Matilda Apartments, 4 Earnshaw Street London WC2H 8AJ

Proposal: Removal of Condition 5 of planning permission 2022/2378/P dated 27/02/2024 (for: Installation of 6 antenna apertures, 2 transmission dishes and 8 equipment cabinets to roof and development ancillary thereto).

The Bloomsbury Association objects to this application.

The condition was applied for good reason: to protect the architectural integrity of the host building, a notable design by Renzo Piano, and to safeguard the setting of the Bloomsbury and Covent Garden conservation areas. We are particularly concerned by the potential visibility of the proposed communication equipment from the north, which might adversely impact on the skyline setting of Bedford Square, the buildings of which are all Grade I listed. A visual impact assessment should be requested from the applicant prior to the application being determined.

Stephen Heath

On behalf of the Bloomsbury Association