Further to your Information request ER67740 please find your questions and our responses below:

Are there any known/well established/specific restrictions prohibiting the installation of large scale exterior air conditioning units of any type on an outside wall or roof space of a Grade II listed building in the Eton High Street?

Response

Control of works to a listed building are covered by the Planning (Conservation Areas and Listed Buildings) Act 1990, where at section 7 of the Act it states, "Subject to the following provisions of this Act, no person shall execute or cause to be executed any works for the demolition of a listed building or for its alteration or extension in any manner which would affect its character as a building of special architectural or historic interest, unless the works are authorised."

It is likely that the type of installation described in this request would affect the character of the building to which it were attached in which case it would need to be authorised in order to meet the requirements of the Act. We stress the word likely because under the Government's Policies set out in the National Planning Policy Framework if the "development" (in this case the installation of flues) impacts on the significance of the heritage asset (in this case a listed building) then it would be considered to affect the character of the building that makes it eligible for inclusion in the Statutory List and therefore requiring authorisation. Significance and impact will be particular to each heritage asset and to the development proposed, therefore without having an assessment of significance and analysis of impact it is not possible to determine whether authorisation would be required.

If you require translation of the information you have been sent please do not hesitate the contact us.

If you are unhappy with the information we have provided in response to your request please write to:

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Please send any feedback to the Information Management Team Manager either by e-mail martin.tubbs@rbwm.gov.uk or in writing to the address above.

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