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Via Planning Portal Ref. **PP-13735510**

30 January 2025

Dear Elaine

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (AS AMENDED)
BRITISH MUSEUM, GREAT RUSSELL STREET, LONDON, WC1B 3DG
DISCHARGE OF CONDITION 14 (TREES RETAINED AND PROTECTED ON SITE) ATTACHED TO FULL PLANNING
PERMISSION REF. 2023/4648/P**

On behalf of our client, The Trustees of the British Museum ("the Applicant"), please find enclosed an application for the discharge of Condition 14 attached to planning permission reference 2023/4648/P, approved by the London Borough of Camden ("LB Camden") on 16 October 2024.

Planning permission reference 2023/4648/P sought:

"Erection of new energy centre incorporating maintenance support accommodation to internal West Road, new substation off Montague Street, all together with associated internal and external works, service runs, erection of plant, landscaping, and temporary works associated with construction following demolition of existing Energy Centre to internal West Road and removal of temporary buildings to the south of the existing energy centre on the internal West Road and to the north and east of the White Wing facing Montague Street."

Condition 14 (Trees Retained and Protected on Site) requires that:

"Prior to the commencement of any works on site, details demonstrating how trees to be retained shall be protected during construction work shall be submitted to and approved by the local planning authority in writing. Such details shall include a full schedule of arboricultural monitoring and supervision to be undertaken by the project arboriculturalist and shall follow guidelines and standards set out in BS5837:2012 "Trees in Relation to Construction". All trees on the site, or parts of trees growing from adjoining sites, unless shown on the permitted drawings as being removed, shall be retained and protected from damage in accordance with the approved protection details."

Reason: To ensure that the development will not have an adverse effect on existing trees and in order to maintain the character and amenity of the area in accordance with the requirements of policies A2 and A3 of the London Borough of Camden Local Plan 2017."

To enable the full discharge of Condition 14 (Trees Retained and Protected on Site), the following are enclosed for approval:

1. Arboricultural Impact Assessment ("AIA"), prepared by Writtle Forest Consultancy (dated January 2025);

2. Arboricultural Method Statement ("AMS") and Tree Protection Plan ("TPP"), prepared by Writtle Forest Consultancy (dated January 2025);
3. Tree Constraints Plan (Drawing No. 231005/01) (Rev B), prepared by Writtle Forest Consultancy (dated October 2023); and
4. Tree Protection Plan (Drawing No. 250113 TPP) (Rev A), prepared by Writtle Forest Consultancy (dated January 2025).

The AMS and TPP provides a full schedule of Arboricultural monitoring and supervision, including details of planned site management, arboricultural supervisory works and monitoring visits. Additionally, the AMS and TPP provides a Schedule of Tree Work and Sequence of Events, which would be complied with by the Applicant.

Moreover, the AIA outlines the interactions between the Scheme and the existing 35no. trees, and how they would be retained, both in the present and future contexts. Specifically, Section 2.2 of the AIA includes a detailed table for each identified tree to be retained, along with the specific mitigation measures required. The AIA concludes that no trees would be removed as part of the Scheme and confirms full compliance with the TPP.

It should be noted that once the crane methodology is known the document will be reviewed and updated if necessary. If that is the case the Applicant would resubmit the AIA and AMS for approval.

In summary, it is considered that the submitted information should be satisfactory to meet the full requirements of Condition 14 (Trees Retained and Protected on Site).

Application Procedure

The application to discharge a condition has been submitted via the Planning Portal under reference **PP-13735510**.

The requisite application fee is £145.00 (plus £70.00 service charge). The fee has been calculated in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications, Requests and Site Visits) (England) Regulations 2015 (as Amended 2017).

We trust that the enclosed information is sufficient to discharge Condition 14 of full planning permission ref. 2023/4648/P. In the meantime, should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Graham Allison (graham.allison@montagu-evans.co.uk / 07818 012 421), Eleanor Mazzon (eleanor.mazzon@montagu-evans.co.uk / 07341 114 765), or Alexander Nesti (alex.nesti@montagu-evans.co.uk / 07387 542 160) of this office.

Yours sincerely



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