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Dear Ms Arbery,

RE: British Museum World Conservation and Exhibition Centre – EIA Screening and Statement of Conformity, Detailed Planning Application for Amendments to the Consent

The British Museum (subsequently referred to as the 'Applicant') is seeking to obtain detailed planning permission for amendments to their consented proposals for the World Conservation and Exhibition Centre at the British Museums Bloomsbury Site (Application References: 2009/4638/P, 2009/4643/L and 2009/4644/C). An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) of the consented proposals was undertaken by Waterman Energy, Environment & Design (Waterman EED) and were presented in the Environmental Statement (October 2009) submitted with the above mentioned planning application.

A variety of amendments are proposed to the consented proposals which have warranted the submission of this new detailed planning application. The proposed changes which form the basis of the application are summarised as follows:

- Alteration of flue positions and heights. The flues have been re-positioned closer to the lift cores. The height of the flues adjacent to cores 2 and 3 have increased from 50.180 AOD to 52.360 AOD and the height of the flues adjacent to the Duveen Gallery have increased from 43.990 AOD to 45.040 AOD (refer to drawing 5370-FD-SE-CC-0272);
- Changes to planters fronting Montague Place (refer to Gillespies drawing OX 4504-9-001);
- Detailed development of the roof systems, including changing the design of the rooflight grillage and amendments to the locations of the photovoltaic (pv) panels and green roof areas. The amount of pv and green roof provided has not changed from the consented scheme. In addition, the proposals now include the installation of a Building Maintenance Unit to the northern end of Building 4 and amendment to roof top railings (refer to drawing 5370-FD-PL-0131);
- Provision of a second exit from the Exhibitions Gallery to the North Range (refer to drawing 5370-FD-PL-0126);
- Minor changes to setting out of the building. In summary Building 1 moves 300mm to the north and Buildings 2, 3 and 4 move 300mm to the south. The overall width of the buildings increases by 100mm but this does not increase the internal floor areas; and
- Amendment of materials to lift tower flank walls on cores 2, 3 and 4 from glass to Portland stone.

These amendments are minor in nature and do not constitute Environmental Impact Assessment development in their own right, as defined by the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations, 2011 (S.I.1824) (the 'EIA Regulations'). However, the proposed amendments would be captured under Schedule 2, 13(b) of the EIA Regulations which states: