural interest and group value. Principally, its architectural interest is noted to comprise a *'distinctive and nuanced late-C20 reinterpretation of a livery hall, its architectural design fusing neo-vernacular historicism, Arts and Crafts influences with Post-Modern wit and extravagance; for its quality of craftsmanship and construction, detailed with rigour and consistency.'*

As regards historic interest, it is *'an important work by Sam Lloyd, the third generation of the London-based architectural practice founded by his grandfather W Curtis Green in 1898; the history of the Worshipful Company of Founders, a City livery company of medieval origin, is reflected in the predominance of bespoke metal fittings from the Company's previous halls.'*

Its group value was attributable to its relationship *'with the Church of St Bartholemew the Great (Grade I) and the Hand and Shears Public House (Grade II) which frame the island site.'*



Proposed Livery Hall, 2018

Outcome

The Heritage Advisory supported an application for consent to refurbish and upgrade the hall in view of various areas of failure - particularly the Livery Hall's distinctive ceiling - and inefficient functioning. Principally, such works focused upon lighting and facilities, ultimately seeking the site's *optimum viable use* in line with NPPF guidance. Listed building consent was granted in September 2018.

