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Dear Sirs

## 2 Murray Street London NW1 9RE Application reference 2011/3656/INVALID

I refer to your letter of 1<sup>st</sup> August in respect of the above. I can confirm that no change to the shopfront is proposed from that granted consent earlier this year reference 2011/1955/P. I enclose 3 copies of drawing number 1788-02A where I have changed the annotation on the shopfront to refer to the current consent – as requested.

With regard to the further justification for the 'loss' of the retail unit – I would draw your attention to the assessment of various properties along Murray Street in the Design and Access Statement. In fact there is no 'loss' of retail unit because the 'shop' has been empty and un-used for at least 10 years, despite various attempts to let it. In addition to the premises in Murray Street mentioned in the Design and Access Statement, number 10 Murray Street was also converted to residential within the last 6-7 years supposedly with retail at the ground floor front- which has never been used as such. Furthermore consent was granted within the last 3 years for number 17a Murray Street for a B1 unit at ground floor level. Despite strenuous efforts to let this, both whilst the development was under construction and since it was completed these attempts have failed.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Yours faithfully,

David R Mercer

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