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Attn: **Neil Zaayman**
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Re: **Application Ref. 2011/6260 – Chadwick Building, UCL, WC1E 6BT**
19 March 2012

Dear Mr Zaayman

Thank you for your email dated Friday 16th March 2012, regarding comments from the heritage officer in relation to our proposals for Chadwick Building Geotechnics laboratory. We have taken on board the comments, and discussed them with the design team at our meeting last Friday. We would like to respond to your points with the following comments –

- **Widening of existing opening to Room B12** – we can confirm we will comply with the Heritage Officers request by leaving the existing opening and related reeded plaster detail in its current state; therefore limiting demolition works to the X-Ray room enclosure only.
- **Removal of historic doors.** Again, we can confirm we will comply with the heritage officers desire to retain the existing doors DB10A and DB12.1 by making the appropriate upgrades to see them compliant with fire regulations. We see it worthwhile to add 1 No. vision panel in an upper panel of door DB12.1 as is suggested in your email.
- **Over-cladding of Glazed brick to B10.** We can confirm that the over cladding works untaken would be reversible and instructions given to make as few penetrations to the existing brickwork as possible. We can also confirm that the proposed cladding does not extend to the full height of the room, but terminates at the height of the existing architrave to door B10A.

The proposal of limiting the coverage of the over-cladding to above bench height only has been carefully considered and discussed amongst the design team. Whilst we appreciate that this would further reduce the number of penetrations into the glazed brick, we noted that due to the nature of the non-uniform proposed benching layout (not all walls have benching in front of them) this would result in a stepped base as opposed to a continuous strip, which we do not feel is appropriate. As an alternative, we would like to propose only cladding two of the walls in room B10 (the two opposing full length walls) leaving the walls with door B10A and Window A in as existing.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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