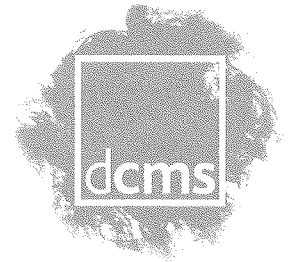


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23 November 2009

Dear Cllr. Whitby

**PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990
BUILDINGS OF SPECIAL ARCHITECTURAL OR HISTORIC INTEREST**

Birmingham Central Library

I refer to your letter dated 10th September 2007 and your application for a Certificate of Immunity (COI) from Listing in respect of the above building.

Following your application, representations have been received from various parties opposing the issue of a COI and requesting that the building be added to the list.

The merits of the building have been considered and the Secretary of State has consulted with English Heritage, his statutory adviser on the historic environment. He has considered all the representations made and has concluded that the building is not of special architectural or historic interest and so should not be included in the list of buildings of special architectural or historic interest compiled under section 1 of the above Act. He has therefore concluded that a COI from listing should be issued.

The decision was made today, 23rd November 2009. The applicants for listing have 28 days from the date of this decision to apply for a review of it. In the event that no such application is received the Secretary of State intends to issue a Certificate of Immunity from listing on 21st December 2009. You will be notified once any Certificate of Immunity is issued. If a valid application for review is received, the Secretary of State will reconsider the issue of the Certificate of Immunity in the light of his decision on the review.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Margaret Hodge". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M'.

MARGARET HODGE MP