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Planning and Regeneration London Borough of Camden 2nd Floor 5 Pancras Square London N1C 4AG

F.A.O. Elaine Quigley

Dear Sir / Madam

## THE BRITISH MUSEUM, GREAT RUSSELL STREET, LONDON WC1B 3DG TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (AS AMENDED) PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990 APPLICATION FOR FULL PLANNING PERMISSION REF. 2023/1848/P & LISTED BUILDING CONSENT REF. 2023/2020/L

We write on behalf of our client, the Trustees of the British Museum ("the Museum" / "the Applicant"), to provide minor design amendments and updated application documentation regarding the pending applications for planning permission (ref. 2023/1848/P) and listed building consent (ref. 2023/2020/L) (hereafter referred to as "the / this Application(s)") at the East Road Building ("ERB"), located within The British Museum Estate, Great Russell Street, London, WC1B 3DG, for the following proposed development:

"Erection of new two storey building, plus basement and associated works to provide plant and welfare accommodation ancillary to the Museum following demolition of existing building and two storey structures on East Road (to the rear of 9-11 Montague Street and 43 Russell Square)."

The Applications were formally registered and validated by the London Borough of Camden ("LB Camden") on 25 May 2023. Since this time, the project Design Team have reviewed the design of the ERB and identified an opportunity to reduce the basement footprint by omitting the storage area proposed in the north. As a result, the Applicant seeks to have these minor changes formally incorporated into the Applications (hereby referred to as the "June 2023 Scheme").

The original Applications proposed a total of 682.4 sqm GIA for infrastructure, workspace and support accommodation. The June 2023 Scheme proposes 557.9 sqm GIA.

To avoid any doubt, the proposed change, i.e., the removal of the basement storage area, would not impact the aboveground works to ERB as detailed in the original Application. The assessments and recommendations prepared in the supporting documents, including the Basement Impact Assessment, submitted to LB Camden under the Application are also upheld.

As a result, the design amendments under the June 2023 Scheme and updated application documentation provided as part of this addendum only reduce the already acceptable impacts of the original scheme. We hope therefore that LB Camden will welcome these amendments.

In addition to this Covering Letter, we provide the following updated application documentation:

- 1. Design Statement Addendum Summary (Rev A) prepared by Wright & Wright, dated 9 June 2023;
- 2. Drawing Issue Sheet prepared by Wright & Wright, dated 9 June 2023; and
- 3. Application Drawings prepared by Wright & Wright, dated 9 June 2023.

We would be grateful if LB Camden would confirm receipt of this application addendum by return.

In the meantime, should any further clarification, information or assistance be required, please do not hesitate to contact Gareth Fox (Tel. 020 7312 7437 / gareth.fox@montagu-evans.co.uk), Graham Allison (Tel. 020 7312 7421 / graham.allison@montagu-evans.co.uk) or Eleanor Mazzon (Tel. 020 3004 2918 / eleanor.mazzon@montagu-evans.co.uk) of this office in the first instance.

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